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FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

1st March 1877, No. 764.

Famine Relief.

Read the following paper:—

No. 10. *From Colonel T. GILLILAN, Controller of Military Accounts, to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated Fort St. George, 6th February 1877, E.*

In forwarding letter from the Inspector-General of Ordnance and Magazines, No. 411-G, dated the 5th February 1877, I have the honor to state that the *batta* authorized in Proceedings of Government, No. 327, dated 22nd January 1877, does not appear to this office admissible to hired laborers in the Grand Arsenal, Gun-carriage and Gunpowder Factories, who receive pay for the actual number of working days only.

2. The above class of men, not being in the permanent establishment of the Ordnance Department, cannot ~~apparently~~ be recognised as servants of Government in the sense contemplated by the ruling of Government above referred to, it being optional with them to accept or not the daily wages offered.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From Colonel R. CADELL, C.B., Inspector-General of Ordnance and Magazines, to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated Fort St. George, 5th February 1877, No. 411-G.

Establishment Department.

I have the honor to bring to the notice of Government that, in the opinion of the Controller of Military Accounts, the general grant of *batta* to their servants on account of the present famine, ordered in Order of Government, No. 327, dated 22nd January 1877, does not include the hired laborers on daily pay in the Gun-carriage Factory, Grand Arsenal, and Gunpowder Factory.

2. In reality the great majority of these men, including one hundred at the Grand Arsenal (*vide* Order of Government, No. 1159, dated 28th March 1862), are permanently employed in lieu of a similar number of store laborers of the regular establishment.

3. At up-country stations all the coolies are similarly entertained. Practically, the same system obtains at the Gunpowder and Gun-carriage Factories. The same workmen are entertained day by day for many years, and the whole of their pay is settled and drawn monthly. Many of the workmen are skilled artificers, such as powder millmen, smiths, sawyers, painters and the like, who hold on principally in hopes of being at some time or other transferred to the regular establishment.

4. It was, I believe, principally with a view to reducing the pension rolls that the above system was introduced.

5. As these men, however, actually do the work of regular *employés*, and are in fact, though not so styled, really such themselves, and as they cannot work well on their present pay, I would most respectfully urge that Government would see fit to extend to them the benefits of the order granting the *batta* allowed to others.

No. 730.

Referred, with the Inspector-General's letter, to the Financial Department for the orders of Government as to whether the general grant of batta, sanctioned in Proceedings of Government (Financial), No. 41, dated 5th January 1877, is admissible to servants of the class described in this correspondence.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
8th February 1877.

(Signed) J. MICHAEL, Colonel,
Secy. to Govt., Mil. Dept.

To the Chief Secretary to Government.

No. 11.

ORDER THEREON, 1st March 1877, No. 764.

The Government do not see that any principle will be violated by extending the Government of India Order to the class of constant *employees* described other than ordinary day coolies if such there be among them. The alternative would be to raise the daily wage which would probably cost more and involve much complication as well as difficulty in eventual reduction again, but if the Controller wishes to urge his objections the Government desire that the difficulties be stated in detail.

(True Extract.)

J. Michael
Chief Secretary

To the Military Department.
„ Revenue (Famine) Department.
„ Accountant-General.

Exd. J. Wright.

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