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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—again the following paper:—

G.O., No. 343, Financial, dated 19th May 1891.

ABSTRACT.—Declaring certain places to be hill stations for the purposes of section iii, chapter L, of the Civil Service Regulations.

READ—also the following paper:—

From T. HESKETH BIGGS, Esq., Accountant-General, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Fort St. George, 17th August 1898, No. 3998.

With reference to paragraph 2 of G.O., No. 1184, Judicial, dated the 27th of July 1898, I have the honour to state that Coonoor and Ootacamund are treated as one station for the purposes of article 1225, Civil Service Regulations, as an officer can otherwise evade the operation of the rule by changing the place of halt from Coonoor to Ootacamund. This ruling was applied to the case of Mr. H. O'C. Cardozo, Superintendent, Madras Survey, for his journey to the Nilgiris and back performed in May 1896; his case was dealt with by Government in their Order Mis. No. 2553, Revenue, dated 1st July 1896.

ORDER—No. 803, Financial, dated 17th September 1898.

The Government considers that the various hill stations on the Nilgiris mentioned in G.O., No. 343, Financial, dated 19th May 1891, should be treated as one station for the purposes of article 1225 of the Civil Service Regulations.

(True Extract.)

G. STOKES,
Chief Secretary.

To all Departments of the Secretariat,
„ the Accountant-General.
„ the Postmaster-General,

Ed. A. F. Eccleston.

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O., No. 803, FINANCIAL, DATED
17TH SEPTEMBER 1898.

From the Accountant-General, No. 3998, dated 17th August 1898.

For the Chief Secretary—

Article 1224 of the Civil Service Regulations declares that officers other than those mentioned in the Hill Allowance Regulations who require to go to a hill station on duty are, under the ordinary rules, entitled to travelling allowance for the journey there and back and to daily allowances for the period of halt on duty at the hill station. It also empowers local Governments and heads of departments to refuse, and enjoins them to refuse, travelling allowance to an officer who unnecessarily prolongs his visit to a hill station.

2. Article 1225 directs audit officers to retrench the travelling allowance for a journey to and from a hill station of an officer who remains at the hill station for more than ten days, unless official intimation is given to the effect that the presence of the officer was required on duty throughout the period.

3. In May 1891 the Accountant-General asked for a definite ruling as to what places in the Presidency were to be considered as “hill stations” for the purposes of these articles, and the following list was decided upon:—

Districts.	Stations.
The Nilgiris	Ootacamund. Coonoor. Kotagiri. Wellington.
Madura (Palnis)	Kodaikanal.
Salem (Shevaroy)	Yercaud.
Bellary	Ramandrug.
Travancore	Pirmaud.

Shembaganur should also have been mentioned.
H. W. B[LISS].

4. In July 1895 the Director of Public Instruction reported that the annual inspection and the examination of the several girls' schools at Ootacamund occupied the Inspectress not less than twenty days in the year, but that as she could not draw halting allowance for more than ten days, a special or general exemption from the limit was absolutely necessary in her case. The Honourable Member then noted as follows:—

“Looking carefully at Miss Carr's bill for May 1894, I see that she managed to charge for twenty days' halts at Ootacamund by running over to Coonoor for more than two nights (*vide* explanation to article 1159) There seems to be no reason why Miss Carr should not have waited to finish her work at Ootacamund before going to Coonoor, instead of doing as she did This year on June 6 she made a journey from Ootacamund to Coonoor and back, which would have the same effect of breaking the halt.” G.O., No. 761, Educational, dated 13th September 1895, directed the discontinuance of this practice.

5. It is clear that in this case the Accountant-General treated Ootacamund and Coonoor as two distinct stations and allowed halting allowances for the renewed halts at Ootacamund under the explanation to article 1159.

6. In May 1896 the Superintendent of Revenue Survey halted at Coonoor for five days, at Ootacamund for seven days, and again at Coonoor for two days while engaged on town surveys in the Nilgiris. G.O., No. 2553, Revenue, dated 1st July 1896. The Government declared that his presence was required throughout the entire period of his halts at those places. The Accountant-General now states that in this case the two places were treated as one station (*i.e.*, halting allowance must have been passed for ten days only instead of fourteen).

7. In August 1896 Mr. Hammick desired to inspect several stations in the hills including Coonoor, Kotagiri, Gudalur, etc., and asked for an order of Government stating that he was required on duty for three weeks, as otherwise the Accountant-General would not pass halting allowance for more than ten days, no matter how many stations he might change during his sojourn in the district. This was sanctioned, and the Inspector-General apparently drew allowances for the full period of stay at each station.

G.O., No. 1474, Judicial, dated 11th September 1896.

8. In 1898 Mr. Hammick came again on tour to the Nilgiris and stayed at Ootacamund from the 17th to 23rd June and then went to Coonoor, Kotagiri and Kodanad, reaching Madras on the 2nd July. The whole period of his stay on the hills was fourteen days, and an order was passed intimating that his presence was required on duty throughout the period.

9. The question is now raised whether Ootacamund and Coonoor should be considered as one or two stations for the purposes of article 1225 of the Civil Service Regulations. The Accountant-General treats them as one station.

10. Whatever decision is passed as regards these two places, the same ruling must apply to the two other stations named in G.O., No. 343, Financial, dated 19th May 1891, viz., Kotagiri and Wellington.

11. It is submitted that there is no necessity to interfere with the Accountant-General's ruling in ordinary cases and that exceptional cases may be left for decision when officers specifically apply for the official intimation required by article 1225. If this view is accepted, the papers may, it is thought, be recorded.

C. M. SCHMIDT.
9-9-98.

H.M.—

The Accountant-General has no authority to treat Coonoor and Ootacamund as one place and should be told so I think.

G. STOKES.
12-9-98.

I should say that every place on the respective hills should be held to be part of the same station for the purpose of the rules. That is, the Accountant-General is right and officers may come up for exemption if his ruling affects them hardly.

H. W. B[LISS].
14-9-98.

For the Chief Secretary—

[Draft submitted]. With reference to the Honourable Member's remark on the preceding page it is understood that Shembaganur is a suburb of Kodaikanal.

C.M.S.
17-9-98.

No. Shembaganur is a single house or two now I believe.

G. STOKES.
17-9-98.

Judicial (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 3465



From The Accountant General
Madras

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The point is one which it seems
desirable to settle.

Dated 17 August 1898

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Belkin took up original G.O. 346/4 Fud
of 19.5.91. Was it then in anything on the
point. See also the notes quoted in the note

G.O. 1184 J.S. of 27.7.96.

Curb
28/9/98

The Financial Deptt:

SUBJECT.

stating that Coonoor and
ootacamund are treated
as one station for the purposes
part. 1225 of the rules.

Memo to R.D. Sank
20/8/98
Please see H.M.'s note
of 26.8.98 in 10761/98
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(by officers not falling under the
Hill Allowance Regulations)

FOR ORDERS

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Letter No.1231, d/22-4-91, on page 2 of G.O.No.343/4, Finl., d/19-5-91

G.O.No.343 Finl., d/19-5-91

Shenbaganur sh. also has been mentioned by

Letter No.7158, d/5-7-95

G.O.No.2553 Rev., d/1-7-96

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Note for the CS
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Hon^{ble} the Members' remarks on
page 2 of the notes, it is understood
that Shembaganur is a suburb
of Kodakanal & that no action
is required on the note.
C. S. S.

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