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No. 121. Read the following endorsement of the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, dated Fort St. George, 21st March 1877, No. 150 W:—

From Major J. O. HASTED, R.E., Superintending Engineer, Kistna, to the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, Public Works Department, dated Masulipatam, 12th March 1877, No. 177.

I HAVE the honor to forward for your consideration a letter* from the Executive Engineer in charge of Famine Relief Works, Western Delta, requesting that famine allowances may be granted to him.

* No. 242, dated 6th March 1877.

2. As this officer has been brought down from Bengal at great expense to himself, and has to reside in a very inaccessible part of the district, where there is difficulty in procuring the necessaries of life, I think it reasonable that he should receive the same allowances as officers in the districts suffering more severely from famine.

3. The establishment, with the exception of three clerks lent from the permanent establishment, the pay of each of whom is above 20 Rupees a-month, receives famine batta at the rate of Rupees 1-8-0 per mensem. I am willing to grant these three men travelling allowance at the usual rate while they are absent from their head-quarters.

P.S.—Since writing the above I have received a letter* on the same subject from Mr. Brooks, Executive Engineer in

* No. 109, dated 10th March 1877.

charge of Famine Relief Works, Eastern

Delta, which I also submit for favorable consideration.

From E. DeGRONILLIERS, Esq., Executive Engineer in charge of Famine Relief Works, Western Delta, to Major J. O. HASTED, R.E., Superintending Engineer, Kistna, dated Camp, Kadakudrum, 6th March 1877, No. 242.

From the G.O., No. 108, of 13th January 1877, it appears that the Kistna District is excluded from the extra allowances granted to other officers in famine districts.

2. Having been sent down here from Bengal for the very purpose of famine work, I have the honor to request you to be good enough to bring this to the notice of Government.

3. I not only had to undergo great expenses in coming down here, but am still incurring such, everything being at famine prices, besides in the greatest discomfort imaginable.

4. The civilians transferred from Bengal to the famine districts, I see, have the same extra allowances as were given in the Behar famine, and I think it only fair that I should have the same privilege which was then ceded to me, viz, next higher grade pay and 50 per cent. extra travelling allowances.

5. In conclusion I beg that the establishment attached to the Western Delta Relief Works may also receive the extra allowance granted in other districts, as I can testify to their hard work, dearth of provisions, and uncomfortableness of their present situations.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
5th April 1877. No. 1,161.*

From F. G. BROOKS, Esq., C.E., Executive Engineer in charge of Famine Relief Works Eastern Delta, to the Superintending Engineer, Kistna District, dated Masulipatam, 10th March 1877, No. 109.

As intimation has been received from the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, Madras, that I am not entitled to "famine allowance," I have the honor to request you will be good enough to refer the question for the orders of Government.

2. I am brought from a distant province for temporary employment on strictly famine duty, on which there are more than ordinary risks and exposure, and attended with more than ordinary inconvenience and expense. I have to keep up extra establishment and make temporary arrangements for which I receive no compensation; and although I cannot claim the famine allowance as a right, I would respectfully submit that there are grounds on which it should be granted. Officers deputed for special duty out of their own province are, I believe, invariably granted extra allowances; and in the Bengal famine all officers on famine duty received the pay of the next grade, as well as more liberal travelling allowances, or an equivalent fixed allowance.

3. It is true that my work is only on the borders of the famine-stricken district proper, but where grain is only 8 to 10 seers per rupee it means a proportionate rise in other prices. The main ground, however, on which I submit my claim for the allowance is that I am temporarily placed on famine duty in this province, and I am a sufferer by it. The privilege, if granted, will be but a trifling addition to the cost of the famine, and not establish any precedent that would seriously affect the finance.

SUBMITTED for the consideration and orders of Government.

2. Messrs. DeGronsilliers and Brooks have been transferred to the Nellore District for employment on the East Coast Canal, and will from the date of joining be entitled to the special allowances granted to other officers employed in that district. The undersigned would however recommend that all Public Works Officers and subordinates who have been sent from other provinces for employment on Famine Relief Works should be allowed the salary of the next higher grade from date of arrival. This increase of pay appears to be but equitable, seeing that they cannot but have been put to considerable additional expense.

2. As regards travelling allowances such officers and subordinates should be, it is thought, on the same footing as the members of the regular establishments of corresponding rank.

(Signed) JOHN MULLINS, Lieut.-Col., R.E.,
Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

No. 122.

ORDER THEREON, 5th April 1877, No. 1,161.

ESTABLISHMENT No. 8.

HIS GRACE the Governor in Council is pleased to sanction the grant to all Public Works Officers and subordinates of other provinces, who have been sent to this Presidency for employment on Famine Relief Works, of the salary of the next higher grade, with effect from date of arrival. Sub-Engineers of the 1st grade will receive a deputation allowance of Rupees 75 a-month, there being no higher grade in the Upper Subordinate scale. This extra pay will be in lieu of special allowances which have been granted to Public Works Establishments in certain districts.

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2. No alteration can be made in the travelling allowances, which must be drawn according to actual rank in the department, under the rules applicable for the time being to members of corresponding rank in the Madras Public Works Department.
(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. Mullins Lieut.-Col., R.E.,
Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

/ True Copy /

C. S. Swales

Under Secretary to Govt P.W.D.,
Irrigation Branch

To District Engineers.
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By —, and intimating that no alteration can
be made in the travelling allowances rules.

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