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LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

Again G.O., dated

189 , No.

Current No. 3254L

of 1896, dated 27th November 1896 from the President District Board
Mylins

Current No.

of 189 , dated

from the

Settled in Council.

Mr. Jones

The matter
should be
dropped.

FOR ORDERS.

16.12.96.

This wd not being view -
It seems too outrageous that
the Planter, or some of them,
should be drawing more from
the R.D. as T.A. than they pay
Land Cps - I don't think
the services are worth the
money.

9/12/96

I think a rule might be laid
down that while the trav. all. of
I am as a rule shall not be inter-
fered with, no member of the L.D.
shall be allowed to draw from that
fund more than he pays in Road
Cess &c. If this leads to the abstention
of the few Europeans who are useful
members, the order will have to be
reconsidered; but I don't think it will.
All the members who have

In the circumstances, it is
submitted that the proposal to discontinue
the payment of travelling allowance to
members of the district Board in the
district, may be dropped and this letter
"Recorded".

H.H.

7/12/96

I arrange his visits to take place
at the time of meetings, &
those of him who took a more
interest in L.D. administration
wd do so. There is no logical con-
nection, as H.E. says, between
the payment of road cess & the
grant of trav. all.; but there
is great logical force in the
function. but no man and pay
more of the limited L.D. fund
than he contributes to it.

12/12

Order No 1392L

FOR ORDERS.



OOTACAMUND,

Aug 15th 1896.

My dear Sir,

I have ascertained that
the travelling allowances drawn
by the non official members of the
Mylapore L. I. Bd during the
past two years were as follows.

1894-95 Rs. 1583.

1895-96 Rs. 1487.

Rees in consequence of the high
expenditure under this item (as

C.S.

D.O. 2A

Ootacamund
8th Oct. 1896

My dear Sir,

Will you kindly
let me know the amount of
travelling allowance drawn by the
Planting members of the Nilgiri
St. Bd. during the past year
or two, & the amount of land-tax
paid on the estates of which
they are owners or managers.

Yours sincerely

H. A. 8. 10. 96

1069

7.10.96

To

J. H. A. Tremere here 22nd 2. C. S. Dec 22
8/10.

[T. & M.]
4-8-96.

Local & Munl. (1896) Department.

D. O. No. 15

D. O.

Submitted to the Hon'ble Member
with reference to his D.O. of the 6th Oct/96. From

V.R.
24/10

As regards the majority

The Pres. & Board

members of the M.M.S.

Nilgiris.

A.L.H.

impression
~~is~~ is amply
confirmed.

Rel No. 622

M.A. 10. 9/6. Dated 17/10

It appears herefrom that out of
23 gentlemen, who have been members
of the Nilgiri L.B. during 1894-95 and
1895-96, and who are connected with

Received 21/10

Registered 21/10

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SUBJECT.

the planting interest, unless than 14
have drawn more money from the L.B.
as t.a. than the states against they
are owners or managers have paid to
it as land ceps. I don't think that
this is right & propose that ~~the~~
showing the Pres. of L.B. generally
be committed as to whether the thing
has not come for stopping the grant of
t.a. to non-official members of the
L.B. - Upon official gentlemen of position
are selected to aid in the admin-
istration of the Committee as members
of L.B., and accept the invitation,

Forming a staff showing the
particulars of Land ceps &
Travelling allowance of
the Planter members of
the Nilgiri D.B.

Rec. 622
96.

21. OCT 1896

My Dear Member,

In reply to your D.O.
of 8. Oct, I enclose
a statement giving the
particulars of Land Cess
& Travelling Allowance of
the Planters on the D.B.

Yr. Sincerely

A. Trevelyan

I think they should render their services gratuitously, as they do in England.

Circ:

The inquiry may be made; but, for as much I have heard, of travelling allowance is refused, few but officials will attend the Boards.

27/10/96
30/10/96

I agree with the Hon. Mr. Goss that if travelling allowance is discontinued, few unofficials will attend the Board Meetings. The distances to be travelled over in Districts, many of which are not much less in area than Wales, are great. The unofficial members are mostly busy men, not over-burdened with money. Even if the state of Public Spirit in this country were stronger than it is, - members of the community cannot afford to incur expenditure in carrying out public duty. If this travelling allowance is withdrawn, I fear the tender blood of local self government will receive a shock which will go far towards killing it. I am not in favour of any change at present.

