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~~Marine~~ (1898) Department.

G.O., No. 2665 ^W ~~Marine~~

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Emblem of the ~~Govt~~ Epigraphist

Govt: Public Dept. deciding to
sanction the grant of bill allowances to the
but increasing the pay of the Second Assistant
Stating that accommodation for the Epigraphists
will be provided in the old Jail building
at Olatunmba, Communicated to the
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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following papers:—

From Dr. E. HULTZSCH, Government Epigraphist, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Ootacamund, 22nd April 1898, No. 132.

I have the honour to request that the Government might be so good as to consider favourably the following proposals regarding my establishment and office.

2. As this office is now located at Ootacamund and will probably remain there permanently if my retention is approved of by the Secretary of State, I request that the establishment (three assistants and three peons) might be granted the usual hill allowances and that the three peons might receive an annual grant for the purchase of warm clothing.

3. In my letter, No. 378, dated 12th September 1895, I applied for an increase of pay from Rs. 50 to Rs. 75—7—110 for my second and third assistants. At that time the Government were unable to make any changes in the establishment pending the decision of the question of the continuation of epigraphical research (see Proceedings No. 897, Public, dated 30th October 1895). The third assistant has since been transferred to the Revenue Secretariat. I now beg to repeat my original request as far as it concerns the second assistant, H. Krishna Sastri, who has put in seven years' service and who, unless his pay is raised, intends to join the office of Mr. Rice, the Director of Archaeological Researches in Mysore. This would be a heavy loss to the department. The present third assistant, G. Venkoba Rao, joined only last year and needs no increase of pay.

4. From 1887 until the end of March 1898, the office was accommodated in my house. In anticipation of the furlough for which I have applied, I engaged a separate bungalow for myself and rented a small office for the accommodation of the establishment and of the office records on Messrs. Wiele and Klein's premises. This accommodation (two small rooms and one godown) is totally inadequate and obliges me to work at home, while my assistants have hardly room for their writing-tables in the office. I therefore request that the monthly allowance for office-rent might be raised from Rs. 20 to Rs. 40. This would enable me to rent a proper office building and would prevent serious inconvenience to me and my staff.

5. If the Government are pleased to approve of the proposed increase of expenditure, which appears to be urgent and inevitable, I request that the above changes might come in force as soon as the retention of my services is sanctioned by Her Majesty's Secretary of State. For the current official year the increased expenditure could be met from savings under "Epigraphist's pay" and under "Travelling allowances".

From the Government Epigraphist, dated 26th July 1898, No. 244.

ABSTRACT.—Submitting certain facts in support of his letter No. 132, dated 22nd April 1898, regarding the grant of hill allowance to his establishment.

From the Government Epigraphist, dated 6th August 1898, No. 265.

ABSTRACT.—Submitting a petition signed by his peons regarding their transfer to Ootacamund.

From the Public Works Department, dated Ootacamund, 8th August 1898, No. 766-D.

ABSTRACT.—Forwarding letter from the Executive Engineer, Coimbatore division, regarding office accommodation for the Government Epigraphist.

ORDER—No. 1225, Public, dated 27th September 1898.

The Government regrets that it is unable to sanction the grant of hill allowances to the establishment of the Government Epigraphist, recommended in the first of the foregoing letters. The transfer of the office from Bangalore to Ootacamund was permitted on the distinct understanding that no extra expense to Government would be involved.

2. The increase of pay to the second assistant from Rs. 50 *per mensem* to Rupees 75—7—110 is sanctioned with effect from the beginning of the next official year.

3. With reference to the application for an increased allowance for office rent, the Epigraphist will be informed that accommodation will be provided for his office in the Old Jail buildings, which will shortly become available.

(True Extract.)

for Chief Secretary.

To the Government Epigraphist.

Accountant-General.

Copy to the Collector of the Nilgiris.

Public Works Department.