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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

READ—again the following paper:—

G.O., No. 760, Public, dated 17th June 1897.

ABSTRACT.—Altering the additions made to the Indian Civil Service Manual as paragraph 65-A, section VII, of Part I, under G.O., No. 417 of 1897, regarding the maintenance of riding horses by Revenue officers.

READ—also the following paper:—

G.O., No. 672, Revenue, dated 4th August 1897.

Read—again the following endorsement, No. 1174, Rev., dated 19th June 1897:—

Read—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), Mis. No. 2101, dated 10th June 1897:—

Read—the following letter from W. H. WELSH, Esq., Collector of South Canara, dated 22nd May 1897, Ref. No. 967-Eng.:—

Paragraph 65-A of the Indian Civil Service Manual, which lays down the scale for the maintenance of serviceable riding horses or ponies by officers of the Land Revenue Department, renders it imperative that one of the two animals required to be maintained by every Collector and every member of the Indian Civil Service in charge of a division must be a horse.

2. I beg to suggest that this rule may be modified in reference to officers serving in this district and Malabar. The climate of the West Coast is characterized by excessive humidity during part of the year, in consequence of which horses rarely thrive. Harness horses do a little better, but there is a great difficulty about riding horses. The Acting Head Assistant Collector Mr. Booty, for instance, had a mare over 14·3 in 1896, but she came to grief, and since then he has had only a pony. Similarly, last year, one of the few animals over 14·3 in this district—an Arab mare ridden by a lady—went in the loins and had to be shot. When ordered to this district I sold my two horses and have since kept only ponies, believing that it is not possible to keep up a supply of serviceable riding horses of 14·3 or over.

3. One of the great difficulties is want of good riding ground; I only know of three places—Hosdrug, Malpe and Maranante; and it is, therefore, always very hard to keep good animals in proper exercise. The difficulty is specially felt in the hot weather when laterite is as hard as iron and the pebbles slippery, not to speak of the roads being dusty and crowded with people carrying loads and with vehicular traffic. Even the maidan is proposed to be encroached on by police buildings. The sea beach cannot be reached from Mangalore and is too steep and shelving all along our coast. Moreover, the land wind gives the animals bad coughs. In the monsoon they are further susceptible to catch chills, standing about in the rain, and no horses can at that season be obtained from outside to replace casualties.

4. Ferries are another constant difficulty. Moreover, in many inland villages, it is impossible to leave the road on horseback for more than a few hundred yards. Inspection has, therefore, to be done on foot. Bicycles are really far more useful than horses. The order will, of course, cause hardship to Divisional officers more than to Collectors.

5. For the reasons above set forth, I beg that Government may be moved to extend the concession, to keep ponies instead of horses, accorded to Police officers serving in South Canara and Malabar (*vide* Police Order No. 27, published at page 204 of the *Madras Police Gazette*, dated 1st May 1897) to the officers mentioned in the first paragraph of this letter. I believe officers of the regiments formerly stationed at Mangalore were allowed to ride ponies on parade.

Resolution—Mis. No. 2101, dated 10th June 1897.

Submitted for the orders of Government.

2. The Board recommends the grant of the concession asked for by Mr. Welsh, as there is no doubt that horses are very liable to go in the loins in South Canara and Malabar and it has always been the custom for most officers to keep ponies instead of horses in these districts. The Board considers that this custom is unobjectionable and should not be interfered with under the circumstances.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) N. S. BRODIE,
Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Endorsement.

Transferred to the Public Department.

(Signed) N. E. MARJORIBANKS,
Ag. Asst. Secy. to Govt.

Read—also the following endorsement of the Public Department, No. 1413, dated 8th July 1897:—

Returned to the Revenue Department, by which all the previous orders on this subject have been passed. The Public Department has merely to embody in the Indian Civil Service Manual the orders communicated to it, and has no power to modify the rules themselves in this case.

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

Order—No. 672, Revenue, dated 4th August 1897.