31.10.96

How was there can be no participation in the state of things...
Hon. Mr. Goss again 7/11/96

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I do not understand the grounds upon which it is proposed to discontinue travelling allowance in the Nilgiris. There are no logical connections between the payment of road cess and the grant of travelling allowance. But, if the rule allowed now as it is, as far as actual expenses, they might be reduced. In any case, I suggest that it should be well to consider the Collector before taking any decision upon this matter.

Statement Showing the amount of Travelling allowances paid to Planter members on the Nilgiri District Board during the official years, 1894-95, and 1895-96, and the amount of Land-cess paid by them, during Jais 1304 and 1305, for estates of which they are either owners or managers.

Serial No.	Names of members.	Travelling allowances paid during the official year						Land-cess paid during Jais						Remarks.						
		1894-95			1895-96.			1304			1305									
		Rs.	as	p.	Rs.	as	p.	Rs.	as	p.	Rs.	as	p.							
1	W. G. Deane Esq.	83	.	.	.	.	83	.	.	.	7	10	11	15	5	10	23	0	9	
	W. A. Cherry Esq.	56	.	.	84	.	.	140	.	.	43	5	6	86	11	.	130	.	6	
2	E. R. Kindersley Esq.	54	.	.	81	.	.	135	.	.	14	4	1	28	8	2	42	12	3	
3	H. G. Sinclair Esq.	161	.	.	99	.	.	260	.	.	7	15	10	7	15	10	15	15	8	
4	H. Sheldrick Esq.	192	.	.	96	.	.	288	.	.	22	10	10	22	10	10	45	5	8	
5	St. L. Beadnell Esq.	56	.	.	8	.	.	64	.	.	23	6	.	46	12	.	70	2	.	
	Honorable H. P. Hodgson	.	.	.	60	.	.	60	.	.	16	1	6	32	3	.	48	4	6	
6	J. R. Griffith Esq.	72	.	.	90	.	.	162	.	.	21	15	7	43	15	2	65	14	9	
7	L. G. Liebenrood Esq.	160	.	.	128	.	.	160	.	.	21	11	.	21	11	.	43	6	.	
	J. Liebenrood Esq.	.	.	.	128	.	.	128	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
8	E. L. Windle Esq.	90	.	.	180	.	.	270	.	.	79	3	7	186	5	8	265	9	3	Since resigned & his former shares were forfeited on 12 May
9	M. R. P. Parana Esq.	.	.	.	.	.	.	56	.	.	33	13	4	78	3	5	112	0	9	
	J. H. Pascoe Esq.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	66	6	11	132	13	10	199	4	9	
10	Rhodes James Esq.	77	.	.	55	.	.	132	.	.	15	11	8	31	7	4	47	3	0	
11	St. Alban Esq.	66	.	.	.	.	.	66	.	.	63	13	4	127	10	8	191	8	0	
	A. G. Ramsay Esq.	.	.	.	22	.	.	22	.	.	177	7	3	311	10	2	489	1	5	
12	H. D. Wilbraham Esq.	135	.	.	60	.	.	195	.	.	36	11	11	74	15	9	111	11	9	
13	G. Barton Wright Esq.	200	.	.	125	.	.	325	.	.	96	0	3	53	4	.	149	4	3	
14	W. L. Edmiston Esq.	.	.	.	273	.	.	273	.	.	11	9	6	23	3	.	34	12	6	Included arrears from 1894-95
15	M. R. P. Maruthachala Mudaliar Esq.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	16	13	7	35	6	10	52	4	5	
16	M. R. P. Jakkur Mahomet Saib Esq.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	131	10	2	398	11	10	530	6	0	
17	H. Wapshare Esq.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	659	3	5	659	3	5	1318	6	10	
18	L. W. Grey Esq.	48	.	.	60	.	.	108	.	.	47	0	5	94	0	10	141	1	3	
Total		1506	.	.	1421	.	.	2927	.	.	1614	10	7	252	13	7	4127	8	2	

For President,
St. Board Nilgiris

(a) Mr. Cherry was appointed on 11th September 1894 in place of Mr. W. G. Deane, when the latter served his connections as manager of Kodanad Tea Estates

(b) Mr. Beadnell resigned on going home, and was succeeded by the Honorable Mr. H. P. Hodgson, who was gazetted on 27th November 1894. Mr. Beadnell was appointed, on return, on 21st April 1896, in place of Mr. H. B. Ramsay, who resigned on going home

(c) Mr. L. G. Liebenwood, on going home, without tendering his resignation, was removed from his office as a member on the Local Board, and in place thus vacated, Mr. J. Liebenwood was appointed on 22nd October 1895.

