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No. 159. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 22nd August 1872, No. 5842 (Miscellaneous):—

Read the following letter from A. L. LISTER, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector of South Arcot, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Virdachellum, 24th July 1872.

I have the honour to apply for two-and-a-half months' privilege leave from or after the 15th March next.

2. I joined at Tindevanum on the 12th November 1870, so on the 15th March 1873 I shall have been on duty continuously for twenty-two months, plus six months, and, under the rules at present in force, only two months' privilege leave can be granted to me; so no more leave can be given me at the commencement of next hot weather than might be given on the 11th September, although I shall then have worked for a further period of six months.

3. I submit that this is a hardship, and I ask the Board of Revenue to move Government to get an alteration of the rule effected; Civil Servants and Officers in civil employ in India get less mental and bodily rest, I believe, than any class of men in the world; Chaplains and Military men in India can get sixty days' leave in the year, but officers in civil employ can only get thirty, though I suppose nobody will contend that the cure of souls, or doing general duty, is more enervating and fatiguing work, than collecting revenue and trying prisoners.

4. A Civil Servant, who has worked continuously for twenty-one months, can get no more privilege leave than one who has worked continuously for eleven months; I have heard many talk of the hardship of this, but it seems to me more decent to invoke the aid of the Board of Revenue—as it is a matter which does not affect Judicial Officers—than to spend my time, of which assuredly I have none to spare, in endeavouring to ascertain whether other Revenue Officers are willing to memorialize the Government of India on the subject.

5. I venture to submit, with no small degree of confidence, that a Revenue Officer, who has worked for twenty-one months, absolutely requires more rest of mind and body than one who has only worked for eleven months—not as a reward for past service, but to recruit and refresh him for further work. One month's leave, which perhaps gives three weeks' rest, is not sufficient.

6. The same alteration which was made about crediting furlough would probably be made about crediting privilege leave, if the Board of Revenue would befriend and plead for their hard-worked mofussil subordinates. If to every Civil Servant who had worked continuously for more than eleven and less than twenty-two months, or for more than twenty-two and less than thirty-three months, an additional week's privilege leave were credited for each three months of service beyond the eleven and the twenty-two months, respectively, our position in regard to privilege leave would be somewhat improved; and officers would take privilege leave when they felt their health demanded it, instead of trying to tide over a few months more in order to get another month.

7. I earnestly hope that the Board will not consider it presumptuous in one occupying the humble and subordinate position I do, asking their sympathy and aid in a matter which affects the health of so many of us; and I trust I may not be quietly put on the shelf with the remark that as it has been in the past so it must

be for the future, for the enormous increase of office work chains us to our desks almost as closely as Judicial Officers are tied, and we cannot give the time to shikar parties and other excursions which made the lives of our predecessors healthier and more pleasant.

8. Government point with satisfaction to the fact that the cost of Revenue Establishments is gradually decreasing in proportion to the receipts; the other side of the picture is that three Revenue Officers in the prime of manhood have died in the last six months, and that fourteen per cent. of the whole service is at present in England, on leave obtained upon medical certificate.

No. 241.

Forwarded for the favourable consideration of the Board and Government.

CUDDALORE,
5*th August* 1872.

(Signed) H. E. SULLIVAN,
Acting Collector.

No. 49.

Will be eligible to privilege leave, for two months, from or after 12th September next, and to three months from 12th August 1873, under Section 18 of the Civil Leave Code.

2. The declaration is not complete.

(Signed) W. DONALD,
10*th August* 1872. *Offg. Dy. Accountant-General.*

Mr. Lister's application for two-and-a-half month's privilege leave, from the 15th March 1873, will be submitted for the orders of Government.

2. Under the rules he will become entitled to two months' leave on the 12th September, and to no more until the 12th August 1873; but he urges that the rules should be modified so as to allow a week's leave to be placed at the credit of an officer for every three months' service in excess of the first eleven months' service which qualifies for one month's leave.

3. The Board fear that the suggestion may have been discussed and negatived before, but they hope that His Excellency the Governor in Council may be pleased to lay it before the Government of India with a favourable expression of opinion.

4. It will afford a well-deserved relief in many cases without increasing the number of officers absent from their appointments, or adding to the expenditure on leave allowances, and it will cause no inconvenience to the public service, because privilege leave is only granted "subject to the exigencies of the State."

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Secretary.

No. 160. ORDER THEREON, 12th October 1872, No. 1404.

The Governor in Council is not prepared to advocate the proposed change in the rules for privilege leave.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
12*th October* 1872.

2. Mr. Lister must renew his application for leave within two months of the date at which he proposes to avail himself of it.

(True Extract.)

Acting Under Secy. to Govt.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. J. Wright.

Govt. of {1872} Madras.

FINANCIAL.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated October, 12th.

Recd. *Encl.*

G. O., 12th October 1872, *No.* 1404.

OCTOBER.
Nos. 159-160.

Declining to advocate the proposed change in the rules for privilege leave, and stating that Mr. A. L. Lister, Acting Sub-Collector of South Arcot, must renew his application for leave within two months of the date at which he proposes to avail himself of it.

This Return to be Continued in the Gazette from the 1st of January 2008 to the 14th of March 1872.

This Return is signed by the Commissioners of Customs in the Port of London the 533 day of June 1868

DEPARTMENT. 1

No.

From

Dated 187

FOR ORDERS.

