

# Local & Munl. (1899) Department.

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G.O., No. 3 12 M

DATED 7-3-1899

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[Despatch Abstract.]

## Allowance

Sanctioning a carriage allowance of Rs 50 per mensem to the Revenue Officer of the Madras Municipality & stating that Government sees no reason to reconsider its previous order regarding the increment to his salary.

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LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

*Deceased Salary of Revenue Officer, Madras*  
Papers to be read in proceedings:—

Again G.O., No. dated 189 .

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Current No. 5374 of 1899, dated 13<sup>th</sup> February 99, from the President, Municipal Council Madras.

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ORDER.

*No 312 Muns 7-3-99*

The grant of a carriage allowance of Rs 50 per mensem to the Revenue Officer is sanctioned; but the Government sees no reason to re-consider its order in G.O. No 414, dated 3<sup>rd</sup> January 1899, regarding the increment to his salary.

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*To The President, M. C. Madras.  
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LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

C. No. 537/199

SUBJECT.

Increase of Salary & grant of a Carriage allowance to the Revenue Officer, Madras Municipality.

FOR ORDERS.

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The Commission of the Government of Madras, dated 3<sup>rd</sup> January 1899, an annual increment of Rs 25 per annum to the Salary of Muhammad Syfar Hussain Sahib, Revenue Officer of the Madras Municipality, was sanctioned, the first increment commencing from April 1899, and the Commissioners were requested to state whether they agreed to the payment to him a Carriage allowance of Rs 50 per annum. 2. With his letter read above, the President forwards a resolution of the Commissioners of the 6<sup>th</sup> February 1899, agreeing to grant of a Carriage allowance of Rs 50 per annum, and urging that having regard to the valuable services already rendered by the

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Revenue officer, the annual increment of Rs 25 Sanctioned by the Govt is inadequate and should be raised to Rs 50, and that as the Revenue officer's work for the year 1897-98 was highly satisfactory and was characterised by Government as Creditable, any increment which the Government may be pleased to sanction, should take effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 1898. The grounds on which the request of the Commissioners is based are set forth in the speech made by Mr. R. Pragasam Mudaliyar, one of the Commissioners, at the meeting of the 6<sup>th</sup> February.

3. The grant of a Carriage allowance of Rs 50 per mensem to the Revenue Officer may be sanctioned with reference to the request of the Commissioners that the annual increment to his salary may be raised from Rs 25 to Rs 50 per mensem, and that the increment may be granted with retrospective effect, attention is invited to the remarks of the Honble Mr. Arundel in his

Note

The Commrs seem to have a very liberal fit on them just now.

I adhere to my opinion already given concurred in I see by H.M. & H.E.

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Hra for order.

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Note in G.O. No. 4 M. dated 3<sup>rd</sup> January 1899.

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The Revenue Officer's work for the year 1897-98 was highly satisfactory and was characterised by Government as Creditable, any increment which the Government may be pleased to sanction, should take effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 1898. The grounds on which the request of the Commissioners is based are set forth in the speech made by Mr. R. Pragasam Mudaliyar, one of the Commissioners, at the meeting of the 6<sup>th</sup> February.

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CURRENT No. 537m



From

THE PRESIDENT,

Municipal Commission,  
Madras.

Order

G. No. 1176

Dated 13 February 1899

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SUBJECT.

Forwarding extract from the proceedings of an adjourned General Meeting of the Commissioners held on 6<sup>th</sup> February 1899, together with their remarks during the discussion of the question of increase of pay to the Revenue Officer.

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Encl to G.N. 1176

Extract referred to.

G.O., No.4 M.Mis., dated 3rd January 1899, increasing the present pay of the Revenue Officer by an annual increment of Rs 25 and enquiring if the Commissioners will grant him a carriage allowance of Rs 50 per mensem.

Proposed by M.R.Ry R.N. Pragasa Mudaliar Avargal and seconded by Mir Muzheruddin Sahib Bahadur.

"With reference to G.O., No.4 M.Mis., dated 3rd January 1899, the Commissioners beg to observe that considering the valuable services already rendered by the Revenue Officer, the annual increment of Rs 25 sanctioned by Government is inadequate and beg to recommend that it may be raised to 50".

Carried.

Proposed by M.R.Ry R.N. Pragasa Mudaliar Avargal and seconded by Mr Eardley Norton -

"That in view of the fact that his work for the year 1897-98 was highly satisfactory and was characterised by Government as creditable any increment which Government may be pleased to sanction may take effect from 1st April 1898".

Carried.

