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Dated 26 August 1896.

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Letter—from

The Hon'ble Colonel D. McNEIL CAMPBELL, R.E.,
Joint Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Public Works Department,

To

The SECRETARY to the GOVERNMENT of INDIA,
Public Works Department.

Sir,

Adverting to Colonel Pennycuick's letter No. 1078 D., dated 26th September, and to your telegram of the 11th October 1895 sanctioning an expenditure of Rs. 1,000 in connection with the opening of the Periyár project, I am directed to state that the actual outlay amounted to nearly Rs. 2,000, and that the difference has been paid by the officers connected with the project. Much of this excess is said to be due to the purchase of food supplies necessary for the entertainment of the large number of persons who were present at the opening ceremony. There is, however, a sum of Rs. 345–9–4 which His Excellency the Governor in Council is disposed to refund to the Superintendent of Works. His Excellency in Council was, in the first instance, inclined to disallow this excess, as will be seen from the accompanying copy of Proceedings of this Government No. 1421 W., dated 5th May 1896, but is now inclined, on reconsideration and having in view the fact that the officers connected with the project will still have spent a large sum from their private resources, to recommend that the sum of Rs. 345–9–4 above mentioned may be admitted as a charge against Government.

2. I am accordingly to solicit the sanction of the Government of India to the payment of the amount.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Colonel, R.E.,
Joint Secretary to Government.

Ootacamund,
26th August 1896.

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READ—the following paper :—

From S. D. PEARS, Esq., Executive Engineer, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, Madras, dated "Cintra" Bath, England, 10th July 1896.

I have the honour to inform you that Colonel Pennycuick has sent me G.O., No. 1421 W., dated 5th May 1896, and has asked me to explain to you the circumstances of the case being better acquainted with them than himself.

2. My recollection is that I originally proposed to Colonel Pennycuick that he should ask Government for a grant of Rs. 1,000. I told him that it was impossible to make anything like a detailed estimate, but that I counted on about 25 guests and that with these numbers and if due honour were to be done to the occasion and to His Excellency the Governor of Madras, the actual expense ought not to exceed that sum by much. Whatever small excess there might be, we agreed to make good ourselves. I was solely responsible for all the arrangements made, and under the above circumstances I need perhaps add no further assurance that I used the utmost care to restrict the expense within the lowest practicable limits, so that the Rs. 1,000 if exceeded at all should be exceeded by as little as possible.

3. The number of guests eventually turned out to be about 50, many of them high officials requiring something more than ordinary arrangements for accommodation. In Madras itself the expenses might possibly have been kept within the prescribed limit of Rs. 1,000. At Periyár everything down to the meat, bread, butter and milk had to be imported from at least 70 miles distance by road and special arrangements made for its rapid transport: the very glass and crockery had to be brought from Madras and returned thither at our expense and hire paid for it for the whole time of its absence from Madras. The total expenditure ultimately amounted to nearly Rs. 2,000; of this amount a large fraction consisted of such items as coolies, purchase of bread, butter, meat, hire of cows, of transits for rapid transport, &c., and such other petty expenses as are inseparable from the housing and accommodation of 50 people in a place where the existing accommodation was barely sufficient for four small households. These expenses I made good at the time and subsequently shared with Colonel Pennycuick and they do not appear in the account printed with the Government Order above quoted. Of the remaining expenses I selected a few at random amounting to about the Rs. 1,000 sanctioned and these were all I at first intended to submit to Government. But as two or three adjustments were made by the Examiner, and one or two bills received after Colonel Pennycuick had left the country. I ventured to add these to the amount to be paid by Government hoping that they would not demur to the not very large excess of Rs. 345 shown in the printed account.

4. The amount which I had the authority of Government to spend was Rs. 1,000 only, and if Government be pleased rigidly to insist on that sum it will be for me, jointly, with Colonel Pennycuick, to make good the balance. The only other similar occasion in the Madras Presidency of which I have had any description—that of the opening of the Kistna bridge—an occasion of much less importance, and under circumstances of incomparably less difficulty, cost many times the total sum of Rs. 1,345 now involved, with I believe no private expenses to the officers concerned. Colonel

Pennycuick and I have already made good several hundred rupees, the further excess of Rs. 345 now at stake is a small matter to Government compared with its importance to us, coming as it would on the top of such expense as we have already borne, and I ventured to hope that Government will be pleased to reconsider their decision expressed in the Government Order under reference, and to sanction the excess of Rs. 345-9-4.

