

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following papers :—

From J. C. HANNYNGTON, Esq., Resident in Travancore and Cochin, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Trivandrum, 9th March 1891, No. 53.

I have the honour to request the orders of Government on the following subject.

2. Under G.O., dated 9th July 1883, Mis. No. 1419, the Resident and his staff being exempted from the operation of section 29 of the Civil Travelling Allowance Code, have drawn halting allowance during any period during which they have been absent from Trivandrum, whether they remained at Cochin or Quilon, or at Pirmed.

3. This has naturally caused the amount of travelling allowance drawn to exceed the estimates formed by me when I wrote my letter, No. 63, dated 24th July 1882, and to exceed the estimate of last year considerably.

4. Under Article 1225 of the Civil Service Regulations, travelling allowance is not allowed to be drawn by an officer who remains at a hill station more than ten days, and, by the supplementary rule added to the above article (Finance Department, No. 4937, dated 16th October 1890), daily allowance is not to be passed for an officer's halt at a hill station, except under the special orders of the Local Government.

5. It has been usual for many years for the Resident and part of the staff to move during the hot weather to Pirmed which place is situated on the Travancore hills at an elevation of 3,000 feet above the sea.

6. Although the move is, in some respects, beneficial, inasmuch as it enables the Resident to visit the Mission College at Kóttayam and the various civil institutions on the route to acquaint himself with the condition of the people and of the roads and public works in the vicinity, and to ascertain the wants of the inhabitants, and more specially those of the large body of European planters settled on the hills, I have myself considered it more or less in the light of a pleasure trip, and have consequently generally drawn only sufficient allowances to cover the heavy expenses of the journey to and fro ; but Messrs. Logan, Barlow and Grigg, when acting for me, drew the full amount to which they were entitled.

7. In the case of the Assistant Resident and Medical officer, I have, however, always considered them to be on duty, and have allowed them to draw halting allowances for the whole period of halt at Pirmed.

8. Under the present rules, I do not think halting allowance can be allowed without the special sanction of Government, that is to say, if Pirmed is to be considered a hill station.

9. If Pirmed is not held to be a hill station no orders are necessary.

10. As there is no Residency Surgeon now a hospital assistant accompanies the Resident and his allowances are inconsiderable.

11. As I am now going to Pirmed, I lay the whole matter before Government and request final orders.

From T. W. RAWLINS, Esq., Accountant-General, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Fort St. George, 22nd April 1891, No. 1231.

With reference to your endorsement, No. 531, dated the 3rd April 1891, on letter from the Resident in Travancore and Cochin, No. 53, dated 9th March 1891 (herewith returned), I have the honour to state that if Pirmed is held to be a hill station for the purposes of Article 1224 of the Civil Service Regulations, the Local Government may grant or withhold daily allowance for a halt at that station up to a maximum period of ten days in the case of any officer visiting it, under the special order of Government or in the ordinary course of his duty.

2. To enable me to carry out the provisions of Article 1225, I take this opportunity of requesting that Government will be pleased to declare what places in this Presidency should be considered as "hill stations" for the purpose of the article quoted above.

ORDER—dated 19th May 1891, No. 343, Financial.

The undermentioned places will be held to be hill stations for the purposes of section iii, chapter L of the Civil Service Regulations:—

Districts.								Stations.
Nilgiris	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Ootacamund.
								Coonoor.
								Kotagiri.
								Wellington.
Madura (Palnis)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Kodaikanal.
Salem (Shevaroys)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Yercaud.
Bellary	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Ramandrug.
Travancore	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Pirmed.

(True Extract.)

J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

To the Resident in Travancore.
" Accountant-General.
" Departments of the Secretariat.

ENDORSEMENT—dated 19th May 1891, No. 344, Financial.

Copy to the Government of India, Department of Finance and Commerce.

J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. P. L. Pereira.

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Declaring certain places — for the purposes of
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