(d) In place of Mr. P. Narana Iyer, who was not re-appointed on the Board, after the expiry of his term of office which runs for three years, Mr. J. H. Pascoe was appointed on 30th July 1895, to whom no travelling allowances were paid, as none were claimed, during 1895-96, when he had put in attendance at only one meeting since his appointment.

(e) In place of Mr. Allan, who had vacated his seat, on going home, Mr. Ramsay was appointed on 7th May 1895.

Note.

Owing to above changes among members, no travelling allowances accrued to certain members, as the statement indicates.

(1) Nos. 15 & 16 have their permanent head quarters at Ootacamund, and Mr. Wapshare (No. 17), though he attends meetings from Ouehterlony valley, has never claimed his travelling allowances since his appointment.

(2) During 1894-95, six meetings were held, and during 1895-96 also six meetings were held. Under G.O. No. 2890 L. M. B. dated 11th December 92, meetings are held only once in two months, in this District.

(3) Non-official members are being paid, as a special case, annas eight per mile. G.O. No. 375 M. B. dated 20th February 1890.

For President,
Local Board, Nilgiris

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N.B.—The reply to this communication should be addressed to the Chief Secretary.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.



Main this
copied

Memorandum.

Confidential

Dated the 14th November 1896.

No. 1319

The President, District Board, Nilgiris is requested to report whether the travelling allowances now paid to the non-official members of the Board are, ^{materially} in excess of their actual expenses, and, if so, whether, ^{in his opinion,} the allowances might not be reduced, & to what extent.

J. L. 14/11/96
(For orders.)

V.B.
13/11/96

To

The President, District Board, Nilgiris
Please forward copy and signature.

Copy 14/11/96

Confidential

Local & Munl. (1896) Department.

CURRENT No. 3254 *L*

From

*The President
District Board
Nilgiris*

Order.

R.C. No. 747 (a)

Dated 27 *30 November 1896*

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SUBJECT.

*Stating that no change is
desirable in the existing
rate of Travelling allowances
paid to non-official
members on the District
Board, Nilgiris*

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RC No. 747 (a)

Nilgiri District Board's Office

Ootacamund

LC	27 November 1896
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From

M. A. Treuenhagen Esq

President, District Board

Nilgiris

To

The Secretary to Government

Local & Municipal Dept.

Madras

Sir,

I have the honour to reply to

Confidential memo. no. 1319 dated the 14th

November 1896, regarding Travelling allow-

ances to Non-official members of the District

Board, Nilgiris

2. Up to 1889, the rate of Travelling allow-

ances allowed to these gentlemen was

annas eight per mile

3. By G.O. no. 2658 L, dated 16th November

1889, the maximum rate was fixed for

Non official members of District Boards
at annas four ^{per} mile by Road.

4. This G.O. was read before the
Board at its meeting held on the 23rd
December 1889, and it was resolved
that the President should be directed
to address Government, "in the direction
of the old rates being maintained."

5. In addressing Government,
Mr MacCartie wrote as follows:—

"I have the honour to request that the
"non-official members of this Board be
"specially exempted from the operation
"of the rule, on the ground that the great
"majority of such members are pure Euro-
"peans, whose Travelling allowances are
"necessarily greater than that of native
"members, who preponderate on the District
"Boards in the plains. The mileage heretofore
"drawn only just defrayed a return Tonga
"Ticket from Coonoor to Ootacamund,
"while non-official members attending
"meetings from longer distances have club-

"or Hotel bills to defray."

6. Government was pleased, in the
peculiar circumstances of the Nilgiri Dis-
trict, to exempt non-official members from
the operation of the above G.O., and to allow
them to draw the mileage formerly paid to
them.

G.O. no. 375 L
mis dated -
20th February 90.

