Public Works (1898) Department.

G.O., No. 1398 W

Dated 3 June 98

[Despatch Abstract.]

Horse allowance. Declining to grant — to Mr J.F. Somers Eve, while employed on his present duties at Coolgardie.

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Public Works DEPARTMENT.

Papers to be read in Proceedings:—

Again G.O., dated 189 , No.

Again G.O., dated 189 , No.

Current No. 1537 of 1898, dated 18th February, ~~from~~ Endt by the S. E. IV Circle on letter from the Ex Engr. on special duty, Cotacamund No-700 of 14-1-98.

" " 2149 " 1898, " 3rd March , " the Examiner, P. W. accounts.

" " " 189 , " , "

ORDER.

No. 1398 W. Dy. 3.6.98.

His Excellency the Governor in Council is not prepared to accede to the request that Mr. Somers Eve be granted horse allowance while employed on his present duties at Cotacamund.

C.S.

W. A. W. 27.5.98

The Supdtg. Engineer, IV Circle

P 11/6/98

[P. W. 4. 500—24-3-98.]

Publics Works DEPARTMENT.

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C. No. 1537 X 2149.

~~HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.~~

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

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

SUBJECT.

Conveyance Allowance to Mr. Somers Cox.

FOR ORDERS.

The proposal to pay the Exr. Engr. Cuddapah Dn carriage allowance of Rs 100 per mensem has become the work will entail constant driving about the town - vide last paper in file. It was not proposed to be given as 'addl emolument - skin', but merely to cover the extra expense involved by his new duties.

2. With regard to Mr Somers Cox's claims, please see his letter flagged A. Even before he took charge of the waterworks he states (Para 5) that he cd not do his work efficiently with one horse & had therefore hired another - & he claims the

Flag B

of course not. But no one can have supposed that the addl expense would come to Rs 100 a month.

HS

C Res 1537 & 2149

P.W. Department.

Note for the Honourable Sir H.W. Bliss, K.C.I.E.

With reference to the Honourable Member's note dated 11th May 1898 on Mr. Somers Eve's claim for conveyance or horse allowance, the Secretary begs to invite attention to appendices 26 and 26 A of the Civil Service Regulations from which it will be seen that there are many -- analogous cases in which conveyance or horse allowance is granted under Art. 1178 to officers of various departments throughout India--- whose movements are confined within the limits of a single town. The P.W. Department alone shows 15 cases. Nos. 195 to 209.

For sanction to the Cuddapah case please see Flag E.

W. 13-5-98

The Hon'ble Sir Henry Bliss K.C.I.E.

Yes - But there are cases, as I am quite aware, made by the pursuit of knowledge of the civs - In the Cuddapah case, the proposal was to give Rs 100 a month, evidently as addl remuneration - The Archl Surveyor has been also appointed Chief Engr to the Govt of India reserved to be drawn & not Rs 100 down & Rs 25 up when there are the Govt Architect & the Res[t] Store keeper - Why they get conveyance allce, I don't know - Mr Somers Eve makes out a case of hardship on the ground that he has to keep 2 horses. I can understand that he will want 2 horses in a drive in the plains, but how he can use them for public work, I can't think - In this connection, I should like to know if Mr Somers Eve hunts, and if so, whether he keeps horses to hunt or separate from those which he keeps to do his work. How many horses does he keep altogether?

HB
14/5/98

Certain allowance with retrospective effect from 1 April 1897 - I do not consider that he really needed more than one horse in his work, until he has given charge of the Water works - From that date I consider that he needs two, because the known staff, Channels & Kodaikanal Reservoir are some distance away, & have therefore recommended the concession of Rs 20/- per mensem from January 1898. Her Excellency does not think he keeps two horses altogether.

17.5.98

I really cannot continue this controversy. I have given my opinion & am not inclined to alter it.

HB
24/5/98

Re 23 May 98

Presumably, unless his wife never drives out, he does not require 2 horses for his work only

HB
18/5/98

The point is that if he had no work taking him to a distance, one horse would suffice for work a day - As he has such work, two horses are req[d] & it is in the upkeep of this second horse that the allowance is applied for

20.5.98

Let the allowance applied for be granted

W. 21.5.98

H. Dept. 13-5-98 R 16-5-98

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~~His Excellency the Governor~~
~~The Hon Sir Henry Blake K C M G~~
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P.W. Department.

