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Informing the Sanitary Commissioner that the Government is not prepared to reconsider the decision in G.O. No. 803 Finl. dated 17th Sept. 1898 regarding halts at hill stations.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

READ the following paper :—

Endorsement of the Local and Municipal Department, No.1048, dated 7th October 1899, on the following letter from the Sanitary Commissioner for Madras, No.2329/S, dated 11th September 1899:-

With reference to G.O.No.303, Financial, dated 17th September 1898, I have the honour to request the favourable consideration of Government of the following facts:-

This order apparently takes no cognizance of the duties of officers engaged on inspection work of the nature fulfilled by either my Deputy or myself. The Nilgiris is a Hill District containing three sanitaria-Ootacamund, Coonoor, and Kotagiri. There is also at least one important town within it, Gudalur, and minor villages. Unless, however, I lose daily allowance-the smallest given any Sanitary Commissioner in India-to cover incidental expenses, I must inspect the District within ten days. As a fact, quite ten days or more is necessary to inspect each of such places as Coonoor or Ootacamund-seeing that, irrespective of actual inspection of the inhabited areas, much physical exertion has to be undergone in surveying the surrounding country in reference to water supplies, disposal of sewage, nightsoil etc. To take a case in point, I arrived at Coonoor on the afternoon of the 10th at the request of the Sanitary Board. That evening and next morning, I inspected the Yeddapalli water-supply catchment area. The next day, I inspected the new valley scheme. In both of these cases I had to trudge along every bit of the

the course from head to outlet, so as to make myself fully acquainted with the various sources. On the 16th, I met the Sanitary Board, and explored again certain parts of the rival schemes. The time lost in travelling up from Madras and in thus doing out door duty put me in arrears with office work. Hence, I did not inspect the town on the 14th and 15th but did so on the 17th. I was now required to meet a Sub-Committee of the Municipal Council of Ootacamund in regard to the proposed drainage scheme. After meeting this sub-committee, I proceeded to out-door inspection on the 19th morning. Two Sundays have intervened in the period of my stay in the Nilgiris District and one public holiday, when the Municipal staffs of towns prefer to do no more work than is essential for the day. Hence, at the end of ten days on the Hills, I have certainly not had time to ascertain certain desirable information in connection with these important towns. I might of course perform the farce of proceeding for three days to Mettupaliyam, where a graveyard question awaits disposal, and return to my duty of inspecting this district, having thereby cause Government useless expense by casting it in travelling allowances for a return journey, but thereby saving myself from unnecessary loss. It is true that Government may, by a special order, allow an extension of the ten days period for daily allowance upon the Hills. But this involves inquisitorial questionings as to reasons for increased expenditure. Such statements are not likely to be received with the gravity they deserve. It is impossible to dilate successfully upon the cost of certain warm clothing for oneself and servants, and the higher cost of accommodation and carriage transport for travellers than on the plains. Although on the last occasion of my visiting this District (1896) I received the special orders of Government to extend my stay in connection with certain meetings of the Sanitary Board to discuss local sanitary matters, it would not grant this concession without my first submitting in detail a statement of my private cost. I came to the conclusion that it was not consistent with the dignity of Government that I should place such items before it, and preferred to suffer the pecuniary loss.

2. Under the circumstances, I trust Government will see it is desirable that for my Deputy and myself when on actual duty in Districts classed as Hill Stations, daily allowance may be ~~contained~~ continued at rates allowed for the hills for ten days for each locality, subject to the usual rule as to distance from each other. If this does not meet the views of Government, I would, as an alternative, suggest I be not allowed hill rates, and that I be subject to the same rules and rates as on the plains.

O R D E R:-No.1214, dated 4th November 1899.

The Sanitary Commissioner will be informed that the Government is not prepared to reconsider the decision in G.O.No.303, Financial, dated the 17th September 1898.

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(True Extract.)

for Chief Secretary.

6.11.99

To

The Sanitary Commissioner, Madras.

" Accountant-General, Madras.

" Local and Municipal Department.

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