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[Despatch Abstract.]

Requesting the G.I. to treat the allowance
of Rs 50 drawn by the Superintendent
Master Gunlis Pie in connection
with the work of the D.F. Post, as
Pay during the present incumbency

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From

The Postmaster General,

MADRAS.

No. 29952

Dated 7 January } 1897.

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CHIEF SECRETARY
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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

SUBJECT.

Requesting sanction to the allowance of Rs 50 drawn by the Supdt of Stamps in connection with the Office as Joint Stamping treated as pay.

R.O. for approval

Post Office Department.

From

H. FARRER, Esq.,
POSTMASTER GENERAL, MADRAS,

To

THE Chief SECRETARY
TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

Financial DEPARTMENT.
Madras.

No. D.P. 8-27 dated Madras, the 7th Jany:, 1897.

29952

SIR,

Sir,

I have the honor to solicit the favor of a reconsideration of ~~the~~ one decision which Government was pleased to convey to me in order No. 857, dated 10th December /96, on the question as to whether the remuneration of Rs. 50/- a month which the Superintendent of my office receives for the duty that devolves on him in connection with the administration of the District Post grant in this Presidency may be regarded as pay or as a local allowance : and I venture to do so in the interests of the present incumbent of that appointment, Rai P. Anantha Charlu Bahadur, who has held it since the 12th July/86

2. Naturally this officer has hitherto been led to expect that this remuneration will be regarded as pay and taken into account as such when the time arrives for calculating his pension, because (1) his predecessor has been allowed to draw pension on it and (2) the Accountant General.

General has on two different occasions passed an acting allowance calculated on this remuneration in favor of officers officiating in the appointment of Superintendent of the Postmaster General's Office during his absence on leave, this having been done on the second occasion after an enquiry into the nature of the remuneration. Further more he was aware that when recommending that the charge should be sanctioned as a permanent one the Board of Revenue in their Resolution Mis: No.7338, dated 2nd October /86, expressly described the allowance as an addition to the pay of the Superintendent of the Postmaster General's Office and not as an allowance in addition to pay : and I may add that when I moved in the matter in September /86 I would have made it clearer that the application was that the remuneration might be sanctioned as pay, if the difficulty that has now arisen had been foreseen. It is true that the item has been referred to more than once as an allowance, but it was natural to use that expression and it was evidently not used in the limited sense of a Local Allowance as defined in Article 38 (a) of the Civil Service Regulations.

3. Under the circumstances I have now explained I venture to hope that Government will be pleased to obtain the sanction of the Government of India to the remuneration being specially declared to be pay,as while this will prevent the disappointment of a deserving officer it will also afford confirmation of the action that has been taken in the past in dealing with this item.

I have the honor t be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servan

POSTMASTER GENERAL.

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Financial Department

C. No. 58

(3) H. E. THE GOVERNOR.
(1) THE HON'BLE MR. BLISS, C.I.E.
(2) THE HON'BLE MR. GROSE, C.I.E.

SUBJECT.

District Post allowance drawn by Supdt. Postmaster General's office.

FOR ORDERS.

In G.O. N. 857 Fin., dt 10th Dec. 1896, the Govt. decided that the allowance of Rs 50 drawn by the Supdt. of the Postmaster General's office in connection with the work of the District Post should be treated as a "local allowance". The history of the case is given in the note 'for orders' stitched with the G.O. quoted. In the current read above the Postmaster General requests that the decision may be reconsidered. No new arguments have been adduced except that the recommendation is made in the interests of the present incumbent, Rai Bahadur P.

Annuities

who has held the appointment since July 1895, and
Swantha Charlu, who, the Post-
master General states, has been
naturally led to expect that
this remuneration will be
regarded as pay and taken
into account as such when
the time arrives for calculating
his pension, since (1) his
predecessor was allowed to
draw pension on it and (2)
the Scotts Govt had on two
different occasions passed an
acting allowance calculated
on this remuneration in favour
of officers officiating in the
appointment of Superintendent
of the Postmaster Generals office
during the latter's absence on
leave. As remarked
in the previous note for
orders' — the fact of
the allowance having been
treated by the audit Dept.
as pay in the past is,
it is submitted, no
argument for continuing
to so treat it; but it
is a question for orders
whether in consideration of
the

Perhaps India might be
asked to allow it to be classed
as 'pay' during the present
incumbency

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the expectations of the present
incumbent, Rai Bahadur P.
Swantha Charlu, who has held
the appointment for over ten
years, the Govt of India should
be addressed.

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Current No. 58 of 1897, dated 7 January from the Postmaster General, Madras.

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H.E. the Governor

ORDER. No 125 dated 8-2-97

The Govt. of India will be addressed.

SK. 29.1.97.

