

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department.
28th October 1875.

No 472 Read the following letter from Major J BEATTY, R E., Acting Superintending Engineer, Godavery District, to Major-General G. W. WALKER, R E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Dowlaishweram, 2nd October 1875, No 2,033

The Officer in charge of No 4 Range has brought to my notice that, under orders of Government, Judicial Department, noted No 849, dated 13th April 1875, copy herewith in the margin, the grant of increased travelling allowance, at the rate of Rs 10 per day, has been extended to officers of the Police Department when travelling in the Yernagudem Taluq of this district, and has requested me to seek the extension of this privilege to officers of the Public Works Department when travelling on duty in that most unhealthy malarious part of the district

2 Public Works Officers have to undergo the same hardships as regards comfort, shelter, difficulty of carriage, &c, as the officers of the Police Department, and it is therefore in my opinion only just that they should be placed on the same footing as regards travelling allowances

3 I may mention that, owing chiefly to its containing this unhealthy tract of country, the No 4 or Ellore Range has passed through many hands during the course of a few years; among the more recent cases is that of Lieutenant J. F. Dorward, who lost his health there, and is in consequence still in England; Mr Supervisor Baker followed him for about a year, and took the earliest opportunity of effecting an exchange to another district, and Mr Martin has had several attacks of fever from visiting parts of Yernagudem to inspect the new road to Ashwarowpett, the irrigation works, and the upper portion of the river embankment.

4 The territory of Rumpah in north of Rajahmundry taluq, mentioned in paragraph 4 of the letter of the Inspector-General of Police with Gumsoor, Jeypore Gudum, and Collegal, is even more unhealthy and difficult for travellers than Yernagudem. The late Range Officer, Mr Hannan, suffered from fever every time he visited the road that leads through it, and the cost of labor and carriage there is about treble what it is in other parts of the Rajahmundry Taluq

5 I beg therefore that Government will be pleased to extend the special rate of travelling allowance to Public Works Officers when travelling in Yernagudem and Rumpah

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No 91. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel C. S. HEARN, Inspector-General of Police, to the Hon W HUDESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St George, dated Ootacamund, 7th April 1875, No 1,760

With reference to paragraph 2 of G O, No 1,610, dated 29th August 1874, sanctioning Rupees 10 per day as travelling allowance to the Assistant Superintendent of Police in Wynad under the rules that are in force in the hill tracts of the Northern Range, I have the honor to request that this allowance may also be sanctioned for the Deputy Inspector-General and Superintendent of Police, Malabar, when travelling in the hill tracts of the Northern Range. These officers, of course, have to incur the increased expense owing to difficulty of carriage, and it was by mere oversight that I did not include them with the Assistant Superintendent in paragraph 13 of my letter to Government, No 682, dated 20th February 1874, about Wynad Police

2 Further, I would solicit that the travelling allowance of Rupees 10 per day may be extended to Police Officers of the above ranks travelling in the Yernagudem Taluq of the

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Godavery District, and in the Collegal and part of Suttiamungalum Taluqs of the Coimbatore District. The whole of Collegal Taluq is above the ghauts, and the following are the hill stations of the Suttiamungalum Taluq which are above the ghauts, and to which I conceive the increased allowance should be extended —

Talavadi Talamalai Hassanoor

3 I append a letter from the Superintendent of Police, Godavery, which expresses most forcibly the reasons why the increased allowance is needed in the Yernagudem Taluq. The same arguments apply to the above-mentioned hilly parts of the Coimbatore District.

4 By the recent decision of the Secretary of State on Colonel Swanston's reference, it would appear that when an officer finds that his constitution will no longer stand the incessant strain of Police work he must as a rule appear before a Medical Board, who will decide if such officer is still fit for Military duty or if he should be pensioned. No officer can venture to risk his prospect by such an ordeal. Even an innocent man dislikes to be tried for his life, because Judges and Juries sometimes come to wrong conclusions. Police Officers as the Government know have constantly to expose themselves to the highly malarious influences of such tracts as Gumsoor, Jeypore, Gudum, Rumpah, Collegal, &c. The inevitable result is jungle fever. No one escapes. The effect of this on the constitution is well known. Regimental Officers have scarcely ever now-a-days to join in expeditions to these dangerous tracts, because the work is done by the Police. The mortality that used to follow the annual expeditions to Gumsoor is matter of history in the Madras Army. I submit that Police Officers who perpetually incur these risks should at least be supplied with the means to travel with such appliances of comfort and shelter as may in some degree lessen the danger.

NB—Captain Trotman, the Acting Superintendent of Police, Coimbatore District, recently inspected the Collegal Taluq. A week after his return both he and the whole of his establishment were down with malarious fever.