I must not forget to [illegible] the Return of Cattle, sheep &c. imported into this port in 1863 that we should have of the number of Cattle &c. for the quarter ended the 29th February 1863 and the month of 23rd Dec. 1869

I am much displeased to see in the Gazette Mr. Hallett. He only officially sent the Return which is required to be sent 5th Jan. of the Quarter 1st Day.

Subject must be a question there entered to the proposed change, it will appear necessary that the first should have power to transfer appeals wrongly entered to the proper Court, or to the Court of Common Pleas, or the Court of Errors and Appeals, as the case may be.

I doubt if the Rule first will be listened to any further to alter the Common Rules - but I think the System of this plan would have the best chance - as it would be no change of principle. When the Common Rules

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were first enacted in 1863 I was entrusted with the Act to draft one of the Enabling Act - Privilege Cases. I do to Still - but in lieu of allowing Circuit Courts to hold Courts during Vacation & holidays would make a large hole in the working year - I would allow first to five private Cases in Judicial Circuit to 3 months or 3/4 of 1 year - or two Cases being shown. The 30 days Privilege to Cases can be changed to it is not necessary to assume that every man taking it must go to the Hills - On the other hand a man may go privately - for his own sake or that of his family - and go to more than home - for which he might

Entitled to submit
to same reduction
of leave. At present
unless a man has
accumulated privilege
leave, he is allowed
same as us - for 6
months - in the
whole course of
his service.

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I declare that I have no
intention of taking, within three
months of my return to duty,
furlough, Special leave, or leave
on medical certificate.

Allister
Ag Sub Collector

Miscellaneous No. 5842. Revenue Department

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue,
dated 22d August 1872

Read the following

No.

From

A. L. Lister Esqr.
Ag. Sub Collector of
South Arcot.

To J. Grose Esqr.
Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

Sir,

I have the honor to apply for five and a half months' privilege leave from or after the 15th March next.

2. I joined at Tindevanum on the 13th November 1870, so on the 15th March 1873, I shall have been on duty continuously for 22 months, plus six months, and under the rules at present in force, only two months privilege leave can be granted to me; so no more leave can be given me at the commencement of next hot weather than might be

be given on the 11th September, although I shall then have worked for a further period of six months.

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4. A Civil Servant who has worked continuously for 21 months, can get no more privilege leave than one who has worked continuously for 11 months; I have heard many talk of the hardship of this, but it seems to me more decent to invoke the aid of

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of the Board of Revenue — as it is a matter which does not affect Judicial officers — than to spend my time, of which assuredly I have none to spare, in endeavouring to ascertain whether other Revenue officers are willing to memorialize the Government of India on the subject.

5. I venture to submit, with no small degree of confidence, that a revenue officer who has worked for 21 months, absolutely requires more rest of mind and body than one who has only worked for eleven months; not as a reward for past service, but to recruit and refresh him for further work; one months leave, which perhaps gives three weeks rest, is not sufficient.

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7. I earnestly hope that the Board will not consider it presumptuous in one occupying the humble and subordinate position I do, asking their sympathy and aid in a matter which affects the health of so many of us; and I trust I may not be guiltly put on the shelf with the remark that as it has been in the past so it must be for the future, for the enormous increase of office work chains us to our desks almost as closely as Judicial officers are tied, and we cannot give the time to Shikar parties and other excursions which made the lives of our predecessors healthier and more pleasant.

8. Government point with satisfaction to the fact that the cost of Revenue establishments is gradually decreasing in proportion to the receipts; the other side of the picture is that three revenue officers in the prime of manhood have died in the last six months, and that 14 per cent of the whole service is at present on England, on leave obtained upon medical certificate.

I have &c.

South Arcot, Sub Coll.r's Office
Viridachellum 24 July 1872

/signed/ A. L. Liclé
Sub Collector.

Forwarded

No. 241.

Forwarded for the favorable consideration of the Board and Government.

Collector's office
Cuddalore
5th August 1872.

/signed/ A. E. Sullivan
Ag: Collector

No. 49.

Will be eligible to Privilege leave for two months from or after 12th September next, and to three months from 12th August 1873, under section 18 of the Civil Leave code.

The declaration is not complete.

10th August 1872.

/signed/ W. Donald.
Offg: Dy Accts General

Mr. Lister's application for two and a half months privilege leave from the 15th March 1873 will be submitted for the orders of Government.

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The Board fear that the suggestion may have been discussed and negatived before, but they hope that His Excellency the Governor in Council may be pleased to lay it before the Government of India with a favorable expression of opinion.

It will afford a well deserved relief in many cases without increasing the number of officers absent from their appointments, or adding to the expenditure on leave allowances, and it will cause no inconvenience to the public service.

Because Privilege Leave is only granted subject

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"subject to the exigencies of the State."

(True Copies & Extract)

J. Grote

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To The Chief Secretary to Government
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with 1 Enclosure

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No. 2037

Submitting for orders of Govt. application of Mr. Lister, Ag. Sub-Coll^r of S. Arcot, for two & a half months' privilege leave, and expressing a hope that Govt. of India may be moved to modify leave rules so as to allow a week's leave to be placed at credit of an officer for every 3 months' service in excess of first eleven months' service which qualifies for one month's leave.—

Determined 12 Oct 1872 No. 1404
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Board of Revenue [illegible]
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Financial

To The Board of Revenue.

Dated Octr 12th
Recd. Encl.

G. O. 12 October, 1872, No. 1404.

Nos. 15-9-160-

Declining to advocate the proposed change in the Rules for Privilege leave & stating that Mr. A. L. Lister Asst. Sub Coll. of S. Arcot has met- renewed his application for leave within 2 months of date at which he proposes to avail himself of it.