Proposed by M.R.Ry R.N. Pragasa Mudaliar Avargal and seconded by M.R.Ry P. Subramania Iyer Avargal -

"That bearing in mind the fact that the efficiency of his work depends upon the extent of his out-door work which is admittedly very heavy and equally onerous, a carriage allowance of Rs 50 may be sanctioned to enable him to maintain the requisite number of animals".

Carried.

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# Remarks of the Commissioners

## The Revenue Officer's Pay.

THE PRESIDENT:—The next business is the consideration of the G.O., No. 4 M. Mis., dated 3rd January, 1899, increasing the present pay of the Revenue Officer by an annual increment of Rs. 25 and enquiring if Commissioners will grant him a carriage allowance of Rs. 50 per mensem. Apparently the Commissioners would give him an increased increment. A carriage allowance does not carry with it the advantages of pension; and if the Commissioners wish it, there is no reason why they should not move for an increase of the increment.

MR. MUZHERUDDIN SAHIB:—Is he to get the carriage allowance, after he gets his maximum pay too.

THE PRESIDENT:—Yes. But he would not get to the maximum for twelve years.

MR. R. N. PRAGASA MUDALIAR:—The resolution which I move runs in these terms.

“With reference to G.O., No. 4 M. Mis., dated 3rd January, 1899, the Commissioners observe that considering the valuable services already rendered by the R. O., the annual increment of Rs. 25 sanctioned by Government is inadequate, and beg to recommend that it may be raised; that bearing in mind the fact, that the efficiency of his work depend upon the extent of his out-door work, which is admittedly very heavy and equally onerous, a carriage allowance of Rs. 100 may be sanctioned to enable him to maintain the requisite number of animals; and that in view of the fact that his work for the year 1897-98 was highly satisfactory and was characterised by Government as creditable, any increment which Government may be pleased to sanction, may take effect from 1st April 1898.”

I hope that the resolution before you is sufficiently expressive and will commend itself to you. Without taking up your time I should like to state very briefly my reasons for wording the resolution as it stands.

The R. O. has already completed some 16 years in Government services. In about 9 years or so he will put in a total service of 25 years, which will entitle him to half pension. He draws at present Rs. 400. At the rate of Rs. 25 per annum which Government has been pleased to fix, he will draw at the end of 9 years Rs. 400 + 225, that is, in all Rs. 625 at the time of retirement if it should take place on the completion of 25 years' service. This means that after serving in this Municipality for over 11 years he will not be entitled to draw even the maximum salary fixed by the Act. This is hardly encouraging to a promising officer. I have no doubt that this fact did not strike Government when the increment of Rs. 25 was fixed, and under these circumstances Government may be pleased to reconsider the order and to fix a higher increment, so that the R. O. may have the benefit of enjoying at least the maximum salary under the Act at the time of retiring, 9 years hence.

It may not be out of place to remind you that in the case of the H. O. Government has sanctioned only the other day an increment of Rs. 50. The position and responsibilities of the R. O. are by no means inferior to those of the H. O. and a distinction in the rate of increment in the case of the R. O. would be invidious and is hardly fair, at any rate it would damp the spirit of an energetic, hard-working and zealous officer.

Then as regards the carriage allowance it must be noted that the R. O. has to maintain two horses at least, not to speak of the hack carriage he will have to hire from time to time, and we know too well that we cannot get a carriage and horse on monthly hire for anything less than Rs. 60. It would not be beneficial to the Municipality for the R. O. to be out of pocket in the efficient discharge of his out-door work. It must not be forgotten that the R. O. did not court the Madras appointment. It was as it were, forced on him. As stated by him in his letter to the President he was not a gainer financially by the transfer considering the cost of living and other expenses in Madras. The R. O. has to tread every inch of ground in the city for the efficient and satisfactory valuation of houses. The more he inspects, the more the revenue. If house taxation is to be improved this officer ought not to be sparing in his inspection work, and that he did not neglect this portion of his all important work since the time he joined the department, is more than proved

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by the fact that the collection in 1897-98 shows an increase of a lakh of rupees against the preceding year. I am certain, therefore, that you will be at ~~one~~ with me in recommending to Government the grant of an allowance of Rs. 100.

Lastly, it is proposed by Government that the R. O. should draw the increment from 1st April 1899; probably the date entered in the G. O. is a clerical error for April 1898. During the year 1897-98 the R. O. has shown excellent work—he has collected a lakh of rupees over and above the previous year's collection. In submitting the Administration Report for that year, the Commissioners appreciated his work and commended him highly, and Government in reviewing the report characterised it as creditable. In the fitness of things, I consider that any increment which Government may be pleased to sanction should take effect from 1st April 1898. To use the President's own words the R. O., in the discharge of his duties has not spared himself or his pocket and in the interest of the Municipality his good work is deserving of recognition.