No 92

ORDER THEREON, 13th April 1875, No 849

The extension of the rule is sanctioned as proposed in the above letter

(True Extract)

(Signed) W HUDLESTON,
Chief Secretary

No 473

ORDER THEREON, 28th October 1875, No 3,054

ESTABLISHMENT, No 21

HIS EXCELLENCY the Governor in Council is pleased, under the circumstances brought to notice, to sanction,

subject to the confirmation of the Government of India, the grant to Officers and Executive Subordinates while travelling in the unhealthy and difficult hill tracts of the Yernagudem Taluq or Rumpah of double travelling allowance, and double batta to office establishments.

(Here enter No 3,055, dated 28th October 1875,)

(True Extract)

(Signed) G W. WALKER, Major-General, R E,

Secretary to Government

To the District Engineer, Godavery

„ Controller of Public Works Accounts

Exd W J Lewis

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
FORT ST GEORGE, 28th October 1875.

No. 474

No 3,055

FROM

MAJOR-GENERAL G. W. WALKER, R E,
Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Public Works Department,

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
Public Works Department

ESTABLISHMENT, No 22.

SIR,—In transmitting the accompanying copy of Proceedings, No. 3,054, dated 28th October 1875, I am directed to request the confirmation of the Government of India to the provisional sanction which has been accorded to the grant of enhanced travelling allowances for journeys in the Yernagudem Taluq and Rumpah. It will be seen that a similar indulgence has been conceded to officers of the Police Department.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Major-General, R E,
Secretary to Government.

Exd W J Lewis

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Judicial Department 15th April 1875.

Police
No. 91. Read the following letter from Assistant
-stant Colonel C. S. Fearn, Inspector General
of Police to the Honorable W. Huddleston Chief
Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated
Cotacamund, 7th April 1875 No. 1760.

With reference to paragraph 2 of G.O.
No. 1610, dated 29th August 1874 sanctioning
Rupees 10 per day as travelling allowance to the
Assistant Superintendent of Police in Wynad
under the rules that are in force in the Hill
Tracts of the Northern Range, I have the honor
to request that this allowance may also be
sanctioned for the Deputy Inspector General
and Superintendent of Police, Malabar, when
travelling in the Wynad, with retrospective effect
from the date of the above order. This rule
obtains in the Hill Tracts of the Northern Range,
These officers, of course, have to incur the in-
creased expense owing to difficulty of carriage,
and it was by mere oversight that I did not
include them with the Assistant Superintendent

Army. I submit that Police Officers who perpetually incur these risks should at least be supplied with the means to travel with such appliances of comfort and shelter as may in some degree lessen the danger -

N.B. Captain Protman, the Acting Superintendent of Police, Coimbatore District, recently inspected the Collegal Taluq. A week after his return, both he and the whole of his establishment were down with malarious fever.

No 92 Order thereon, 15th April 1875

No 849 -

The extension of the rule is sanctioned as proposed in the above letter

/ True Extract

/ s/d W. H. Duleston

Chief Secretary

/ True Copy (

/ s/d C. A. Porteous Captain

As Depy Insp of Police

for Superintendent of Police

/ True Copy (

L. Beatty Major R.E.

As Superintending Engineer

No 3557

P.W.D.

Proceedings of the Madras Government,
Under date the 28th Nov 1875

Read the following -

from the Superintending Engineer

N. S. No 2033 d/2 Oct. 1875

N. S. The Governor in Council is pleased, under the circumstances, - being h.t. to notice, to sanction, subject to the confirmation of the Government of India, the grant to officers and executive subordinates while travelling in the unhealthy hills of the Yernagudem Taluq or Rampah, of double travelling allowance; and double

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letter to office es-
-tablishments

(H. S. No 3055 d/28/7/75)
To No 3055
The Secretary to the
Government of India.

Sir

In transmitting
the accompanying copy
of Proceedings, No. 3054
d/28/7/75 am directed
to request the con-
-firmation of the
Government of India
to the provisional
sanction which has
been accorded to
the grant of enhanced
travelling allowances
for journeys in the
Yernagudem

Yernagudem Taluk and
Rampah. It will be
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Department.

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D. P. Gadavary ✓ 9
Controller of P. W. Accounts, ✓ Resd 11-11-75

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To G. B. Godavery
Govt. of India

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Requesting sanction to double
travelling allowance be to offic
Executive Subordinates be of
P. W. Dept, while travelling
in the Gannagudem Taluq.

Double travelling allowance be
Sub. Secy for survey, informed
that - to officers & Executive
Subordinates of the P. W. Dept
travelling in the Gannagudem
Taluq is sanctioned, subject
to the Confirmation of the Govt
of India -