

Public Works (1898) Department.

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DATED 18 May 98

[Despatch Abstract.]

W. E. A. Dennis, Examiner P.W. accounts. Stating
that H.E. the Governor in Council reports, for reasons
specified, that the application of — for permission
to carry on his work during two months of the
hot weather at Ostacumund, must be re-
fused.

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Requesting permission
to allow the Examiner
to carry on — for 2
months during the hot
weather & certain
conditions.

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BACK PAPERS.

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[In any future communication on this subject, the number and date of this letter should be quoted, and the communication should be addressed to the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, Madras, and not to any officer by name.]

[E. No. 94.]
4,000-7-2-95.

FROM E. A. DENNYS, Esq.,
EXAMINER OF P. W. ACCOUNTS,
MADRAS AND COORG,

To

The Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department, Madras.

No. 393 A/E. Madras, 28th March 1898.

SIR,

I have the honour to ask the favour of the Government of Madras being moved to grant me permission to carry on my work during the last two months of the ensuing hot weather - say 15th. August to 15th. October - at Ootacamund.

2. The annual Finance and Administrative Accounts will have been got out by then, and the current work of my office in Madras could, as now, be perfectly well attended to by my two Deputies during that period, all the more important files being sent to me daily for disposal at Ooty.

3. I would not of course ask this indulgence except on the following clear conditions:-

- (1) that it will involve no extra expense to the State;
- (2) that no office accommodation will be required by me at Ooty;
- (3) that the work will in no way suffer by the arrangement; and
- (4) that, with the exception of perhaps one peon, I take up no office establishment with me.

4. Article 122I makes it clear that such an arrangement

is

is permissible, and I understand that certain Officers in this Presidency are allowed similar concessions for occasional short periods under similar conditions.

5. The permission I seek would not only cost Government nothing, but would, by somewhat curtailing for me the long and trying hot weather, enable me to perform my responsible work the more efficiently and, moreover, afford me facilities for personal communication with the Officers of the P.W.D. Secretariat in cases requiring it.

6. I trust, therefore, that, under the conditions and for the reasons given, my request will be considered a reasonable one, and that Government will be pleased to accede to it.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

E. a. Denny

Examiner, P.W. Accounts, Madras.

22
28th
98

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

C. No. 2836.

SUBJECT.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

~~THE HON'BLE SIR HENRY BLISS, K.O.I.E.~~

THE HON'BLE MR. GROSE, C.I.E.

Application from the Ex-^r P.W.D.
to be permitted to carry on
his work at Ootacamund for
two months.

FOR ORDERS.

Mr. Denny is a stationary account
Officer, whose duties in no way draw
him to Ooty; nor can I find any
excuse for his leaving Madras.
It is true that his health might
benefit by a change to Ooty. But,
if he is to be allowed to go, on that
ground, it is difficult to see why
most Officers in the position
should not go, — i.e. all Officers
who can undertake to "keep
their work going", from Ooty.
I consider that the concession in
this case cannot be justified on
welfare or convenience
grounds.

I strongly support the
Examiner's request on the
conditions named, because
I am convinced that his
work will benefit and
not suffer thereby, and
that the concession asked for
is, therefore, in the interests
of Government.

L. H. S.
28/3/98

I quite agree

JS

31/3/98

I suppose it is open to Mr. Denny.

P. W. 43. [] to [] at Ooty? 28/3/98

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The Honourable Sir Henry Bliss K.C.I.E.
Messrs. Grose C.I.E.

Men. Grose C. & E.

FOR ORDERS.

All that Mr. de Winter says about this
 Officer and his work benefiting by a
 regimen on the Hills may be true
 enough, but the same argument
 would apply to other Officers who would
 not, with propriety or decency, leave
 their work in the Plains and come
 to the Hills. would of

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The Officers in other Districts, to whom
the same arguments as are used in Mr.
Dunlop's case, are more numerous than
Mr. De Winter thinks. They would
apply to the B^d. of Revenue, to many
Collectors, and indeed to most Officers,
whose work during the hot weather is
more or less reduced to Office work,
and who have deputies or Assistants, &c.

with reference to his Excellency's remarks on the accompanying note
his orders I respectfully submit
that the only other officer in
the Dept who could possibly be
granted the concession asked
for by Mr. Deane is the Comd
Asst. Int. and I think it would
be a most excellent arrangement
& perfectly to the benefit of the State
if he also was allowed to come
up to Fortacamund for 2 months
annually, when work is slack
in Madras. I do not know to
what officers of other Depts
the concession could be granted
with impunity, but they must
be very very few, so few that
it seems impossible in the

precedent to create inconvenience.
 Such officers can of course
 take privilege leave, at the
 rate of one month per annum,
 but other officers would have
 to be appointed to perform
 their duties, & it seems pretty
 to the advantage of Govt to
 give its servants, whenever
 possible, most of the advantage
 of privilege leave, without losing
 their services. I trust
 therefore that His Excellency
 may be pleased to reconsider
 his decision in this matter.
 I would not plead for it if
 I did not believe it to be
 entirely to the advantage of
 the State.

W. H. S.
 G. H. S.

I wd suggest to H.E. that perhaps he
 puts the matter in to general away.
 I have no idea whether Mr. Denay's work
 is of such a nature that it would
 suffer from his absence from his
 office - I should say it would, and
 that materially. But on the other hand
 there are several instances in which
 at this Govt. but I believe every other
 Govt. in India, allows heads of
 Dept. to resort to the hills for a
 short time every year, and the
 existence of art 1221 C.S.R. shows that

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when it might be ^{said} that they could
 keep the routine work going, while their
 Chiefs were on duty, disposing of the
 more important files.

