Public Works (1898) Department.

G.O., No. 283 W

DATED 3rd February 1898

2 C.P. 3568/04.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Mr. J.H. Stephens, Sub-Engr. 1st grade, & Hony: Asst. Engr.:

Declining, with remarks, to sanction the grant of a second periodic increment of Rs 50 per mensem to —.

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BACK PAPERS.

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Ms Gen. order

His Excy. the Governor

DEPARTMENT.

Papers to be read in proceedings :—

189 , No.

Again G.O., dated 189 , No.

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Current No. 40 of 1898, dated 3.1.98, from the S.E. III Circle

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No. 283 W. 3.2.98

A.S.H. 30.1.98

ORDER.

The Supdg. Engr. III Circle recommends the grant of a second periodic increment of Rs 50 per mensem to Mr J. H. Stephens, Sub Engr. 1st Grade, & Hony. Asst. Engr., under the provisions of para 18 Chapter I, Vol I P.W. Code.

2 These increments are given for exceptionally good, meritorious service. H.E. the Governor in Council considers that Mr Stephens' record, when in charge of a sub division at Madras, does not

fulfil this condition, and therefore declines to grant the second increment.

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S.S. III Circle ✓

Copy to Mr J. H. Stephens ✓
(Whannel's Road
Egmore)

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H.E: 28-1-98 R 1-2-98.

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Note for H.E. the Governor

His Excy's note of 20.1.98

As stated in para 3 of my note of 18th inst, the papers relating to the charges brought by Mr Harris against Mr Stephens in connection with works at Govt. House are already in the file —

The paper flagged C. is Mr Harris' first letter on the subject; that flagged D is Mr Stephens' explanation; that flagged F, contains Mr Harris' further remarks, & the memo flagged G is the

Chief Engineer's final disposal of the matter.

Mr Stephens has been called on for explanation with reference to his statements about Mr Ghose. As ordered by His Exy. the present file will stand over until the conclusion of the inquiry.

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Public Works DEPARTMENT.

C. No. 40

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

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

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

SUBJECT.

Grant of the 2nd increment of Rs 50 per mensem to Mr J. H. Stephens.

FOR ORDERS.

In the first place, I must see the papers dealing with Mr Stephens' shortcomings while in charge, last year and the year before, of Govt. House Works. In the second, this matter must stand over until the enquiry as to the imputations of motives against Mr Ghose has been disposed of.

A.GH 20.1.98

The Supdg Engineer III Circle recommends the grant of the second increment of Rs 50 per mensem to Mr J.H. Stephens Sub Engineer and Honorary Assistant Engineer, because he has served for ten years in the first grade of Sub Engineer and has done very good service during the late famine.

2. The rules for the grant of this increment will be found in Code Vol: I Chap, I para 18, & Mr Stephens has drawn the first increment for the last 5 years.

3. The increments are given "on account of exceptionally good service," and Mr Stephens record fulfils this condition

with the exception of a very serious charge made against him in March 1897 by the present Consulting Architect. The details of this charge and Mr Stephens reply thereto will be found at flags C. D & E and the Chief Engineer's disposal of the case will be found at flag S.

4. It will be seen that Col Campbell considered that Mr Stephens had been guilty of careless and lax supervision but not of dishonesty, and punished him by transferring him to famine duty, where he acquitted himself exceedingly well.

5. I have had grave doubts as to whether the above blot on Mr Stephens otherwise excellent record justified me in recommending the grant of the second increment, and I have consulted Mr Harris on the subject. He assures me that Mr Stephens was much overburdened with work at the time complained of, and had

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6. The point that impresses m most in the above evidence is the tribute to the accurac of Mr Stephens measurement and I consider that this affor very conclusive proof that Colonel Campbell's decision in t case was a sound one, and that Mr Stephens was not guilty of the more serious ch laid against him.

I therefore consider that I am justified in recommendi the grant of the second incremen and submit the case for His Excelle favourable consideration.

J. B. W

PRIVATE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNOR · MADRAS ·

GOVERNMENT HOUSE
Madras
25th Jany 1898.

My dear DeWinton,

His Excellency would like to see you about the accompanying file on Thursday the 27th Inst at 12 o'clock noon, if that day & hour will suit you.

Will you please bring the file back with you then?

Yours sincerely

Cuo. Ho. Pwd.

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for having completed the new High Court buildings with a substantial saving on the estimate –

During 1896-97, about Rs 68,000 were spent on new works & repairs to Govt. House Madras – Some of the work in the main building was of an intricate & dangerous character – Mr Stephens was at the same time supervising the Law College buildings, & important repairs to the Secretariat buildings in the Fort, the Accountant General's office & the Revenue Board buildings –

The work at Govt. House was carried [illegible] & day, weekly

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D.W.

I have seen H.E. on this subject this morning, & he declines to grant the second increment. Please draft following order –

These increments are given for exceptionally good, meritorious service. H.E. the Governor in Council considers that Mr Stephens' second, when in charge of a subdn at Madras does not fulfil this condition, and therefore declines to grant the second increment.

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if desired, it will be sent to H.E. for formal approval.

It is within your discretion either to issue it, or first submit to His Excy.

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Send it.

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sent 29.1.98

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progress reports were required, & constant telegrams were received from Administrator to urge on completion before His Excy's return.