7. The budget provision which was only Rs 150,
in 1883-1884, (when the Board was a small one)
was raised in the Budget for 1884-85, to Rs
1000, and in applying for additional pro-
-vision, the President, Mr Brandt said:—
"Rs 1200 have been entered on account of
"Travelling allowances to non-official members.
"I have already addressed the Board on this
"Subject. The non-official members present at
"the last two or three meetings have expressed
"themselves strongly on this subject; they say
"they would not care to serve on the Board,
"unless their right to receive Travelling allowances
"is recognized. I refrain from saying anything
"on this aspect of the matter. If it be held that
"under the Act, travelling allowances can be
"paid to them, then sufficient provision must
be

"be made. It is no use providing only Rs 150.
"I have made a calculation that if the average
"number of non-officials attend, and if all
"of them claim the allowances, not less than
"Rs 100 per mensem will suffice. As it is,
"there is a demand for payment as long
"as the sum provided in the Budget is
"available, but this is already exhausted for
"the current year." (1883-1884)

8. The sum of Rs 1000 was increased
to Rs 2000, in the Regular Estimate for
90-91, and this figure has ever since been
repeated in subsequent Budgets, except in 96-97.

In that year, Mr Maccartie wrote: —

"Under the head of Travelling allowances
"to non-official members, an increase of Rs
"1000, over the corresponding entry of Rs 1000
"in the last Budget, has now been entered.
"The attendance of members at Boards'
"meetings has improved most remarkably
"of late, and the original allotment of Rs
"1000 is found quite insufficient, as will
"appear from the enhanced provision

"made in the Regular Estimate for the
"current year. The Government insists
"on a meeting being held every month in the
"year; this fact coupled with the greatly
"improved attendance, renders an increase
"provision absolutely necessary."

9. Even this enhanced provision of
Rs 2000 proved inadequate in Mr Rees'
time, and he placed the matter before
Government.

"I feel I must bring the matter before
"Government, for if members are allowed
"a certain rate for travelling to the Board's
"meetings, they ought to be paid it, and if
"they cannot be paid such rate, a lower
"rate should be introduced. On this point,
"I have not taken the opinion of the
"Board, which has already plainly said this
"in favour of no reduction being made,
"an opinion in which the late President
"concurred, and from which I do not differ.
"As to increasing the grant, it seems to me
"that a sufficient sum is already expended
"upon Travelling allowances, but since

Letter
No. 720
3. x. 92

to Govt.
In 9.6 no 20862
872-11-92.

there is really no need whatever for the Board to meet oftener than once ^{every} in two months, I can only suggest that the fact be admitted, and the present rates be allowed to stand, and paid once where they are now paid twice. A very large attendance is usual and may be counted upon in the future."

10. Mr Rees sought and obtained permission to withdraw the above letter, as it had occurred to him, since its submission, that he should consult the District Board as to the number of sittings necessary. The matter was laid before the Board, and it was resolved that the matter should be represented to Government for though an eight anna ^{rate} had been sanctioned, the grant did not cover such payment.

11. In addressing Government, in the sense of the above Resolution, the President Mr Rees said as follows: —

"I think probably that it is inadvisable that the number of meetings should be

reduced, and I doubt whether Government would approve such reduction. The Board passed no resolution on the point. At the same time, it seems a pity that a special rate of eight annas should be allowed to the Nilgiri Board and that funds should habitually be insufficient to meet the charge. Under the circumstances, I can only suggest that the President be authorized to make a pro rata distribution of the amount sanctioned each year, if the Government is not prepared in the current year and ensuing years to raise the allotment to Rs 3000."

12. Upon the above reference, Government said "that the original pro-

posal of the President, that meetings of the District Board should be held only once in two months is preferable to that now put forward."

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10 Dec 92.

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10 Decr 92. of the District Board should be held only once in two months is preferable to that now put forward."

13. By virtue of the above order, meetings are now held once in two months, and the actual expenditure under Travelling allowances to non-official members, during 1893-94, 1894-95 + 1895-96 amounted to Rs 2003, Rs 1583, + Rs 1487, respectively. The amount budgeted for is now Rs 1600.

14. From these references, Government will perceive that the rate of Travelling allowance has been frequently discussed by the Presidents and the Board, and that it has always been represented and admitted that an equitable rate is necessary to meet the reasonable expenses of members. In this view I agree. To take the case of a member from the South East Wynad who is paid 32 Rs for 64 miles - If he should hire

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a carriage, to and fro, it would cost him over 60 Rs: if he rides, the cart-hire for his servant and luggage - would cost ordinarily 15 Rs - in the rains sometimes 20; the journey would reasonably require three days with one day's halt, with expenses Rs 16, at 4 Rs a day; thus he makes nothing by his Travelling allowance.

15. Under these circumstances, I would deprecate any change.

I have the honour to be

Sir

Yours most obed^t Serv^t

H. Trembley

President

Sd/-