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Office of the Executive Engineer
South Arcot Division
Cuddalore 15th February 1889
Dpd 15-2.

From,

C. B. Largat Esqr
Executive Engineer
South Arcot Division

To,

The Examiner
Public Works Dept.
Madras.

Sir,

I should be obliged by
your kindly informing me with your
interpretation of the rule with reference
to temporary Head Quarters in the
following Case.

An officer makes his Camp at a
place 21 Miles from Head Quarters for more
than 10 days; that place thus becoming his
temporary Head Quarters. He then moves
Camps within the 5 Mile radius of the
temporary H.Q. Quarters. Would he
be entitled to Travelling Allowance
and halting allowance or would he

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still be considered to be within the 5 Mile radius of his temporary Hd Quarters

As the result of your decision will affect the bills of Travelling Allowance in this Division next month. An early reply will oblige.

I have &c

/Signed/ C B Target
Exs Engineer
Ka & Periakulam

/True Copy/

C B Target
Executive Engineer
Ka & Periakulam

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Extract from the letter of the Examiner P.W. Accounts, Madras, No 454 $\frac{SE}{6}$ to the Executive Engineer Ka II Periyar Division Containing the following remarks of the Engr Madras 15th July 1889.

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I do not approve of this journal or consider that Mr Target is entitled to travelling allowance for the halts at Paranai from 1st to 8th, 13th to 21st, and 25th to 31st. Mr Target by giving up the house in Madura and appropriating the Store Shed at the Paranai as a residence for himself and family, has practically made the latter place his head quarters. He maintains as far as I know, no carriage for camp equipage while halting and I fail to see on what grounds travelling allowance can be claimed.

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Have &c
Sd/ C H P Christie
Major RE.

(True Extract) Examiner, P.W. Accts
Madras

26-8-89

/ C B Target
Exs Engr Ka II Periakulam

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Office of the Executive Engineer
No II Periar Division
Dated 17th July 1889.
Rpd 18th —

No 625

From,

L. B. Target Esqr
Executive Engineer
No II Periar Division

To,

The Examiner
P. W. Accounts
Madras.

Sir,

With reference to yours No 451 SE/26 dated 5th July 1889, I have the honor to enquire the No and date of the G. O. making "Peramai Inm Head Darkers and would also ask you to inform me whether there be any rule to which Carriage of tools should be maintained when halting in Camp as a matter of fact, I have arranged with a man to always supply at once owing to my giving an extra

extra rate when employed.

You may observe that the Superintending Engineer makes no remarks as to the necessity of my being at Peranai, but apparently leaves the matter to you.

The grounds on which I claim travelling allowance are that I was necessarily employed on duty beyond the 5 miles radius and that I did not halt more than 10 days which I believe to be what the Code has made the standard of temporary Head Quarters and not the question of the presence of "a family" or not.

The words used the above shed as a residence" barely convey the truth. I lived all day in my tent and put up a cook room at my own expense.

I have &c.

(Signed) C. B. Target
Executive Engr.

(True Copy)

C B Target

26-8-89

Executive Engineer

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Office of the Executive Engineer
No II Periyar Division

From

C.B. Target Esqr.
Executive Engineer
No II Periyar Division

To

The Chief Engineer
P. W. D.
Madras.

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The Superintending Engineer
Periyar Project work
Periyar

Sir

I have the honor to enclose copy of the remarks of the Superintending Engineer on my journal for May last and my letter to the Examiner of Accounts regarding information as to rates

Enclosures Three

No. Office No. 626 dated 17.7.89 - 1
Do — 396 dated 15.2.89 - 1
Extract from the Examiner's No. 454-89 dated 15.7.89 - 1
Total 3 only

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rules on which the disallowance could be upheld as the Superintending Engineer states "I fail to see the grounds on which the Travelling allowance can be claimed".

2. The Examiner in his No 498 SE dated 29th July 1889 refers me to section 72 rule 2 of Civil Travelling Allowance Code, as the ground on which the disallowance is based, but as the Superintending Engineer does not consider the halts either too long or unnecessary. I asked the Examiner the date of Peranai being made my Head quarters as the power to change the head quarters of an Executive Engineer rests with the Local Administration, for that such an order been passed. It would have been communicated to the Examiner.

