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Read the following papers :—

No. 52. From Captain L. CONWAY-GORDON, R.E., Examiner of Public Works Accounts, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Fort St. George, 17th March 1877, No. 441 W.

With reference to the notification at page 316, Part II of the *Fort St. George Gazette* of the 20th February 1877, announcing the arrival at Nellore on the 6th idem of certain Non-Commissioned Officers of the Royal Engineers, detailed for duty on the East Coast Canal, I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to inform me of the capacity in which these men are to be employed, and whether their pay and allowances is to be charged to Famine Relief Funds.

2. Bills for the pay and allowances of these men have been submitted by the Executive Officers under whom they are employed, but in the absence of the information above applied for I am unable to audit the charge.

No. 52-A. Endorsement of the Examiner of Public Works Accounts, dated Fort St. George, 23rd March 1877, No. E. 260 N.L.

From J. O'SHAUGHNESSY, Esq., District Engineer, Nellore, to Captain L. CONWAY-GORDON, R.E., Examiner of Public Works Accounts, dated Nellore, 19th March 1877, No. 117.

In reference to the enclosed* (which I request may be returned), I have the honor to inquire if the military pay of the Non-Commissioned Officers of Royal

* From Corporal H. Tizzard.
Engineers appointed to duty on the Coast Canal in G.O., No. 328, dated the 25th January, is to be regulated by the rules of the Public Works Department in the same way as if they were regularly appointed as Overseers permanent or temporary.

2. The difference in the case in question, Rupees 14-2-1, is considerable, and there is much force in the arguments against the lesser amount only being granted. There is some mistake in regard to the promises said to have been made in Bangalore, which will be settled in communication with the Commanding Officer, Queen's Own Sappers and Miners. I did not intend that a consolidated pay of Rupees 90 should have been promised, but if any such promise has been distinctly made it must be fulfilled so long as the services of these Non-Commissioned Officers are required.

From Corporal H. J. TIZZARD, Queen's Own Sappers and Miners, to Major C. CHAMBERS, Queen's Own Sappers and Miners, Kottapatam, dated Rozapollum—

I beg respectfully to bring the following facts to your notice.

In the month of January last a letter was read to the Non-Commissioned Officers of the Sappers and Miners at Bangalore, asking for volunteers as Overseers on the East Coast Canal, and offering as an inducement Rupees 90 monthly in addition to our regimental pay.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
4th April 1877. No. 1,124.

I have received for February	RS.	A.	P.	instead of	RS.	A.	P.
23 days' pay at Rupees 60 per month	49	4	7	23 days at Rupees 90	73	14	10
Regimental pay and batta	28	7	6	Regimental pay	32	15	4
				G. O. pay	1	4	3
				Batta	8	6	0
Total	77	12	1	Total	116	8	5

leaving a balance due to me of Rupees 38-12-4.

It has been intimated that the pay offered is more than the Overseers Public Works Department are receiving, and for that reason we could not expect it, but the Overseers are permanently appointed; their time counts towards promotion to a higher grade; when they were appointed they received a Government allowance of Rupees 150 towards defraying expense of outfit, &c. Our engagement is temporary, liable to terminate at any moment. The expense incurred by us in joining our stations and procuring outfit, &c., is Rupees 200, which was borrowed by us, and which we have to repay out of salary received from Public Works Department; as there is no accommodation to be obtained here, we are at the expense of keeping a separate home for our wives and families at Bangalore, and as we still belong to the Corps of Sappers and Miners, I see no reason for reducing us to Line Corporal pay. Under these circumstances if we do not receive the pay offered (as an inducement to volunteer for an unpleasant job in a famine and cholera-stricken district) we are worse off in a pecuniary point than if we were doing duty at head-quarters, as we can barely exist and pay off our debt, in the five months the work is expected to last, on our present pay.

I most respectfully beg you will represent the above circumstances to the proper authorities.

FORWARDED for information and orders in continuation of this Office letter No. 441 W, dated 17th March 1877.

(Signed) L. CONWAY-GORDON, Captain, R.E.,
Examiner, Public Works Accounts.

No. 53. ORDER THEREON, 4th April 1877, No. 1,124.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 4.

With reference to G.O., No. 328, of the 25th January last, the following Non-Commissioned Officers, Royal Engineers, are appointed temporary Overseers, 3rd Grade, for employment on Famine Relief Works from the date of their arrival at Nellore:—

Serjeant McCormack.	Corporal Tizzard.
Do. Price.	Do. Deane.
Do. Balding.	Do. Baily.
	Do. Curtis.

2. As to the promises made to these Non-Commissioned Officers in the letter stated to have been read to them at Bangalore, the Government have no information, and no authority has apparently been given by Government for any such promises. If they were made in a letter addressed by the District Engineer to the Officer Commanding the Queen's Own Sappers and Miners, Mr. O'Shaughnessy should have appended a copy of that letter.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
4th April 1877. No. 1,124.

3. The Non-Commissioned Officers referred to must draw pay under the rules of the Public Works Department, as also allowances both ordinary and special (famine) under the rules which are applicable to men of corresponding departmental grade.

(True Extract.)

Lieut.-Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

To the District Engineer, Nellore.
" Examiner of Public Works Accounts.
" Military Department.
" Revenue "

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The DISTRICT ENGINEER,

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