

Public Works (1897) Department.

G.O., No. 1800 W

DATED 3 July 1897

[Despatch Abstract.]

Mr. A. W. Ashpitel Esq. Engineer, Lighthouse Dept.
Letter to the Govt of India requesting that the
sanction of the Secretary of State be obtained
to the grant to — of a Local allowance of Rs 100
per mensem with effect from the date of his
return to duty from private leave.

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Government of Madras.

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Was sent to the Gov. of India
P. W. Dept

3rd July 1897.

SIR,

The question of im-
proving the Coast
lights of this Presidency
having engaged the
attention of this Govt.
for several years, Mr
F. W. Ashpitel, Es. Sur.
who had previously
undergone a course of
study in light-house
construction & illumination
in Europe, was in 1895
placed on special duty
to inspect all the
lights along the Madras
Coast, & to report on
their suitability or

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otherwise, their position
of the structures on
which they are displayed.
The outcome of Mr. Ashpitel's
inspections was a compre-
hensive report which
proposed the gradual
expenditure from Port-
lands of a sum of Rs
8,80,000 on the im-
provement of existing
lights & the construction
of new ones; and to
enable these proposals
to be matured, & to
be carried out so far
as they may be approved,
this Govt. has organised
a special light-house
division under Mr.
Ashpitel as En. Engineer.
The charge is an im-
portant one, & as the
Officer in Charge should
be in a position to
exercise the powers of
a Super. Engr., this
Govt. considers that
Mr. Ashpitel should

be appointed a Super.
of Works, as soon as
the business of actual
construction commences.
2. Mr. Ashpitel has
already submitted
plans & estimates for
new light-houses
at Fala Point Divi
& at Manopad, the
former amounting to
Rs 1,13,240 & the
latter to Rs 46,250,
both of which have
been sanctioned by
this Govt., & active
preparations are in
hand to commence
work. Mr.

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& England, with a
 view to selecting light-
 house apparatus for
 the towers which he
 has designed for the
 Presidency - At the
 Governor in Council
 considers that he
 should assume the
 powers of a Supt. of
 Works immediately
 on his return to
 Madras, about the
 end of August next,
 & has directed to
 request that under
 para 26, Ch. III Vol I
 P.W. Code, the sanction
 be given, & that the
 Officer in Charge should
 be in a position to
 exercise the powers of
 a Supt. Genl., this
 Govt. considers that
 Mr. Ashpitel should

effect - from the date
 of his return to duty.
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We desired in today
 to frame as soon the
 draft letter to show
 in re local ally to the
 architect or Super. of works.

If we wait until Mr. A's
 return, there will be a delay
 of 2 or 3 months after which
 before the ally can be
 sanctioned, whereas if the
 letter goes forward at once,
 an answer may be received
 very shortly after Mr. A's
 return. Please let Dr.

We let draft, & then answer

As soon as
return to the
address in mind to
make it I can have
the power & pay of
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Dr. J. J. J. J. J.

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Can you please give
me date from which
my Asphite availed
himself of privilege
leave - C.

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He has done our charge

13/5/97 A.V.

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new light house
at Manapad has
not yet been dis-

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14.6.97 Word of, please
ascertain from I
in the Press -

What we know
amount of the
estimate

See
S No
Ex 1630 W of 14.6.97 19/6/97
about light house at Manapad
is in the press. The amount
of the estimate is Rs 46250
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