3. There are also the following

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x Examiner's No 454 SE dated 15-7-89

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the following points to make comment on the Superintending Engineers remarks for which I am unable to find any precedent in the Civil Travelling Allowance Code. The first one given by the Superintending Engineer for disallowing my claim to Travelling allowance was my having up a house in Madura. The Superintending Engineer ascribes this to "avowed motives of economy". I have denied that was the cause, and believe I am the better judge of the causes of my own actions. The Superintending Engineer is aware that I once before applied for a change from Madura on the score of health, which is the real reason of the target now being in comparison as it is essentially a private matter with which

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which no officer has a right to interfere.

4. The second cause of disallowance is appropriated to Stretched at Peranai (24'×12') as a providence. The Superintending Engineer was aware that I had a larger area of tent accommodation standing although part of them were struck as I was moving when he wrote to tell me he was coming the next day to Peranai.

5. This Stretched was built before it was actually required, to be available for the officer in charge of the work.

6. The 3rd cause of disallowance is entitled Travelling Allowance, passed by the Superintending Engineer although the theory, that Travelling allowance was to recoup an officer for the discomfort

discomfort of camp life, and that a Piano (which was with me) entered the privations of camp into the luxuries of home.

7. Under Chapter IV Section 23 of Civil Travelling Allowance Code the allowance on tour would appear to be a matter of right, and Section 18 defines that the daily allowance is presumed to "Cover" or be in excess of the daily expenses of an officer, on matters that come within the meaning of upkeep of camp equipage such as repairs of tents, this in the month of April was a heavy item and the Travelling allowance in that month did not nearly cover the legitimate expenses to be charged against it.

8. I would also in drawing attention to the Superintending Engineers

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remarks that I had virtually made Oranac my head quarters, that I can find no rule on the matter by which that construction can be taken. I would have stopped there longer even than I did, had the Contractor not ceased work temporarily.

9. I asked the Superintending Engineer's opinion on the case of two Assistant Engineers who pitched their tents at Nakkelam (Madura being their head quarters 20 miles distant) and went into Madura not on Government duty, once in 10 days without maintaining camp of tent or moving their tents, & stated that it was my duty to disallow such claims" but subsequently directed me to pass them, as in his opinion an Officer is entitled to all the travelling allowances that could be passed him

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from under the rules Vide Compensate for several cases of hardships which almost invariably occurred during a Famine Career and which could not be anticipated in the rules. In my case these Circumstances have been the rule for some years.

10. I addressed the Examiner (Copy enclosed) on the necessity of allowing an Officer travelling more than 5 miles when he remained more than 10 days at one place beyond 5 miles radius. The Superintending Engineer's opinion is also given in his No 369 Para 6 and differs from that of the Examiner, taking as his 2 of 7½ the days spent in Camp. I consider one or the other

subject necessary for

11. The Superintending Engineer of the 1st Division with heavy work in each

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of each a return that Camp equipage and Camp servants &c are absolutely necessary but when the movements are not frequent and the foundations of one work are generally set on before the foundations of another are ready so that the general Custom prevailing in other Divisions is not applicable

12. I would also point out that even Native Subordinates find it often impossible to obtain suitable quarters for themselves and families within Two Stations

13. I would therefore ask the favour of your advice on the following points for my guidance as Controlling Officer in passing the Journals of Officers and Subordinates in my Divisions.

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15 — Does an Officer forfeit his travelling allowance by having his family or musical instruments with him?

2nd — Does the use, or partial use, of a rest house, forfeit the claim for allowance during a halt of 10 days beyond the 5 miles radius from Head quarters?

3rd — Is a certificate of actual cost of upkeep of Carriage to be given to entitle an officer to daily allowance to be drawn whilst halting beyond the 5 miles radius.

4th — Are the amounts passed for travelling allowance each month to be only equal to or less than the expenditure on travelling for that month so that any very heavy exceptional expense incurred by transfer or travelling, e.g. during the rains

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in the Ramnad Division, should not be recouped by any subsequent expenditure lighter than the average?

5th ——— Is it obligatory on an officer to maintain a house at Head quarters (even when there is no work there) to entitle him to travelling allowance.

14. I may add that the Superintending Engineer wished me to appeal against his decision so that the issues raised, might be definitely settled.

I have the honor to be
Sir
your most obedient Servant

C B Faigel
Executive Engineer
No. II Periyar Division.

