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செய்வினைபவர் பெயர்: ஏ. சிவாஜி ராவ்

செய்வினைவதற்காக எடுத்துக் கொள்ளப்பட்ட நாள்: 8/08 - 11/08

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No. 19. Read the following letter from H. CLEGHORN, Esq., M. D. Conservator of Forests; to W. H. BAYLEY, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government Revenue Department, Fort St. George; dated Madras 25th June 1858, No. 378.

SIR,

1. With reference to the order of Government marginally noted, I have the honor to submit for the consideration of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council the accompanying letter from Captain Douglas Hamilton late Assistant Conservator of Forests in charge of the Anamallay Forests requesting that travelling allowances may be sanctioned for the period in which he was engaged in the elephant hunt and during the working season of 1857.

Ex. Mins. of Cons. dated 13th March 1858, *No.* 337, *R. D.*

2. Government having ruled in the order above quoted that Military officers employed in this Department should not receive full batta, Captain Hamilton has been retrenched in the sum of Rupees 351-12-4 for the period of his service in this Department, although previous to the existence of the Forest Department he and Captain Michael had always drawn full batta. The case of Captain Hamilton differs from that of Lieutenant Beddome in whose case the decision above quoted was referred to, in asmuch as the latter officer was at the time drawing travelling allowance while the former was not. The objections of the Civil Auditor were indeed based on his claiming to draw both allowances. I would respectfully submit therefore that Captain Hamilton is entitled to travelling allowance for the period on which he was engaged in the elephant hunt, viz from 10th March to* 30th April, especially as this was not an essential part of his duty as an Assistant Conservator of Forests.

	Rs.
* *At the rate of Rupees 5 per day*	260

3. I would also submit that on those days when the Assistant in charge of the Anamallays proceeds to Ponany for the annual transfer of timber to the Bombay Agent and auction sale, travelling allowance should be sanctioned both to the Assistant and the Overseer. Captain Hamilton has truly represented that during the working season the Assistant has to travel a great deal, there being a large extent of forest to be looked after attended with peculiar risk to health. I am not, however, prepared at present to make any application for general travelling allowance during the working season.

From Captain D. HAMILTON, 21st Regiment N. I., late Assistant Conservator of Forests; to H. F. C. CLEGHORN, Esq., Conservator of Forests; dated Coimbatore, 10th May 1858.

SIR,

1. Government having decided that officers employed in the forest conservancy are not entitled to full batta, I have the honor to request you will be so good as to forward my claim for travelling allowances during the time I was engaged in the Elephant hunt, and during the working season in the Annamallay Forests.

2. While superintending the preparations for the hunt I had to be continually travelling between Coimbatore and Seeramogay as cartmen were continually arriving to have their accounts settled and I could not entail on them an extra journey of 23 miles by removing the office from Coimbatore to Seeramogay during that period.

3. Having visited the Annamallay Forests yourself you are aware of the distances the Superintendent has to travel in the performance of his duties, and the extra expense of keeping up an establishment for that purpose in a wild forest during the whole of the rainy season.

4. In forwarding this claim, permit me to bring to your notice that in para. 4 of the Extract of Minutes of Consultation under date 13th March 1858, the Civil Auditor's objection to full batta being drawn is because the only Military Officer *then* employed in the conservancy was drawing travelling batta.

(True Copy.)
(Signed) H. CLEGHORN,
Conservator of Forests.

No. 20. ORDER THEREON, No. 1017; dated 22d July 1858.

With this letter, the Conservator of Forests forwards one from Captain Hamilton, late Assistant Conservator in charge of the Annamallay Forests, applying for travelling allowance for the period in which he was engaged in the Elephant hunt and during the working season of 1857, the claim is advanced in consequence of the decision of Government that Military officers employed in the conservancy are not entitled to full Regimental allowances.

Ex. M. C. 13th March 1858, No. 337.

2. Dr. Cleghorn considers that Captain Hamilton is entitled to the travelling allowance for the period on which he was engaged in the Elephant hunt, especially as this was not an essential part of his duty as an Assistant Conservator of Forests. He is also of opinion that on those days when the Assistant in charge of the Annamallays proceeds to Ponany for the annual transfer of timber to the Bombay Agent and Auction sale, travelling allowance should be sanctioned both to the Assistant and the Overseer, but he is not prepared at present to make any application for general travelling allowance during the working season.

