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28th March 1861.

No. 79. Read the following letter from W. WATERFIELD, Esq., Officiating Civil Auditor, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 20th March 1861, No. 186.

I beg respectfully to draw the attention of Government to the practice of allotting the full salary of an office to the Acting Officer, whenever the situation is vacant or the amount otherwise available.

2. I am aware that the grant is quite within the province of the Local Government, but in Bengal the allowance is very rarely, if ever, bestowed, even in cases where the Officer is subsequently confirmed in the post, whereas here it seems to be claimed as a right rather than a special boon.

3. The point however to which I request more particular notice is the *extra* expense entailed upon Government by most of these appointments, although I believe the sole ground on which they are made is the existence of sufficient funds to meet the demand without any additional charge.

4. I will instance the two cases which have come before me most recently. The first is that of Lieutenant Palmer, Acting District Engineer of Trichinopoly. In G. O. 1,883 of the 6th September, Lieutenant Colonel Boileau was allowed to draw the full salary of Deputy Chief Engineer while this should be available: *but on the understanding that, in case of over-payment, an after adjustment would be made.* In No. 2,353 of the 13th November, Government acceded to the request of the Chief Engineer that Lieutenant Palmer might draw the full salary of District Engineer Trichinopoly, *subject to the same conditions.* Notwithstanding, when the acting allowances ceased to be available, and the saving which would otherwise have accumulated had been exhausted by the previous grants, the Government in their Order, No. 287 of the 11th ultimo, directed me to pass to Lieutenant Palmer as a special case a Deputation allowance which thus became an additional charge to the State.

5. The other example is that of Mr. Ballard, Acting Additional Principal Sudr Amin of Madura, G. O. No. 1,295 of 6th October. He and his superior, the Judge, evidently are under the impression that an Officer acting in a vacancy is *entitled* to full salary: and that my predecessor was wrong even in requiring the previous sanction of Government to the claim. As above, the entire sum available was drawn, and there were no funds from which to defray the allowances due to all the Officers who acted in succession to Mr. Ballard from the date of his vacating his temporary appointment to that of their relief.

6. I of course disallowed their claim to full pay for the period; but by the rules of the service was compelled to pass their half salaries as an extra charge against the Revenues.

7. I beg therefore to suggest that, if Government are still disposed to grant privileges of this description, they may in all cases be made strictly subject to the condition that should any extra expense be thereby entailed on the State an after-adjustment will be made.

No. 80. ORDER THEREON, 28th March 1861, No. 172

A copy of the foregoing letter will be furnished to the Public Works Department for consideration, in reference to the cases adverted to in paragraph 4

2. With respect to the cases of Uncovenanted Servants, the Government concur in opinion with the Civil Auditor that the grant of the full pay of an office to the acting incumbent should be made strictly subject to the condition "that should any extra expense be thereby entailed on the State, an after-adjustment will be made"—and this course will be adopted for the future.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F Cartledge

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Fixed Department

Civil Audit Office,
Port Louis, Ceylon,
20th March 1861.

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From,

W. Waterfield, Esq.

Off^r Civil Auditor.

To,

J. Pycroft, Esq.

Chief Secretary to
Government.

Sir,

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I will instance the two cases which have come before me most recently. The first is that of Lieut. Palmer, Acting District Engineer of Trichinopoly. In G. O. 1883 of the 6th September Lieut. Colonel Poileau was allowed to draw the full salary of Deputy Chief Engineer while this should be available: but on the understanding that in case of overpayment, an after adjustment would be made. In N. 2353 of the 13th November Government acceded to the request of the Chief Engineer that Lieut. Palmer might draw the full salary of District Engineer Trichinopoly, subject to the same conditions. Notwithstanding, when the acting allowances ceased to be available, & the saving which would otherwise have accumulated had been exhausted by the previous grants, the Government in their order N. 237 of the 11th Ultimo directed me to pass to Lieut. Palmer as a special case a deputation allowance which thus became an additional charge to the State.

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I of course disallowed their claim to full pay for the period: but by the rules of the service was compelled to pass the half salaries as an extra charge against Revenue.

I beg therefore to suggest that, if Government are still disposed to grant privileges of this description, they may in all cases be made strictly subject to the condition that should any extra expense be thereby entailed on the State an after adjustment will be made.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obed^t Servant,

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Off^r Civil Auditor

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