ORDER—No. 2470 W., dated 26th August 1896.

Ordered that the sanction of the Government of India be applied for to the excess expenditure of Rs. 345-9-1 incurred in connection with the opening ceremony at the Periyár works.

[Here enter No. 2471 W., dated 26th August 1896.]

(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. McNEIL CAMPBELL, Colonel, R.E.,
Joint Secretary to Government.

Exd. Md. Pahilvan.

Excess expenditure on the opening ceremony Periyar Works
No. 2470 W, dt 26th August 1896.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

READ the following

Letter from S. D. Pears Esqre, Ex. Engineer, dated July 10. 1896.

Ordered that the sanction of the Government of India be applied for to the excess expenditure of Rs. 345: 9: 4 incurred in connection with the opening ceremony at the Periyar Works.

(H. E. No. 2471 W dt 26th August 1896)

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22.8.96

To, The Secretary to the Govt of India,
P. W. Dept.

Sir,

Adverting to Colonel

40—300—6-3-96.

Penny cuick's letter No 1078 S
dated 26 September and
to your telegram of the 11th
October 1895 sanctioning an
expenditure of Rs 1000 in
connection with the opening
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to recommend that the
sum of Rs 345: 9: 4 above
mentioned may be admitted
as a charge against Govt.

2. I am accordingly
to solicit the sanction of
the Government of India
to the payment of the amount.

K.S. 20/8/96

Draft print

Rs
The power of local Govts
to sanction excess deliver of this

Limit is limited to Rs 500.
vide Circular No. XIV Railway
of 25 Sept 1885 - As the limit
has already been exceeded, the
sanction of the Govt of India
to the present additional Charge
is therefore necessary

× Flag A.

R.S.

20/8/96

Issued copy P&O
vide
CW 1421 W dt 5-5-96.
14/9/96

P. W. Department.

Read the following:—

Letter from S. D. Pears Esqre to Ex. Engr, dated
July 10th 1896.

FOR ORDERS.

Understood from the Order No. 1421 W
5th May 1896, that the original agreement
was that any charges in excess of Rs. 1000
would be borne by Ch. Pauny and the
other Officers connected with the project.
It was thought that their excess would
amount to Rs. 500. It has actually
amounted to Rs. 29345-9-4. only. Ch.
P. and the others have taken 50% off more
would than they had sworn to expect.
If I am right in this above premises, I see
no reason for altering the order.

A.S.K
7.8.96

I understand that Ch. P. &
Mr. Pears paid all the local
food expenses, some gratuity
and charged in the printed account.

R.S.

The above letter
is submitted for orders
with reference to G.O.
No. 1421 W dated 5th May
1896. The Government
may perhaps be disposed,
under the circumstances
mentioned by Mr. Pears,
to reconsider their order,
and agree to bear
the excess of Rs. 345:9:4.

28/7/96

W

I think therefore Govt. let them have the addl. sum asked for. Minute much

WS
12/8/96

Excess expenditure on the opening ceremony of the Periyar works

Note for His Excellency

Attention is invited to the marked passage in para 3 of Mr. Pears' letter from which it will be seen that the total expenditure came to "nearly Rs 2000" and that the account printed in G.O. 1474 of 5 May 1896 excludes a great many items which the Chief Engineer Col: Pennycuick - and the Supt. of works - paid for themselves.

4/8/96

W

Under these circumstances, I think Govt. might treat the excess of Rs. 345. 9. 4.

A.H.
7.8.96

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Public Works (1896) Department.

CURRENT No. 7437

Order

From
Mr. S. D. Pears
Exc: Engineer.

No. -

Dated 10.7.96
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Opening ceremony of the Periyar works: Requesting sanction to the excess Expenditure on the ———.

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From S. D. Vears
Esq. Engineer

To the Chief Engineer P.W.D.
Madras

"Cintra"
Bath
England
10. 7. 96

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pleased to reconsider their decision expressed
in the C.O. of 1st inst. in favour of sanctioning
the excess of Rs 345-9-4.

I have &c

Sd/ D. A Cairns

Exec. Engineer

No 1421-220 dt/5/8/96

W

Mr Lyttle dft 1-8-96.

It will be seen from Mr Sears' letter that the total expenditure came to "nearly Rs 2000" and that the account printed with G.O. 1421 W dt 5 May 96 excludes a great many items which belonged not then being forward.

A.S.
3 Aug 96

Perhaps this had better be returned to H.E for reconsideration with reference to above remarks

4/8/96