In the circumstances reported, the Government is pleased to lay down that the minimum height of the riding animals which Collectors and Divisional officers serving in Malabar and South Canara have to maintain shall be 13·2 hands.

Miscellaneous.

The following will accordingly be inserted in the latter part of rule (1) of the rules appended to Board's Proceedings, No. 170 (Press), dated 20th May 1897, immediately above the note at the end of that rule:—

“Exception.—In the case of Collectors and Divisional officers serving in Malabar and South Canara, the minimum height of the animal or animals, which under the above rules they have to maintain, is fixed at 13·2 hands.”

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. STOKES,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue)
Copy to the Public Department.

ORDER--No. 1137, Public, dated 31st August 1897.

The following note will be added to rule (1) in paragraph 65-A, section VII, Part I, of the Indian Civil Service Manual:—

“*Exception.*—In the case of Collectors and Divisional officers serving in Malabar and South Canara, the minimum height of the animal or animals, which under the above rules they have to maintain, is fixed at 13·2 hands.”

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Revenue Department.
 „ the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue).
 „ all Collectors of Districts.
 „ the Superintendent, Government Press.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

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Board of Revenue

(Land Revenue),

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Proceedings, No. 170, 20th May 1897.

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Circulating to all Collectors the rules, as finally revised by Government, regarding the compulsory maintenance of riding horses by certain classes of officers in the Land Revenue Department.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE
(LAND REVENUE).

Read—the following Government Order, Mis. No. 2183, Revenue, dated 1st May 1897 :—

Read—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), Mis. No. 1160, dated 26th March 1897 :—

Read—the following Government Order, No. 125, Revenue, dated 25th February 1897 :—

Read—Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), No. 470, dated 15th December 1896.

Order—No. 125, Revenue, dated 25th February 1897.

Miscellaneous.

The draft rules submitted by the Board of Revenue are approved subject to the following remarks and modifications :—

Rule 1.—The rule as it stands is too comprehensive in that it would include officers of the Revenue Department other than those employed on the Land Revenue side, and that even of the latter, officers below the grade of Tahsildars also. The Government further considers that the minimum number of serviceable riding animals to be maintained by every member of the Indian Civil Service in charge of a division, as well as every Collector, should be fixed at two, one of which at least must be a horse. The rule will accordingly be revised as under :—

“Every officer of the Land Revenue Department, of and above the rank of Tahsildar, is expected to keep and maintain serviceable riding animals according to the scale laid down below together with suitable saddlery :—

Every Collector and every member of the Indian Civil Service in charge of a division—Two animals, one of which at least must be a horse.

Other officers—One horse or pony.”

The figure I. affixed to the note under this rule should be omitted.

Rule 2.—As the maximum period up to which the Collector can, under this rule, extend the time within which an officer appointed to the grade of Deputy Collector or Tahsildar should provide himself with a serviceable horse or pony, is limited to three months from the date of the officer's joining his appointment, the necessary report in the case of an officer failing so to provide himself with a riding animal should be submitted on the expiry of that period. “Three months” will accordingly be substituted for “six months” in line 6 of the rule.

Rule 4.—As the half-yearly return referred to in rule 5 has to be submitted by the Collectors themselves, it appears preferable to substitute the following for the last eleven words of the rule :—“in any periodical returns which they may require from their subordinates for the compilation of the general return referred to in the next rule.”

The following should also be added at the end of the rule :—“They are also required to satisfy themselves that the animals are serviceable and the saddlery suitable.”

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. STOKES,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue).
Copy to the Public Department.

Resolution—Mis. No. 1160, dated 26th March 1897.

Before circulating the rules for the maintenance of riding horses by Revenue officers, the Board requests the orders of Government on the following points :—

(1) Rule 1 of the Board's rules limited the application of the rules to officers who are required to spend a portion of the year in touring. The Government has cut out this proviso. The omission is presumably an oversight. As the rule now stands it would apply to Treasury Deputy Collectors and Secretaries to the Board.

