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Judicial **DEPARTMENT.**

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No. 209. Read the following letter from the Acting Civil Judge of Salem, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Salem, 16th November 1865, No. 15.

I have the honor to submit, for the consideration and orders of Government, a Memorandum of objections taken in the Accountant General's Office to a certain travelling expenses incurred by me solely on the public service.

2. The circumstances of the case are as follows:—

It was proposed to build a new Moonsiff's Court at Tripatoor, and to carry out certain alterations and additions in the Moonsiff's Court at Oossoor, the plans for which were submitted for my approval and countersignature by the Superintending Engineer. As I had never seen the buildings in question, it was impossible for me to offer any opinion on the subject, without having first personally inspected them. In order to this, I proceeded, at considerable personal inconvenience, to the stations referred to, reporting the circumstances to the High Court, and in accordance with Circular, No. 5, dated 14th August 1865, from the Accountant General's office, Post Audit Department, forwarded a duplicate bill for my travelling allowances to the Registrar for countersignature. The bill was duly countersigned in the High Court, and forwarded to the Accountant General's office. The objections raised in the Accountant General's office and my replies will be seen in the Memorandum enclosed. The total amount of the bill was Rupees 84-11-6, of which Rupees 12-1-6 are finally disallowed by the Deputy Accountant General, on the ground that "the proper route for an officer going from Salem to Oossoor is via Maloor, a station 24 miles short of Bangalore, and 3 miles nearer to Oossoor."

3. My object was to travel as expeditiously as I could, so as to get back with the least possible delay to the Zillah station, where a considerable amount of work demanded my attention. Maloor is a small village, where no conveyance of any kind is procurable, and I was informed that the road thence to Oossoor, was very bad. Had I left the train at Maloor I must have ordered a conveyance to come out and meet me there all the way from Bangalore*, and, even had I done this, it is probable that I should have been delayed by the bad state of the road. To prove to the Government that I did not unnecessarily delay on the road, I give my route below:—

* 24 Miles.

I left Salem on Sunday night the 17th September, arrived at Bangalore on the morning of the 18th, started the same night for Oossoor, returned the following night to Bangalore, rested one day there, proceeded the next to Tripatoor, slept one night there, and returned to Salem on the following day.

4. Under the foregoing explanation, I trust that Government will not object to sanction the amount, Rupees 12-1-6, disallowed by the Deputy Accountant General. My visit to the Courts at Tripatoor and Oossoor formed the subject of my letter to your address, dated 5th October 1865, No. 10.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
27th November 1865.

No. 210. ORDER THEREON, 27th November 1865, No. 1684.

The Governor in Council directs that the charge referred to in the foregoing letter be passed in full. Under the circumstances, the Acting Civil Judge was clearly right in going to Oossoor via Bangalore.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Accountant General, with a Memorandum.
" Civil Judge of Salem.

Ed. J. H. Burns.

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27th November 1865 No 1684.

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The Acct General with a memo: dispd 29/11.
" Civil Judge of Salem