Note for His Excellency the Governor:-

With reference to His Excellency's remarks, attention is invited to article 1178, C.S. Regulations, which provides that "when an officer has a large amount of travelling at or within a short distance from the headquarters, for which travelling allowance is inadmissible under the Regulations for "Journeys on Tour", a permanent conveyance or horse allowance is granted to him, which is drawn like salary all the year round." Since Mr. Somers Eve was given charge of the new Ootacamund Water Supply Scheme in January last, he has had a "large amount of travelling within a short distance of headquarters", travelling being taken in the sense recognized in the C.S. Regulations, i.e, movements within the 5 mile radius, for which ordinary travelling allowance is inadmissible. For this travelling Mr. Somers Eve has had to maintain a special means of conveyance, i.e, a second horse, and therefore claims a conveyance or horse allowance under article 1178 C.S. Regulations. I consider that for the proper performance of his work two horses are necessary, and that the claim is

therefore

I cannot satisfy myself that there grounds for granting this Horse Allce. Perhaps the Hon. Sir Blair who is more experienced than I am in such matters, would note on the application. I cannot see that it can be said with accuracy that Mr. Somers Eve "has a large amount of Travelling" (See C.S.R 1178)

A.H. 7.5.98

This seems to me a quite inadmissible claim - The whole of the work Mr Somers Eve has to do is within such limits or close outside them - I never before heard of the grant of horse allce in such a case -

HS
11/5/98

H.E. 5.5.98 P.S. 5.98 A.H. 7.5.98 H.S. 11/5/98

therefore reasonable. I have satisfied myself since coming to Ootacamund, that Mr. Somers Eve is doing the work entrusted to him expeditiously and well and as his pay is not intended to cover the cost of locomotion involved in inspecting works, I think he ought to be reimbursed the cost of his second horse. There is a precedent in the case of the Executive Engineer, Cuddapah Division, who was granted a horse allowance during the execution of the water works there, under precisely similar circumstances.

5.1.98

W.

Conveyance Allowance

This seems to me an unreasonable claim. I decline to pass it without further proof that there are exceptional circumstances to warrant it.

R.S.H.
29.3.98

Financial Dept

No. 2

The concession is only a temporary one & no addn. to the C.S.R appears to be necessary. Indian sanction might be requested to the grant of the concession in Pl. D.

Cmdt 28.3.98

ASA 24.3.98.

Submitted accordingly with draft order and letter to His Excellency the Governor.

R.S.

25.3.98

BW
For orders.
R.S.
31st March 98

therefore reasonable. I have satisfied

myself since comin

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

Papers to be read in Proceedings:—

Again G.O., dated 189 , No.

Again G.O., dated 189 , No.

Current No. 1537 of 1898, dated 16th February, from S.E. IV Circle.

" " 2149 " 1898, " 7th March , " Exar. P.W. Accounts.

" " " 189 , " , "

His Excellency the Governor

Conveyance Allowance

ORDER.

(The Financial Department for counterinitials).

× Note: The E.E.'s allowance is Rs. 33-

The Suptg. Engineer, IV Circle.

The Financial Department ~~with draft letter.~~

Ordered that the sanction of the Government of India be applied for ~~in the Financial Department~~ to the grant of a conveyance allowance of Rs. 30 × per mensem to the Executive Engineer on special duty at Ootacamund, with effect from the date on which work on the water supply project commences.

(H.E. No. 12/3/98 d/ March 1898)

To

The Secretary to the Government of India, P.W. Dept.

~~Finance & Commerce Dept.~~

Sir,

I am directed to request the sanction of the Government of India under Art. 1181 C.S.R. to the inclusion in Appendix 26 of the C.S. Regulations of the following entry.

No.

[P. W. 4. 500—27-1-98.]

H.E. 28/3/98 R 21/3/98.

No. of entry.	Public Works Department.	Rate of conveyance allowance.
209 A.	Executive Engineer on special duty, Ootacamund.	Rs. 30 per mensem.

The officer in question has been employed on drainage and reclamation work at Ootacamund and is now being entrusted with the carrying out of a water supply scheme on behalf of the Municipality. He will thus have a large amount of travelling at head quarters for which no travelling allowance is ordinarily admissible, though the up-keep of two horses is stated to be necessary for the performance of his duties. His Excellency the Governor in Council accordingly recommends that a conveyance allowance of Rs. 30 per mensem be admitted to him under Art. 118 C.S. Regulations, with effect from the date on which he commences work on the water supply scheme, the execution of which has been recently sanctioned.