To The Postmaster General, Madras (9) Desp. 10/2/97

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Letter No 126. Desp 10/2/97

To The Secretary to the Govt of India, F & C. Dept

Sir,

In June 1876 the Govt sanctioned an establishment of three clerks on Rs 70, 25 & 20 respectively and an allowance of Rs 50 to the Head Asst. (now Supdt.) of the Postmaster General's office for carrying on the work of the District Post which was then transferred to the charge of the Postmaster

from the Revenue to the Imperial Dept. The allowance of Rs 50 was first drawn by Mr. J. Defrates, the then Head Assistant, who continued to draw it up to the time of his retirement in July 1886, when this item was taken into account in calculating his pension. In the case of his successor, Rai Bahadur P. Ananthu Charlu, the Accte Genl. desired that the sanction of the Govt of India might be obtained under its resolution No 2662, d 27 July 1882, as his pay proper as Deputy of the Postmaster General's office was Imperial and the allowance of Rs 50 added was Provincial, and it did not appear that the Govt of India had sanctioned the allowance on the understanding that it should be drawn by any officer who might perform the duties for which it was granted. The necessary sanction was then obtained.

2. Subsequently Rai Bahadur P. Ananthu Charlu went on privilege leave

Letter to Govt of I, Fin. Dept
No 1118 Fin. dd 28/10/86.
Do from Accts. No. 4881 Fin. dd 30/12/85.

leave on three occasions. On the first occasion acting allowance on this item of Rs 50 was passed without objection to the officer who acted for him. On the second occasion acting allowance on the Rs 50 was objected to by the Accts. General, but it was subsequently passed on a representation from the Postmaster General that the amount should be regarded as an addition to the pay of the Superintendent. On the last occasion however the Accountant General challenged the claim of the officiating officer to acting allowance on the Rs 50 on the ground that the 'District Post' allowance was of the nature of a local allowance as defined in Art. 38(a) of the C. S. Regns, as it had not been specially declared to be 'pay' or 'salary'. The Postmaster General thereupon requested that the Accountant General might be instructed to admit the charge and to regard the item of Rs 50 as pay

pay to which the Supdt of the Postmaster General's office is entitled, contending that such was the intention throughout. The Postmaster General's request however could not be supported in view of the following facts:-

(1) In his letter recorded in G.O.* No. 793 Rev. d) 13th June/76, the item in question is spoken of as an allowance in the body of para: 3 as well as in the margin;

(2) In his letter recorded in G.O.* No. 1117 Fin. d) 28th Octr. 1886, when applying for the continuance of the allowance to Mr. DeCastro's successor the Postmaster General distinctly asked that the sanction of the Govt. of India might be obtained to the payment of this as a local allowance to any officer who may perform the duties on account of which it was first sanctioned and has hitherto been paid";

(3) In letter No. 1118 Fin. d) 28th Octr/86, the Govt. of India was asked to sanction the continuance of the allowance under clause (3) of para: 1 of the G. I. Resr. No. 2662 d) 27th July 1882, which ufus to load allowances; and the Govt of India sanctioned the allowance in letter No. 4081 d) 30th Decr/86.

(4) In art. 38 (a) C. S. Regns a 'local allowance' is defined as an allowance not specially declared to be 'pay' or 'salary' given to an officer in addition to pay or salary, either for duties which do not properly belong to his office or for exceptional local circumstances; in the present case the allowance has not been specially declared to be 'pay' or 'salary'.

This Govt accordingly came to the conclusion that the past history of the case showed that the allowance of Rs 50 drawn by the Supdt of the Postmaster General's office in connection with the work of the District Post was a "local allowance", and directed (in its order No. 857 Fin. d) 10th Augt) that it should be so treated.

× Copy forwarded with letter No. 1118 Fin. d) 28th Octr/86.

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3. The Postmaster General now requests that this decision may be reconsidered. His recommendation is made in the interests of the present incumbent, Rai Bahadur P. Anantha Charlu, who has held the appointment since July 1886, and has naturally been led to expect that this remuneration will be regarded as pay and taken into account as such when the time arrives for calculating his pension, since (1) his predecessor was allowed to draw pension on it and (2) the Acctt. Genl. has on two different occasions passed an acting allowance calculated on this remuneration in favour of officers officiating in the appointment of Superintendent during the latter's absence on leave. The fact that the allowance has been treated by the Audit Dept. as pay in the past appears to H.E. the ground for Council no argument for continuing to so treat it; but in consideration of the

the expectations of the present incumbent, Rai Bahadur P. Anantha Charlu, who has held the appointment for over ten years, I am directed to request that the Govt. of India may be moved to allow the item in question to be classed as 'pay' during the present incumbency.

(From Orders)

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