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Government of Madras.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
PENSION DEPARTMENT.

18th June 1880, No. 594.

Bonus to Public Works Officers.

Read the following paper:—

Despatch from the Secretary of State for India, No. 21, dated 15th April 1880.

Transferred to the Pension Department for disposal.

OOTACAMUND, (Signed) R. H. SANKEY, Colonel, R.E.,
10th May 1880. Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

Referred to the Accountant-General for report.

OOTACAMUND, (Signed) LORNE A. CAMPBELL,
15th May 1880. Under Secretary to Government.

From A. C. TUPP, Esq., Officiating Accountant-General, to the Secretary to Government, Pension Department, dated Ootacamund, 5th June 1880, No. 374-N.

2 Treasury Accountant Department

With reference to the endorsement, No. 797, dated 15th May 1880, on the Secretary Public Works Department's letter, No. 59, with regard to the delay in the payment of the bonus awarded to Mr. Lyon, Executive Engineer, I have the honor to state that the original order in Mr. Lyon's case, dated the 3rd December 1879 (but not received by me till the 16th December 1879), directed that the bonus should be payable at London.

2. As this was contrary to the provisions of the Resolution of the Government of India on the subject, I pointed out that the bonus should be made payable at Madras. Government adopted this view, and on the 21st January 1880 I received another order (with the same number and date as the former one) making the bonus payable at Madras.

3. Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co., Mr. Lyon's agents, had been informed on the 12th December 1879 that the bonus had been ordered to be paid at London and that it could not be paid at Madras pending the further orders of Government.

4. On the 20th January, one day before receipt of the revised Order above mentioned, I received G.O., No. 114, of the 19th January 1880, which communicated letter of the Government of India, No. 65-G, of the 7th January. This letter stated that "the gratuity admissible is payable only in India. I am to request that this may be observed in future cases."

5. It was, therefore, thought that the Government of India did not wish to interfere with the orders of the Madras Government in this particular case or as regards the past at all, but merely gave a direction as regards future cases.

6. It was, therefore, thought that there was nothing to be done till we heard from London as to whether the bonus had been paid there, and that it would be safer to wait in order to avoid the risk of double payment. There is no doubt that, when the second order directing payment in Madras was received on the 21st January, the orders of the Madras Government should have been taken as to whether this order

was to be carried out at once or whether we were to wait for information from London as to whether the gratuity had been paid or not, and I regret that this was not done; but the delay in payment was not caused by any oversight or carelessness, but by the belief that no action should be taken till information was received from London. Directly Mr. Lyon's letter of 11th February was received by me on the 5th March asking that the bonus might be paid to his agents here, the matter was taken up and his agents were requested to file a power of attorney in order to be able to receive the money. This they were, however, unable to do as Mr. Lyon had not provided them with one.

7. However, as it was necessary that the payment should be made before the end of the financial year, I finally agreed to accept an indemnity bond from the agents instead of a power of attorney, and the amount was paid to them on the 25th March.

8. The delay after the 5th March was therefore due to Mr. Lyon, and the delay from 21st January to 5th March was partly due to Mr. Lyon not having addressed this office and stated that he had not drawn the amount in London: directly he did this, it was paid to his agents.

ORDER THEREON, 18th June 1880, No. 594.

Ordered that the foregoing explanation from the Accountant-General be forwarded to the Secretary of State.

(True Extract.)

Under Secy. to Govt.

To the Financial Department.
Accountant-General.

Edw. J. W. Richey

17th February 1880

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with reference to the letter from this office of the 11th ultimo, I am directed by the Secretary of State for India in Council to acquaint you that a letter has now been received from the Government of Madras from which it appears that orders have been issued by that Government under which the gratuity awarded to you on retirement has been made payable in Madras.

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G.O., 18th June 1880, No. 594.

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Boards to Public Works Officers.—The Accountant-General's explanation respecting payment of bonus of Mr. Lyon, Executive Engineer, to his agents, Messrs. Arundell and Co., ordered to be forwarded to the Secretary of State.

(Copy)

Buckhurst Hill

Bch March 1880.

To

The Under Secretary of State,
for India.

