

Public Works (1898) Department.

1232-33-5
✓ G.O., No. 1232-33-5

DATED 16 May 98

[Despatch Abstract.]

M.P.O. Wight, Quesser P.W.D. Bevalab: Ordered
that the Govt of India be ^{referred} requested to for orders
as to whether — is entitled to pay from the
Madras Govt for the month during which
he served prior to dismissal and to travelling
expenses for joining his app^t as Boat
Sup^t, Begwada.

Govt of India addressed

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BACK PAPERS.

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P. W. DEPARTMENT.

Papers to be read

in proceedings :—

Again G.O., dated

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Current No. 3677

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6th ^{April} March 1898 from The S.E. II Circle.

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(H.E. No. 1233 W dated 16 May 1898.)

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The Secy. to the Govt. of India,
P. W. Dept.

Sir,

Sir,
I am directed to report that Mr. P.O. Wight, Overseer 1st grade, Bengal P.W. Department, while on three months sick leave, applied for and obtained the appointment of Boat Superintendent at Bezwada on a salary of Rs. 150 per mensem. After he joined, it was discovered that he was already in the service of Government, and that he had applied for the post at Bezwada without the permission of his Departmental superiors. He was thereupon given a month's notice of discharge.

2. The Suptg. Engr. II Circle states --
that Mr. Wight reported his official
status immediately on joining, and --
that when he was given the appoint-
ment, he applied to his departmental
superiors for permission to take it

up; that while the whole thing was irregular, the Suptg. Engr. is of opinion that Mr. Wight's procedure was due to ignorance of the rules and that ^{he had} no intention of acting otherwise than in a straightforward manner.

3. Copies of the correspondence on the subject have been forwarded to the Govt. of Bengal, which may be left to deal with Mr. Wight's breach of departmental discipline. The question now before this Govt. is whether Mr. Wight is entitled to pay from the Madras Govt. for the month ^{during} for which he was given notice, and to travelling expenses for joining his appointment at Bezwada, and on this point, I am directed to request the order of the Govt. of India.

4. The correspondence on the subject is forwarded for perusal and return.

I have &c

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Public Works (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 3677

From

The Saperintendent Engr.
4/1/98

Order

No. 1197 K. N.

Dated 21-4-98

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Registered } 26.4.98

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SUBJECT.

Mr. P. C. Wight, B. Eng. Surveyor
Bengal P. W. D. - Brings
to notice that - was ap
pointed as Boat Driver
in H. N. D. while on sick
leave and that his lev.
- was subsequently
dispensed with and requested
that he may be allowed
monthly pay and 1/2

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BACK PAPERS.

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Superintending Engineer's office

$\Sigma = \frac{1197 \text{ K.N}}{21.4.98}$

2 $\frac{u^2}{a}$ circles, dated 21-4-98

From

J. Hannan Esquire.

Superintending Engineer,
F. W. L.

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The Chief Engineer,

Public works department

Sir,

I have the honor to bring to your notice that one Mr. P. C. Wright was appointed by the Divisional Officer, Northern Division, as Boat Superintendent on a salary of Rs. 150. Immediately on joining his post, the Divisional Officer made two discoveries. One was that, notwithstanding satisfactory testimonials, Mr. Wright was quite unfit for the post, the other that he was a Subordinate on the Bengal Establishment. Mr. Wright's explanation for not communicating the latter information before being appointed is, that he was appointed and ordered to join from Bhagalpore by

wire & that he reported his official status immediately on joining and that when he was appointed, he applied for permission to his Departmental Superiors to take up the appointment. Of course the whole thing was irregular but I was and am of opinion that Mr. Wright's procedure was due to ignorance of the rules and that he had no intention of acting otherwise than in a straight forward manner. His Departmental Superiors have taken up the matter and they may be left to deal with it. It was not desirable under the circumstances to retain Mr. Wright's services; so the Divisional Office, with my approval, decided to give him a month's pay in lieu of notice. I also considered he was entitled to his actual expenses for joining. The Examiner, however, objects to pass some ~~for the reasons~~ given in his letter which I enclose and says that the sanction of Government is required.

2. There has been a rather lengthy correspondence on this subject which I

I send in original (to be returned in case you may wish to refer to it). I think I have correctly stated the gist of it. You will see that the Divisional Office takes a very serious view of Mr. Wright's conduct.

I have the honor to be Sir.

Your most obedt. Servt.
W. H. Munn
Superintending Engineer
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