No 2125 P.R

4-10-89

From

C. B. Target Esqr.
Executive Engineer
Rox Periar Dn

To,

The Chief Engineer
P.W.D. Madras

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The Supdg Engineer
Periar Project

Dated 7th October 1889.
Rec'd 9th

No 1241

Enclosure.

Subject

Transfer Allowance of C.B. Target Esqr Executive Engineer for May 1889. Disallowed.

Appeal against the decision of the Supdg Engineer Periar Project on the :—

Ex. 1551 dy 1-11-89.

To 7.

G.O.No.2008 W. dated 22nd October 1889.

Noted and returned.

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Dy No 3 (illegible)

No 1824 P.R

Submitted for orders as requested.

2. The facts of the case are as follows.

3 In april last Mr Target mentioned (in a private letter) that he proposed giving up his residence in Madura where his office and head quarters were, and taking up his abode at the Periar, using as a residence the plinthed, thatched was intended for occasional use by officers travelling on duty.

4. I told him in reply that I strongly disapproved of the proposal and was under the impression that it had been abandoned, but on visiting the Division early in June I found that it had been carried out and that the building was occupied by Mr Targets property. No application for permission

to occupy the building had been
made as required by the rules on
the subject

5. I then repeated my expression
of disapproval, but said that I
would not put Mr Target to the
inconvenience of moving again
by prohibiting his occupation
of the building.

6. In his travelling allowance bill
for may Mr Target claimed full
daily allowance for halts aggregating
twenty four days at this one place
which was to all intents and
purposes his head quarters and
I refused as controlling officer
to pass these charges, which I
considered improper. A copy
of my remarks on Mr Targets
Journal is given as an enclosure
to the letter under consideration

7. My action was based on
para 1290 of the Civil Service
Regulations and 538 of the Rly.
Code

Code; I considered the claim as
a gross abuse of the letter of the
travelling allowance rules, and
that it was my duty to disallow it

8. It does not appear necessary
to notice in detail the various
extracts, more or less accurate,
from private correspondence and
conversation, contained in paras
3 to 6, except to observe that while
I may possibly have misunder-
stood Mr Targets immediate
motive for taking up his abode
at the Peranoi, by his own showing
it was a private and not a
public motive. There is no doubt
that his occupation of the building
was, and was intended to be a
permanent one, and this fact
is not met by any quibbles about
particular pieces of furniture

9. Para 9 is irrelevant to the
question at issue even if the
facts

facts were correctly stated, and
the five questions asked in para
13 are equally so; the one question
at issue is whether it is right for
an officer to claim daily allowance
for halts aggregating twenty four
days in a month at a place
which though not nominally
his head quarters has been made
so virtually by his own actions
and for his own convenience, without
permission and in defiance of
the known disapproval of his
immediate Superior.

10. It is not quite correct as
stated in para 13 that I "wished"
Mr. Target to appeal against
my decision, all I said (in reply
to a question from him) was
that I had no objection to his
appealing; I do not consider
that there are any "issues to
be definitely settled," the question
appears to me one of common
sense

sense and honesty. 2228

11. Government are aware that
the building referred to in the
papers has since been destroyed
by fire and that Mr Target
head quarters have been formally
transferred to Natchikulam from
the 1st August.

D 2682 W3
25-9-89.

Col R.E.
Superintending Engr Nagpat

Periyar
10 Oct 89

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To
The Chief Engineer
P.W. Department

P W Corr 65/5

No 1824 PR

From

The Superintending Engineer
Periyar Project Works

To The Chief Engineer
P W Department

Dated 10 } October 89
Despd " }

Recd 14.10.89

Encls Nil

No 2998 WA/Oct 22, 1889
Mr Targett's appeal
against Supg Engineers
disallowance of his travelling
allowance for May 1889

Submits for orders —
with remarks.

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
14 OCT 89
P.W. DEPARTMENT, MADRAS.

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With order

D 23/10

Chief Engr Periyar Project
Ex MVA, with 4 enclosures for
perusal & return
PW 16.10.89
Rs 18/-
Ex 30/10 D 23/10

D No 2998/WA/Oct 22nd 89

Hon

B 16th Oct.

The Government entirely agrees with the remarks in para 9, and the latter part of para 10 of the endorsement No 1824 P.R dated 10th October 1889 from the Chief Engineer Periyar Project, and confirms the retrenchment ordered by him.

16.10.89

Recd 16-10-89 —