MR. V. C. DESIKACHARIAR :—It would be better to split up the resolution into three parts.

MR. PRAGASA MUDALIAR :—Then I move :—“That with reference to the G. O., No 4 M. Mis., dated 3rd January, 1899, the Commissioners beg to observe that considering the valuable services rendered by the Revenue Officer, the annual increment of Rs. 25 sanctioned by Government is inadequate, and recommend that it may be raised to Rs. 50.”

MR. MUZHERUDDIN SAHIB seconded the proposition.

MR. E. H. ELLIOT :—I should suggest that it should be Rs. 60. The principle of Government is that a person who is in an appointment which carries with it increments, should reach the maximum in five years.

The resolution was put to the vote and carried.

MR. PRAGASA MUDALIAR :—I now move the third part of my resolution next :—“That in view of the fact the work of the Revenue Officer for the year 1897-98 was highly satisfactory and was characterised by Government as creditable, any increment which the Government may be pleased to sanction may take effect from the 1st April 1898.”

MR. E. NORTON seconded the proposition.

MR. GURUSAWMI CHETTY :—Will the Accountant-General have any objection to it?

THE PRESIDENT :—No. They very often give pay with retrospective effect.

MR. E. H. ELLIOT :—If he is to draw the increment from April 1898, it means that it will really take effect from the time he took up. As the resolution stands, it means he will get it from April 1899.

THE PRESIDENT :—No. He will get it from April 1898.

MR. S. GURUSAWMI CHETTY :—Did he ask for this retrospective effect?

THE PRESIDENT :—He did not ask for anything definite, but only asked for something.

MR. W. D. SMITH :—We don't want the rate-payer's money thrown away by giving him a lump sum.

MR. V. MASILAMANI PILLAI :—The effect of the resolution will be that we will be giving him away Rs. 1,200—i.e., Rs. 600 for the past year and Rs. 600 for the current year.

MR. M. VENKATARAMIAH CHETTY :—It is a mistake to suppose that we would be out of pocket by Rs. 1,200. If we commence the increment now, we will end it in 1905; but if we commence it in 1898, we will end it in 1904.

THE PRESIDENT :—You will be out of pocket by Rs. 600, because he will draw it a year sooner.

MR. M. VENKATARAMIAH CHETTY :—No Sir, we will only lose the interest on it. I would begin the increment in April 1898, because it would be some satisfaction to the officer concerned.

MR. P. THEAGAROYA CHETTY :—I think Mr. Masilamani Pillai has not gone far enough. It is not Rs. 1,200, but Rs. 3,000 that we will pay, if we commence the increment in 1898. I don't mean to say that I am opposing the proposition.

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THE PRESIDENT :—You will only be losing Rs. 600.

MR. M. VENKATARAMIAH CHETTY :—Not at all, Sir, we will only lose the interest on it.

MR. V. C. DESIKA CHARIAR :—We will lose not Rs. 3,000 but Rs. 3,600.

The resolution was then put to the vote and carried.

MR. PRAGASA MUDALIAR :—Lastly I move the second part of the resolution :—“That bearing in mind the efficiency of the Revenue Officer's work depends on his out-door work, which is admitted to be very heavy and equally onerous, a carriage allowance of Rs. 100 be sanctioned to enable him to maintain the requisite number of horses.”

~~Mr. P. Subramania Iyer~~  
~~Dewan Bahadur V. Krishnamo Chariar~~ seconded the proposition.

MR. M. VENKATARAMIAH CHETTY :—I should like to have it put as an alternative—it will be Rs. 50, if the Government approves of the first resolution, if not it will be Rs. 75.

MR. PRAGASA MUDALIAR :—I agree to have it at Rs. 50.

With this alteration, the resolution was put to the vote and carried.

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MUNICIPALITY OF MADRAS,

General Department,

Madras, 13 February 1899.

From

THE HON'BLE LIEUT.-COL. SIR GEORGE MOORE, KT., C. I. E.,

President, Municipal Commission.

LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPT.

To CURRENT No. 537m

The Secretary to Government,

Local and Municipal Department,

SIR,

Fort St. George.

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With reference to G.O.No.4 M.Mis., dated 3rd

January 1899, I have the honour to forward herewith an  
Extract from the Proceedings of an Adjourned General  
Meeting of the Commissioners held on 6th February 1899,  
together with their remarks made during the discussion  
of the subject under reference.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

G. Moore

Lt.-Col.

President, Munl. Commn.

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