(2) The Government has also ordered that all Collectors and all members of the Indian Civil Service in charge of a division should keep at least two animals one of which at least must be a horse. The Board presumes that a horse is an animal of 14·2 or over. It would be as well to state this in the rules.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) R. C. C. CARR,
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Order—Mis. No. 2183, Revenue, dated 1st May 1897.

The presumption in clause (1) of the Proceedings read above is correct. The words “who is required to spend a portion of the year in touring” will accordingly be inserted after the word “Tahsildar” in line 2 of rule 1 as revised by Government.

2. With reference to clause (2) of the Board's Proceedings, the Government directs that, for the latter part of rule 1, commencing with the words “every Collector” the following be substituted :—

“Every Collector and every member of the Indian Civil Service in charge of a division—Two animals, one not less than 13·3 and the other not less than 14 hands in height.

Divisional officers other than members of the Indian Civil Service—One animal not less than 13·3 in height.

Tahsildars—One horse or pony.”

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. STOKES,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue).

Copy to the Public Department.

RESOLUTION—No. 170, dated 20th May 1897.

Communicated to all Collectors.

2. The rules regarding the maintenance of riding horses by officers of the Land Revenue Department, as finally revised by Government, are printed as an Appendix to these Proceedings.

3. The first half-yearly return prescribed in rule 5 will be due in this office on 1st February 1898.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) R. C. C. CARR,
Secretary.

To all Collectors (D. Os. and Tahsildars).
„ the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Papers to be read in proceedings:—

4 BOARD OF REVENUE (LAND REVENUE), No. 170, 20TH MAY 1897.

APPENDIX.

1. Every officer of the Land Revenue Department, of and above the rank of Tahsildar, who is required to spend a portion of the year in touring, is expected to keep and maintain serviceable riding horses or ponies according to the scale laid down below together with suitable saddlery:—

Every Collector and every member of the Indian Civil Service in charge of a division—
Two animals, one not less than 13.3 and the other not less than 14 hands in height.

Divisional officers other than members of the Indian Civil Service—One animal not less than 13.3 in height.

Tahsildars—One horse or pony.

Note.—Rules regarding the purchase of horses by members of the Indian Civil Service are given in the Civil Service Manual, paragraphs 7 and 8.

2. Every officer appointed to the grade of Deputy Collector (probationary or on general duty) or Tahsildar, either permanently or for a period not less than six months, should, within one month after joining his appointment, provide himself with a serviceable horse or pony and with suitable saddlery. The period of one month may, upon sufficient cause being shown, be extended by the Collector to three months. When three months have elapsed from the date of the officer's joining his appointment, if he is still unprovided with a horse, the fact should be reported for the orders of the Board.

3. If an officer's horse or pony should die or become permanently unserviceable from any cause, he will be allowed one month (which may be extended as above to three months) to replace it.

4. Collectors are required to see that these rules are properly observed and to verify by personal inspection during their tours or on other occasions the correctness of entries in any periodical returns which they may require from their subordinates for the compilation of the general return referred to in the next rule.

They are also required to satisfy themselves that the animals are serviceable and the saddlery suitable.

5. Collectors should submit at the end of every half-year, in the form appended to Board's Proceedings, No. 470, dated 15th December 1896, a descriptive return of the horses used by themselves and such of their subordinates as are required to keep horses, and also of the saddlery owned by every such officer.

Again G.O., No. 760 dated 17th June 1897.
Again G.O., No. dated 189 .
Current No. 3164 of 1897, dated 4th August, from the Res Dept
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The following will be added to the alterations made under G.O. No 760 Public of 17th June 1897, in the latter part of Rule (1) in para 65-A, Section VII, Part I of the Indian Civil Service Manual:—

"Exception.— In the case of collectors and divisional officers serving in Malabar and South Canara the minimum height of the animal or animals which under the above rules they have to maintain is fixed at 13.2 hands.

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