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Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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No. 363. Read the following Endorsement of the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, dated 23rd November 1870, No. 1,734 :—

From the Officer in charge of Cuddapah Range, to the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, dated Cuddapah, 5th November 1870, No. 769.

In acknowledging the receipt of G. O., No. 2,187, dated 12th September 1870, I respectfully beg to make the following remarks thereon, and request that the same may be submitted to Government.

2. In their Order the Government state that I am not entitled to the allowance claimed "under the operation of the rules promulgated with G. O., No. 1,823, dated 30th June 1865;" but to this I respectfully reply that I am fairly entitled to the allowance under the operations of Circular No. 3,061, of 20th September 1869, quoted by me in my last letter, and even the Controller has been unable to point out any rule to the contrary, as he simply gives it as his opinion only (*vide* paragraph 2 of his letter) that I am not entitled to the allowance..

3. Referring to the concluding portion of the G. O. under reference which runs, "and looking to the insignificant expenditure on public works, the control of which devolved upon Mr. O'Ratigan during the time in question, the Government see no reason to make any exception in his favour," I beg to submit the following explanation, as I consider that the charge made against me by the Controller requires to be defended; and, if I am not able to exonerate myself from blame, that Government are justified in taking the view that they have done of my case. Now, this portion of the Order I interpret to mean that had I made a larger expenditure, Government would have been disposed to look favourably on my claim, but as I have not done so, I am not therefore entitled to any special consideration.

4. To the above I reply that I have been as careful as possible with my expenditure, making as sure as I could that I obtained a fair value for the funds expended. I regret, therefore, that Government should make this the grounds of not acceding to my request, especially as my claim is based on a letter dated four years subsequently to that quoted by the Controller, which has been forwarded for guidance as well as information. I may also I think state without fear of contradiction that had any other officer of the department occupied my position during the period in question, his expenditure would not have been more satisfactory. As you are aware I have been in camp during the greater portion of the period in question, and certainly during the whole of my service I have never experienced one-sixth of the amount of trouble that it has been my lot to undergo in the ordinary discharge of my duty during these few months. It is very easy to expend funds, but it is not so easy to be tolerably sure that a fair return for the expenditure has been received; this, in my opinion, makes all the difference.

5. I might easily enter into particulars to show why a larger expenditure has not been made, as objected to by the Controller; you are, however, aware of the difficulties that had to be encountered, and so I will not say more on the subject.

6. I trust, therefore, that Government will be pleased to take the above into consideration, and also the fact that I have been in charge of two offices as well as incurring a double responsibility in the disbursement of moneys during the period

in question, and dispose of my claim accordingly. As I stated in my former letter, the Government will gain by the transaction after satisfying my claim.

FORWARDED for the consideration of Government.

(Signed) A. S. MOBERLY, Lieut.-Colonel, R.E.,
Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division.

No. 364. ORDER THEREON, 16th December 1870, No. 3,061.

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(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division.
,, Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

PW 1870 Dept

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From.

The Supg. Engr.
3° Dn.

Dated 23° Nov/70

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No. 1734.

Submitting a letter from Mr. O'Ratigan soliciting a re-consideration of the order on his claims to deputation allowance for the period during which he held charge of two Ranges Kathe the Cuddapah Dist.

for the period during which he held charge of two Ranges in the Cuddapah District, recorded.

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Dr. 3d Dn.
Controller Dept. 17/12/70.

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