I have etc.,

16.3.98

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Note. Mr Somers Cne asks for the con-cession from 1 April 1897, but I do not consider that his work required the maintenance of 2 horses, until he was given charge of the water-works also, which has me time in [illegible] 16.3.98

Public Works (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 2149

Order

From The Examiner, P. W. Accts. Madras

No. 7470 3/E

Dated 5th March 1898.

Received 7.3.98

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SUBJECT.

Mr. Somers Cne, Executive Engineer, on special duty, Ootacamund — stating that India's sanction is necessary to the grant of Horse allowance to —

O.L.S. 4- R30/5

Finl. Dept 15-3-98 R28/3/98

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	183D	"	11-5-97	✓
	1509C	"	16-3-97	✓
	1775W	"	1-7-97	✓
	644W	"	23-2-88	✓ Not marked 23/10/00
	3314W	"	3-12-8	✓

FURTHER PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

EXAMINER,
P. W. ACCOUNTS.
2 - MAR. 1898
No.....

Letter from J. F. Somerset Esq Executive Engineer on special duty, Ootacamund to the Supg: Engineer, 4th Circle dated 14th January 98 No 700.

I have the honor to request you will ask for sanction on my behalf of Horse allowances while I am on duty here with retrospective effect from 1st April 1897.

In support of my application, which I beg may be favorably considered, I note the following facts.

1 The necessity of my having horses up here was admitted, as I was permitted to bring up two at the public expense. vide G.O. No 183 D, dy 11th May 1897.

2. At that time I was only appointed to the drainage works, and as my stay would probably be short I did not consider it necessary to trouble Government on the subject.

3. Since then I was given the lake works and recently the new water works scheme.

4. If I complete these works there is

is every probability of my work here continuing for some months

5. I have had two horses here the whole time except for a fortnight, at the beginning of which time I had, in consequence of an accident, to shoot one of them. I found that I could not do my work efficiently with one and have therefore purchased another.

6. The cost of feeding horses here is considerable (Actual details are noted below) and I find myself considerably out of pocket for what is practically on Govern. ment service.

7. I therfore respectfully request that I may be allowed to draw Rs 33 per mensem for two horses with retrospective effect from 1st April 1897.

8. I believe I am correct in saying there has been a precedent for such a concession, though I do not know the details.

Details of horse keep for one month.

Gram 6 measures per day at Rs 1
for 15 measures = 183 measures Rs. 12 2 0
Syce ____ " 9 0 0
Grass Cutter ____ " 5 0 0
Bedding ____ " 2 9 0
Shoeing ____ " 2 0 0
Oats ____ " 0 6 0
Hay ____ " 0 3 0
Sundries ____ " 1 2 0
Rs. 32 6 0

without clothing for servants, shoes &c.

No 99 ____

5. Copy submitted to the Chief Engineer P. W. D for favorable Consideration with reference to C. S. Regulations Chapter XLIX. 1178.

Coimbatore
16th February 1898

Signed.
Supg: Engr. 4th Circle.

12/4/98

Public Works (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 1537 E.2 2149/98

No 1213C dated 1st March 1898.

To C

For favour of remarks.

28/2/98 D.W

~~Order~~ K.J.

EXAMINER, P. W. ACCOUNTS. 2 - MAR. 1898 No .....

From The Supg. Engineer 4th & 5th Circle

No. 99 W.

Dated 16th & 17th February 1898

Received

Registered 18.2.98

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SUBJECT.

Horse allowance to Mr. J. F. Somers Esq, Sup: Engineer on Special duty - Rotacammund

Submits for favorable consideration as per claim quoted for the ——

83/5m12/1370

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E. No .27.
1,000—8-9-97.

KEEP-WITH CURRENT No.

GOVT. OF MADRAS. } 1897. { P. W. DEPT.

EXAMINER, P. W. ACCOUNTS.

dated 189 .

Madras, 5-4 March 1897.

OFFICE NOTE No. 7470/E.

To

W.

Your Office Note No. 12136 of 1st. instant.

The sanction of the Government of India will be necessary to the grant of a Horse allowance vide article 1181 C.S.R. and appendix 26.

W/5.3.98
C.

AP.L
5/3/98

Chr 1537+2149

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P.W.D.

Note for His Excellency the Governor.

