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Political DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Political Department, from 11th to 17th May 1859.

No. 6. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Financial Department, dated 3rd May 1859, No. 256.

(*Vide* Financial Proceedings, 3rd May 1859, Nos. 12 & 13.)

(*Communicate correspondence from the Government of India respecting the remuneration to be paid to an Invalid Officer employed in the Civil Department in addition to his Military Allowances.*)

No. 7. ORDER THEREON, 12th May 1859, No. 294.

To be recorded.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. A. P. W. Begbie.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Government of India, in the Financial Department, under date the 11th March 1859, No. 2293.

Read the following:—

Office Memorandum from the Officiating Under Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department; to the Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department,—(No. 120, dated Fort William, 10th January 1859.)

General, Establishments.

In forwarding to the Financial Department the accompanying letter from the Secretary to the Chief Commissioner of the Punjab, with the papers noted in the margin, regarding a claim preferred by Captain Thompson of the Invalid Establishment, for remuneration on account of his services as cashier of the Hill Roads, Department of Public Works, the undersigned would observe that the case involves a general principle applicable to all Departments, and therefore refers the matter to the Secretary in the Financial Department, for consideration and orders.

Secretary, Chief Commissioner, Nos. 321-1766, *dated 29th October* 1858, *with one enclosure, and demi-official letter from Officiating Chief Engineer, Punjab.*
Cons. 24th July 1857, *Nos.* 14 *to* 18, *and a K. W.*
„ *8th January* 1858, *Nos.* 65 *to* 67.
„ *30th April* 1858, *Nos.* 39 *and* 40.
(*To be returned.*)

A. FRASER, Captain,
Offg. Under Secretary to the Government of India.

From R. TEMPLE, Esq., Secretary to Chief Commissioner for the Punjab; to Captain H. YULE, Officiating Secretary to Government of India, with the Governor General,—(Nos. 321-1766, dated Lahore, 29th October 1858.

Public Works.
General Establishments.

I am directed to forward for the consideration and orders of the Right Honorable the Governor General, copy of a letter, No. 2906, dated 13th instant, from the Officiating Chief Engineer.

2. Captain Thompson, an Officer on the Invalid Establishment at Simla, was, with the concurrence of the Chief Engineer, appointed by Captain Briggs, the cashier of the Hill Roads Division of Public Works, on a salary of Company's Rupees 100 per mensem. But by Government resolution in the Financial Department of the 8th January last, it is ruled that the Military Allowances of retired Officers in Civil employ shall be merged in their Civil Allowances. In this particular instance, however, Captain Thompson's Military Allowances *exceed* his Civil Allowances, and by the application of the foregoing resolution, he would not be entitled to any extra pay for performing the duties of cashier.

3. The Chief Commissioner would observe that in the first instance this appointment seems to have been made without due authority, inasmuch as in the new code the highest rate of salary allowed for a cashier is but 50 Rupees per mensem. But still the Chief Commissioner considers that Captain Thompson is undoubtedly entitled to some remuneration for the trouble and expence entailed on him in performing the duties of cashier to the Hill Roads Division.

From Lieutenant Colonel E. L. OMMANNEY, Officiating Chief Engineer, Punjab; to R. TEMPLE, Esq., Secretary to the Chief Commissioner, Punjab,—(No. 2906, dated Lahore, 13th October 1858.)

Central Office Account.

Captain Thompson of the Invalid Establishment was appointed by Captain Briggs to fill the place of cashier of his Division, and his appointment was approved by the Officiating Chief Engineer and communicated in letter, No. 1533, dated 1st July 1858.

2. The first charge for his salary appeared in Captain Briggs' muster roll for July 1858, and was retrenched by this Office for want of a certificate shewing the amount of his monthly pension to enable this Office to make the deduction prescribed by Government in resolution, No. 88, dated 8th January 1858.