Sir,

The letter dated 17th ultimo from the Financial Secretary informs me that orders have been issued by the Madras Government under which the gratuity awarded to me on retirement has been made payable at Madras. The date of this order is not given but as the post is twenty one days between Madras & London, the letter to the Secretary of State from the Madras Government in which the fact of the passing of the order is stated would be dated about 25th January and the "order" was of course previous to this. I beg however to subjoin extract of a letter dated 19th Febry 1880 from Messrs Aubuchnot & Co, my agents at Madras, and which I have

have just received
as to the remittance of £100 which you ask for, you will have gathered from previous letters that we cannot send you this as your bonus and compensation allowance have been made payable to you in London.

From which it is clear that up to the 19th February, my bonus had not been paid to my agents although I left instructions with them to receive it, and wrote to the accountant General, before I left Madras, asking him to pay Messrs Aubuchnot & Co, immediately orders should be passed.

as I am put to the utmost inconvenience for want of money which ought to have been paid to me on or about the 1st October last the date of my retirement, and as the delay is through no fault of mine, but owing to the mistake of the Madras Government, I have now

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the honor to request that you will be graciously pleased to authorize the advance of £50 to be returned immediately on receipt of the £100 from my Agents in Madras who have orders to send this sum as soon as my bonus is paid to them.

4. I have already lost nearly 6 months interest on Rs 4000 which at 4 p.c. would be Rs 90, and I do not think I should be called upon to borrow money here and pay interest thereupon pending the payment of what is due to me by the Madras Government

5. I shall be much obliged for an early reply to this letter.

I have etc,

(Sgd) H. Lyon

late Es-Ing, Madras P.O.

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no. 9.
Copy Correspondence with
Mr. H. Lyon.

Referred to in Financial Letter to
Madras, No. 21, dated 15th April 1880.
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India Office,
London, 15th April 1880.

Financial,
No. 21.

To His Excellency The Most Noble The Governor in
Council, Fort St. George.

MY LORD DUKE,

Para. 1. In your Letter of the 22nd January last, No. 3, you informed me that, subsequent to the despatch of your Letter of the 12th December 1879, No. 23, it was brought to your notice that the Government of India had ruled that gratuities admissible to officers retiring under the scheme for the reduction of the Public Works Department should be paid in India, and that you had accordingly issued a revised order, making the gratuity awarded to Mr. H. Lyon payable in Madras.

* Letter to Mr. Lyon, dated 17th February 1880.
Ditto from ditto, dated 13th March 1880.

2. I now transmit a copy of correspondence with that officer* in reference to the payment of his gratuity, from which it would appear that, up to the 19th February 1880, at least four weeks subsequent to the date of your revised order, his gratuity had not been issued to his agents.

3. The delay of the officers of your Government in regard to this matter involves considerable hardship to Mr. Lyon, and I request that I may be furnished with an early explanation of the circumstances under which it has arisen. Under the representation made by him, I have thought it right to give him assistance to the extent of 50% as an advance, which will be adjusted by him in this country.

I have the honour to be,

My Lord Duke,

Your Grace's most obedient humble Servant,

Cranbrook

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15th April 1880.

The
Letter to Lord St. George
No. 21.

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No. 59.

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Despatch from the Secretary
of State for India, No. 21 dated
15 April 1880.

Transferred to the
Pension Department, for despatch.

W. Lawkey Esq.
10th May/80.
Sent to Lord St. George
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To the Pension Dept.

W. Lawkey

Treasury Dept.

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Cotacamund
Accounts General's Office
5th June 1880.

No 3742

From
The Accountant General
to the Government of Madras.
To The Secretary to Government
Pension Department
Cotacamund.

Sir,

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Yours
W. J. P.

Cotacamund
May 15th 1880

Referred to the Accountant General
for report.

Transferring for
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the Government to
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regarding the delay
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bonus awarded on
reference to the
of the Public Works Dept.
Cotacamund

Cotacamund 1880
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I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obed^t. Serv^t,

J. Bottrell Esq.
Off^r Accounts General.

London 1880 Sept

From Mr. W. G. S.
The Accountant General
to
the Army & Navy
Department

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Regarding the charge
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the Agents General
the Engineer to
the Agent General
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The order 594

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Order No. 187 June 1880 594.

Order that the foregoing
explanations from the Accountant General
be forwarded to the Secretary of
State.

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