If one officer can, without damage to the
 work of his office, be ^{for two months} removed
 away from his office, - the question would
 suggest itself, - could not his absence be
 further still further prolonged? and
 possibly the further question would then be
 asked, - cannot his services be altogether
 dispensed with?

Mr. de Winter spoke to me about this
 matter on the 16th Inst., and asked if it
 might be possible to give a trial, for one
 year, to his proposal that Mr. Denay's
 should come to the hills for two months.
 I said I would think over it. But, having
 thought over it I cannot see how the
 proposal can be accepted without some
 giving rise to one inconvenient precedent,
 and without the tacit admission that
 Mr. Denay's office is one that might
 possibly be abolished altogether. The Hon.
 Mr. Spence will doubtless see the file again,
 and say whether he finds ground to
 modify his former opinion. A.S. 18.4.98

The Govt. of India does not
 disapprove the practice, sub-
 ject to the conditions stated.
 I may instance, in this Presidency,
 the S.G., the S.G. of Police (both of
 whom are now in Ootacamund),
 the D.P.G., who has often been
 for 2 or 3 months at a time
 in duty, and the District
 The first three, however, of
 these four are officers whose
 duties are so organized that
 their duties can be properly car-
 ried on during their absence
 on more or less prolonged tours,
 and the fourth has no office
 at all so far as I am aware.
 I think this makes a considerable
 difference. I may add that
 I have known the Asst. General
 spend some time at duty, with
 the permission of the G. of I. (vide
 art 1222/3 C.S.R.).

Mr. Denay's case is of
 course ^{humanity} H.E.'s disposal as
 he is in charge of the P.W.D.,
 and I accept his decision.

B.S.
 20/4/98

I agree with H.E. in thinking that
 if Mr. Denay is allowed to come
 to Ootacamund in this way, the
 same concession wd have to be
 shown to the members of the Bd of
 Rev. & many others. It wd be a
 most inconvenient precedent.

J.S.
 22/4/98

x Eg. Examiners previous railway acts
 Combs other railway acts
 Supr Family Register & Census
 Advocates General
 members of Bd of Rev (one) and
 Inspector General Registration
 Sanitary Commr
 Supr Archaeological Survey

Public Works Department

His Excellency the Governor

Note for His Excellency
the Governor.

This file is again
Submitted to His Excellency
for perusal of Sir
Henry Bliss' remarks.
I would specially call
attention to the Statement
that the Accountant General
has been permitted
by India to spend
some time at Dotacamund
That Officer is to the
Civil department what
the Examiner is to the
Public Works Department,
and it is respectfully
submitted

I should like to discuss this matter at the
next Council meeting.

2.54
27.4.95

Does the Govt. of Ind. ever spend more
than a short time at Dotacamund?

When Mr. Bliss has many days
he has spent there in each of the last
two years.

2.54
27.4.95

~~Correct~~

submitted that a
Concession to one
is applicable to
the other.

W. H. S.
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No. 147D

Government of Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Retaraimund
Madras, 29 April 1898.

OFFICE NOTE.

From The Secretary P.W.D.

To The Chief Secretary

His Excellency the
Governor notes as follows
on a paper in the P.W. Dept.

"Does the Accountant
General ever spend more
than a short time in
Retaraimund?"

"Please ascertain how
many days he has spent
there in each of the last
five years".

Will you please obtain
the information required
by His Excellency. The full
file is submitted for information
that you may see why the information
is required. Ag. Secy. P.W.D.

Financial Dept
C. No 1282 of 1898

38 Endt. No 1117 of 13-5-98.

Returned to the Public
Works Department with the
following extract from the
orders in council dated
the 12th instant.

"The Examiner, Public
Works Accounts, is not to
be allowed to come to the
Hills."

A. A. Rundell
Chief Secretary

Curd
13.5.98

Cash
impruned accounting
13.5.98

W
There is a draft order
in the file. Flag C. Perhaps
this can now issue.

L.S.
13 May 98

L.S.
13.5.98

Papers to be read in Proceedings:—

Again G.O., dated

189 , No.

Again G.O., dated

189 , No.

Current No. 2736 of 1898, dated 28.3.98, from the box P.W. aut.

" " " 189 , "

" " " 189 , "

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ORDER.

His Secy. the Governor in Council considers that the concession asked for by the Examiner cannot be justified, and would form an inconvenient precedent. His Secy. in Council therefore reports that the application must be refused.

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2.4.98

Issue

Secy P.W. aut.

19/5/98

*W again
4.4.98*

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I find this is the
last letter with
Mr. W. H. H. in the

W.H.
19.4.50

Chas. 2836
this file is again
submitted to the
Secretary for Personal
of Mr. W. H. H. in the
I make specially
call attention to the
statement that the
Acct. Genl. has been
heretofore by India
to spend some time
at Colby. Yet this
is in the Civil
Dept. What the
reason is to the
O.W.D. it is
correctly intimated
that a commission to
be is affable
in the Mer
L.H.S.
W.H.S.

C.H. 2836

Forward to Mr. H. S. -
I should submit
the Commission report
in the condition named
because I am convinced
that his work will
benefit much
rather than by the
Commission which
he is therefore
in the interests of

L.H.S.
29.2.50

off
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W
This paper is marked
for Council, but I have
ascertained from the
Finance Dept. that
the information required
by H. S. is not available
in the office. A reference
will have to be made
to the Accountant General.
L.H.S.

Items as regards
Council papers submitted
There is nothing beyond
the present paper.
L.H.S.
20.4.50

Say so as it is
impossible to obtain
the information in time
in tomorrow's Council
I have said I have
nothing
L.H.S.
28.2.50

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Government of Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

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~~Madras,~~

29 April

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(20) W. 13 dms
as day.

Urgent

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Due
29/6

Send this
to 'Industrial'