With reference to His Excellency's remarks attention is invited to article 1178, C.S. Regulations, which provides that "when an officer has a large amount of travelling at or within a short distance from the headquarters, for which travelling allowance is inadmissible under the Regulations for " Journeys on Tour " a permanent conveyance or horse allowance is granted to him, which is drawn like salary all the year round." Since Mr. Somers Eve was given charge of the new Cootacamund Water Supply Scheme in January last, he has had, ~~or should have had if he his doing his work properly~~, a " large of amount of travelling within a short distance of headquarters ", travelling being taken in the sense recognised in the C.S. Regulations, i.e. movements within the 5 mile radius, for which ordinary travelling allowance is inadmissible. For this travelling Mr. Somers Eve has had to maintain a special means of conveyance, i.e., a second horse, and therefore claims a conveyance or horse allowance under

article

W/O

article 1178, C.S. Regulations. I consider that for the proper performance of his work two horses are necessary, and that the claim is therefore reasonable. ~~Whether Mr. Somers Eve is performing his work properly I cannot say until I arrive at Cotacamund.~~

I have satisfied myself once every to Mr. Eve that he is doing the work entrusted to him expeditiously & well & is his pay is not intended to cover the cost of locomotion incurred in inspecting works I think I ought to allow the claim - towards the cost of his second horse. There is a precedent in the case of the late Mr. Caddell Dy. who was granted a horse allowance during the execution of the water works there, under exactly similar circumstances

J. A. 94

Correct
C.S.
4 May 90

Fair Copy

C. No. 1497

send the

No.

Government of Madras,

DEPARTMENT.

MEMORANDUM.

Dated Madras, 189 .

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is indispensible. For this travelling Mr Eve has had to maintain a special means of conveyance, viz a second horse & therefore claims a conveyance ~~or horse~~ allowance under Art 1178 CTR. I consider that for the proper performance of his work two horses are necessary, & that the claim is therefore reasonable. Whether Mr Eve is performing his work properly I cannot say until I arrive at Ootacamund.

Lent all Utns - I have for C.S.R with me W.

Verified C.S. 4 May 90

J. A. 94

2-4-90

P. W. 41.
1,000—28-2-98.

C.No 1149

DW

H.E's remarks of 29-3-97:

Art. 1178 C.S.R. provides that "when an officer has a large amount of travelling at & within a short distance from head quarters for which travelling allowances is inadmissible under the Regulations for "Journeys on Duty" after. thereby conveyance or horse allowance is granted to him, which is drawn like salary all the year round."

H.E. places a stop for investigation against the word "travelling" as used in the draft. It is submitted that the expression is used in the same recognised in the C.S.R. i.e. to movements within a five mile radius. A movement beyond this radius could be classed as a "journey on tour" for which ordinary travelling allowances can be drawn. The only question that remains therefore is whether the [illegible]

- ments are such as fall under Art 1179 - in other words whether it is necessary for him to take special conveyance for the inspection of his works; and, if so, whether two horses are necessary, or only one -

R.S.
31 Mar 98

W.
2 orders.

Govt. Note from H.E. the Governor
26.3.98.

With ref[erence] to H.E.'s remarks attention is invited to Art 1179 C.S.R. which provides that "When an officer &c. × × × × shall for the purpose of inspection of any works, enter upon any land, he shall cause as little damage as may be to the land, crops, or buildings, and shall make full compensation to the occupier for any damage which may be done in the exercise of the powers conferred by this rule." C.S.R. 29 movements within the 5 mile radius

W
C.W.2149

With reference to the Hon'ble remarks, there are a good many similar cases in various Depts of Govt vide Appendix 26 and Appendix 26A C.S.R.

R.S.
12 May 98.

W
To say to Mr Latimer - also refer to Clerk at Cuddalore

12/5/98

W

Draft submitted.
Is it necessary, please, to refer to the Cuddalore case particularly? The list deals with cases of exactly the same kind - i.e. movements confined within the limits of a single town. The Cuddalore case is sanctioned in G.O. 136 Mun Local & Municipal dt 13 Feb 88. Flag E.

R.S.
13 May 98

C. No. 1497
C No. 2149

W. File letter thereon

The procedure adopted by the F.W.D is in strict accordance with Financial L/O 643 of 29. Sept 1896, para 2. The procedure now proposed by the Financial Dept. will give less trouble in future, and is more in accordance with the ruling of the Govt of India printed at the head of the Financial L/O. But it is not quite convenient to have orders embodied in Proceedings of Govt. and a different rule in an office letter, which is likely to be overlooked in course of time. These rules of procedure are multiplying fast, and as Depts are frequently having recourse for workshop items, it seems desirable that they should be placed on a proper footing. Orders of Govt. can only be modified by another, and so it is

x Flagstaff

C. No 214 9.

W
For orders
whether the proposed
allowance of Rs 33 for the
keep of two horses is
to be recommended
for the sanction of the
Govt of India. Similar
allowances in the P.W.D
will be found in Appendix
26th C.S.R. p. 74.