3. Lieutenant Houchen, Officiating Superintendent, Hill Roads, in his letter, No. 287, dated 7th ultimo, (copy of which is herewith annexed) requests sanction to submit a Contingent Bill for Rupees 200 on account of Captain Thompson's allowance as a cashier for July and August 1858, and solicits further instructions on this matter, as Captain Thompson cannot be expected to perform the duties of cashier without remuneration.

4. The case is a peculiar one, and is not provided for in the Government resolution referred to, as Captain Thompson's pay, as an Invalid Officer, is greater than his allowance of 100 as a cashier. It is therefore submitted for the orders of the Chief Commissioner, or, if necessary, for those of the Supreme Government.

From Lieutenant Colonel E. L. OMMANNEY, Officiating Chief Engineer, Punjab; to Captain H. YULE, Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, with the Governor General,—(dated Lahore, 15th November 1858.)

In reply to your note asking under what circumstances Captain Briggs was allowed to appoint Captain Thompson of Invalids a cashier at 100 a month, you will find on reference to the Tabular Statement sanctioned by the President in Council, dated 27th April 1858, Public Works Department, Fort William, that a cashier on 100 a month was included both in the present and proposed scale, the present scale having been previously sanctioned in Financial Department of Government of India's, No. 5360 of the 18th December of 1857. A Mr. Primrose, and afterwards Captain Thompson were employed as cashiers, until the stoppage of work about May 1857, when the latter's services were dispensed with by Captain Briggs and were not again made use of, until he received the orders for resumption of work on the Dugshaie Tunnel. As this work has again been suspended until the receipt of revised estimate for increasing the width of the tunnel to 15 feet, Captain Thompson's services have again been dispensed with.

The system, as personally explained to me by Captain Briggs, of having a well paid cashier to go over the road and works once a week to pay all the work people, answered well; Captain Briggs, I may here mention, had no treasure chest, treasure or even cash book in the ordinary acceptation of the term, but banked with the Deputy Commissioner at Simla who cashed all his drafts, and this is the system which I should like to see introduced in the Punjab generally, by which we should be able to do away with all Executive Engineers' treasurers and treasure guards, as has lately been proposed in Bengal.

I will take care that letters from this Office, are more explanatory in themselves in future.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT RESOLUTION.

Under the circumstances stated in the letter from the Secretary to the Government of the Punjab, No. 321, dated the 29th October last, the Governor General in Council is pleased to permit Captain Thompson of the Invalid Establishment at Simla to draw from the Civil Department, for the period during which he performs the duties of cashier of the Hill Roads Division of Public Works, the salary of which appointment is less than the Military Allowances of Captain Thompson, $\frac{1}{3}$ of such salary in addition to his Military Allowances.

As regards the General principle which the present case involves and which is adverted to by the Public Works Department in its Office Memorandum, No. 120, dated the 10th ultimo, the Governor General in Council remarks that cases of this kind (in which the salary of the appointment in which the Invalid Officer may be acting is less than his Military Allowances) will always be determined on their merits, on the understanding that the remuneration to be paid to an Invalid Officer employed in the Civil Department in addition to his Military Allowances shall never exceed $\frac{1}{3}$ of the salary of the Office to which he may be nominated.

* *Foreign, Home, and Military Departments.*
† *Bengal.*
N. W. Provinces.
Fort Saint George.
Bombay.
‡ *Civil Auditor, Fort William.*
„ *Fort Saint George.*
„ *Bombay.*
„ *Agra.*
„ *Punjab.*

Copy forwarded to the Public Works Department, for communication to the Government of the Punjab.

Copy forwarded to the Departments,* Governments† and Officers‡ noted in the margin, for information and guidance.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) C. HUGH LUSHINGTON,
Secretary to the Government of India.

ORDER THEREON, 3rd May 1859, No. 256.

Communicated to the several Departments of the Secretariat.

(True Extact.)

/signed/ L Peacock
Chief Secretary.

To the Public Works Department.
„ Revenue „
„ Military „
„ Public „
„ Judicial „
„ Railway „
„ Political „
„ Ecclesiastical „
„ Marine „

Exd. A. P. W. Begbie.

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