Mr Stephens was on privilege leave from ~~[illegible]~~ 8.4.96 to 6.7.96, during which period some of the work complained of was carried out.

Between the date of completion of the works & the date of C.A.'s report, 2 many months had elapsed, & the N.E. monsoon had given under 53 inches of rain.

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~~Inasmuch~~ as to whether the grant of the increment may be recommended for Govt. sanction.

The code rule on the subject is para 18, chapter I, vol I.

Mr Stephens received his first increment ~~five~~ years ago.

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Mr Stephens record in C.A. Dy. has not good I believe?
What was wrong?

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W Mr Harris' charge

C.A./58 960—23-2-97.

Public Works Department,
Consulting Architect's Office,
Chepauk, Madras,
26th Jany 1898

My dear de Winton

Here is statement for last 4 years you ask for:—

94/95 is worked to 17/- } both
95/96 " — — 65/- } very close.

and In Octr/96 — I took up 96/97 Estes:— Special repair Este was for inserting new Items &c. after the scare:— was worked up to before.

ent:—

A. Repair 26890/- was nearly so according to bills submitted me — on my entrenchment, expenditure was very greatly reduced — contractors accepted my interpretations — the total reached 17376/-

My estimate made after consultation with A.E. was for this year 6748/-
I have expended to date — Rs 5752/-
Acct. tells me 200/250 outstanding.

I cannot work A/R Estimates for such places to within a few rupees — I never have, & never shall.

It is fair to Mr Stephens to

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against Mr Stephens will be found in the paper flagged C.

Mr Stephens' explanation is flagged D, & Mr Harris' further remarks F. The Chief Engr's final disposal is flagged S. The Chief Engr acquitted Mr Stephens of any dishonest intention, & ascribed the bad work complained of to carelessness & lax supervision.

Mr Stephens served in C.A. division from Jany 1883 to March 1897. Up to the report in connection with Govt. House work in March 1897, he was never adversely reported on. He was always R in the half yearly rolls, & Mr Irwin recommended him for a special bonus

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HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

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

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

SUBJECT.

~~Fair~~

FOR ORDERS.

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This should go to H.E. surely?

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W The draft having been framed on His Ex's personal orders, was marked "from orders".

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SUBJECT.

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THE HON'BLE SIR HENRY BLISS, K.C.I.E.
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17-1-98

Public Works (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 40

From The Supdg. Engineer
3. Circle
Bellary

Order

No. 5329W

Dated 3-1-98
Received } 4-1-98
Registered }
Enclosures 1
Spare copies

SUBJECT.

Mr J. H. Stephens
Asst. Engineer—
Recommends 2nd increment of Rs 50 to — from 1-1-98.

W. B. de Winton Esq
C.A.

Consulting Architect to Government, Madras.

BACK PAPERS.		FURTHER PAPERS.	
No.	Date.	No.	Date.
5250C	4-12-97 ✓		
4744C	15-11-97 ✓		
3915C	20-5-97 ✓		
2312C	1-5-97 ✓		
1944C	3-4-97 ✓		
1721C	25-3-97 ✓		
1280C	6-3-97 ✓		
49W	8-1-96 ✓		
3154W	24-11-91 ✓		
1599W	9-6-90 ✓		
162D	21-5-90 ✓		
2301W	11-9-86 ✓		
3620C	23-8-97 ✓		
822D	15-7-97 ✓		
397W	9-2-97 ✓		
4142C	16-11-96 ✓		

From Major E. A. Wallos R E
Offg: Examiner P. W. accounts
Madras.

To
The Executive Engineer
Kurnool Division

No 3827 B/E Madras 7th December 1897

Sir,

With reference to your letter No 4324 dated 29th ultimo, I have the honor to state that Mr: J. H. Stephens Assistant Engineer (Honorary rank) will complete 10 years service in the 1st grade of Sub Engineers on the 5th December 1897, but will be entitled to his 2nd periodic increment from 1st January 1898 only vide P. W. D. code 1.1.18 (IV)

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedt: Servant.
(Sd) E. A. Walloo Major R.E.
Offg: Examiner P. W. Accounts

(True Copy)
(Sd) R. Dechazal
for Exe: Engr
Kurnool Dn.

(True Copy)

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day, that he expected the Special Repairs to make a mess of the place – & so he met this by making a rather special A/R Vote.

Chis David

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Copy of letter No. 4522 dt 14th/15 Decbr: 97 from the Executive Engineer Kurnool Division to the Superintending Engineer III Circle Bellary

I have the honour to report that Mr: J. H. Stephens Assistant Engineer completed on 5th Decbr: 97 ten years in his present permanent grade of Sub Engineer and as he did very good service during the late famine I recommend he be given his second increment of Rs 50 according to P.W.D. Code Vol. I. I. 18 from 1st January 1898.

2. I beg to enclose copy of letter No. 3827 D/E dated 7th December 97 from the Examiner P.W.D. to the effect that Mr: Stephens has completed the necessary 10 years service in his present grade.

P.T.O.

No 5329W of 3d January 1898

Copy forwarded to the Chief Engineer P.W.D with a request that he will be good enough to sanction the increment recommended by the Executive Engineer.

J Ch[illegible]
Superintending Engineer
[illegible] III Circle

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23/12/97