R.S.
10 March 98.

I do not consider that
the Law cd. insist
that the horses
shd. work before
that date.

10 March 98

I submit to modify
this particular order. It would
save trouble to all concerned
if it were done in the
usual manner.

R.S.
25 March 98

Another question arises. I
observe that the
Superintendent of the Estimated
Dept. a. C. No. 499 is to be
added. If the abbreviation is to emanate from
the P.W.D. it is for that
Dept. to decide the forms
it should take. The final
Dept. for both, because
the concession is not
intended to be permanent,
no addition to the C.S.R.
is required. This is not
the view taken of
these cases as the following
entries in Appendix 26th
clearly show.
No. 195.
" 206
Moreover it is not quite
certain that the concession
will not be permanent.
The concession is owing to
the character of the
country and should be in
force so long as that remains
the same. It is for an in-
definite period.

R.S.

SAW

Is there any information as to the date of Mr. Somers Eve's taking over the Water Supply project?

R.S.
10 Marg 58

CAW

We have no report of the date on which Mr Somers Eve actually assumed charge of the works.

Gp. No 47 W.S. 10-1-58 ordering him to carry out is best up. This Gp. was despatched S.S.-IV circle on 21-1-58, & must have reached my Towns Eve some days after the latter date.

Cn
11/3/58

RK

Please send the original of the G.O. (& file) on Mr. Somers Cox's application for horse allowance.

N.S.
20 June 98

CAW Ep. No. 1398 W & 3.6.98 H was sent to HC for No. 1072 & 15.6.98 from the Supt. of W. Light H. Div on 20.6.98.

M 22/6/98

HC
M 23 June 98

C. A. W.

The G. O. in question was put up with the application from the S. of W. Light House Division for the grant of compensation allowance to Conductor Cope and this paper was submitted to you yesterday for disposal.

You called for the G.O. for the new paper but my requisition was of earlier date

HC Mr 23/6/98.

Loretto.
Ooty
30/4/98

My dear Clinton.

I return with
thanks the papers ~~with~~ in
connection with my claim
for House allowance. I am
afraid it has been a lot
of bother, but I do think
the principle is worth
fighting for. I do not see

why we should pay
for. to comodore jones
on our pockets. The
pay is not good enough
for that.
I have put up a short
note to that effect.

Yrs truly
J. F. Somerset

May I remind you
about getting orders

Note by Mr. T. F Somerset on his application for horse allowance.

(1.) I submit that I cannot do my work at all without one horse, & not properly without two.

(2.) I further submit that my pay is not supposed to cover travelling expenses on behalf of Government, & that the C. S. R. are framed with that intent, & that art 1178 is provided to cover such special cases as the one under reference.

(3.) Supposing my stay here extends as it probably will until January next- I shall have been here 22 months, & during that time I shall have spent ~~Rs~~ 22 × 33 × 2 = Rs 1452. I consider the services of half one of my horses may be said to have been used for my own private uses, & I ~~am~~ shall be thus $\frac{3}{2}$ × 1452 = Rs 968 out of pocket for money actually expended in Government work.

This I consider to be an undoubted hardship

4. My ponies are not used for any sporting purposes whatever.

5. I would beg to bring to notice the precedent of the Ex. Eng. at Cuddapah being granted a horse allowance under similar circumstances.

6. As previously stated I consider that the services of 1½ horses are devoted to the work & work alone, & perhaps a fair allowance would be Rs 49-8 or say Rs 50 would be a fair charge.

7. I beg a reconsideration of the Chief Engineers opinion about the charge being only admissible from the date of taking over the water works. I was originally ordered to make estimates for the drainage of Ootacamund, a

it was quite necessary for me to make myself acquainted with the whole of the ~~of~~ its surroundings, & this I have endeavoured to do.

8. I respectfully urge that it is wrong in principle to expect Government Officers to pay for Government work from their own pockets.

J. F. Somerset.
30/4/98.

9. The area under inspection is from ½ a mile beyond Kendal to Kodaikanal, & from Charing Cross to occasionally Dodabet Reservoir & the new Hamelock Road.