3. The Government observe that the establishment for the conservancy of the forests of this Presidency was organized under arrangements suggested by Dr. Cleghorn in a letter dated 9th August 1856, and recapitulated in a letter to the Government of India dated 2d September 1856, No. 922. His scheme contemplated the employment of six officers, viz. four for different ranges, of which the Annamallays was one, and two to explore the country and examine their resources in timber. To the two latter only he proposed travelling allowances, but in regard to the former he distinctly stated "I do not propose any travelling allowance as the appointments are necessarily not of a stationary character, and to be efficient, the officers require to be always equipped for moving about within their ranges."

Consultation 2d Sep. 1856, Nos. 40-41.

4. It is clear therefore that under the present constitution of the conservancy establishment, no travelling allowance can be granted to any of the officers in charge of ranges, for moving about within their limits; but as Captain Hamilton, it is asserted, had been employed on a duty other than that which belonged to his proper office, the Governor in Council is willing to permit him as a special case to draw travelling allowance at the rate of Rupees 5 per diem for the period he was actually engaged on the Elephant hunt, or from 10th March to 30th April 1857, amounting to Rupees 260, but it is to be distinctly understood that this sanction is not to be drawn into a precedent on future occasions.

5. In regard to the further proposal of the Conservator that the Assistant in charge of the Annamallay Forests and the Overseer in that range should be allowed travelling charges for those days on which they proceed to Ponany for the annual transfer of timber to the Bombay Agent and Auction sale, the Government would wish that Dr. Cleghorn should specify the probable period in each year that will be occupied in the performance of these duties, the rates of travelling allowance he would propose and the cost likely to be incurred. The distance from the limits of the Assistant's range to Ponany should be likewise specified.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

For Orders.

Revenue Department No 1017. 27/107

From the Conservator of Forests dated 25th June 1858.

Submits a letter from Captain D. Hamilton late Assistant Conservator in charge of Annamallay Forests requesting that Travelling allowance may be sanctioned for the period in which he was engaged in the Elephant Hunt and during the working season of 1857.

It is very difficult to decide upon the claims for allowances upon Govt. Affairs. There is a number of claims are made upon other plans.

A Copy of the rules upon receiving of Encumbrances in Consequence of his appointment should be sent to him.

but it was supposed that the allowances of the Forest Establishment were fixed

Read Proceedings of 27th July 1858 on the Subject taken by the Govt. Dept. Capt. Hamilton's claim to be allowed

entitled to travelling allowance for the
whole period H.J.

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Revenue Dept

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Extract from the Minutes of Government

Minute dated the 22nd July 1858.

Read the following letter
from the Conservator of Forests

(Received 25th June 1858 at Simla)

Refer this letter to
the Superintendent Conservator
in charge of the Bombay
Forests, with reference to
allowance for the period
in which he was engaged
in the Elephant Khedah
and during the working
season of 1857. He is desired
to intimate to the Conservator

of the Secretary of Government
that Military Officers em-
ployed in the Conservancy of Forests 153 do 837
are not entitled to full Regimen-
tal allowances.

3. Dr Cleghorn conveys
that Captain Hamilton
is entitled to the travelling
allowance for the period
on which he was engaged
on the Neilgherry Survey
especially as he was not
an essential part of the
duty as an Assistant
Conservator of Forests. He
is also of opinion that on
those days when the As-
sistant in charge of
the Circumlage proceeds
to Peroomy for the Annual
transfer of Timber to the
Bombay

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Bombay Agent and Auditor
Sale, travelling allowance
should be sanctioned both
to the Assistant and the
Overseer, but he is not pre-
pared at present to make
any application for fur-
ther travelling allowance
during the working sea-
son.

3 The Government
observe that the establish-
ment for the Conservancy
of the forests of this Presi-
dency was organized on
the Arrangements sug-
gested by Dr Cleghorn
in a letter dated 9th
August 1856 and accom-
panied by a letter to the
Government of Madras
dated

Govt Sept 1856 No 1520

dated 2d Septr 1828 at p 933.

His Lordship considers that the employment of Six Officers Lieut. from four different Ranges, of which the Commissary was one, and two to explore the Country and Examine their pecuniary circumstances, to the two latter only the proposed travelling allowance is recommended, but in regard to the former he thinks that as they are necessarily out of a Military character, and to be Secret, the Officers employed to be always in Uniform for Morning Dress

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within their Ranges.

4th That when therefore that under the present constitution of the Commissariat establishment, no travelling allowance can be granted to any of the Officers in charge of Ranges for moving about within their limits; but as Capt. Hamilton, it is asserted had been employed on a duty other than that which belonged to his proper Office, the Governor in Council is willing to permit him as a special case to draw travelling allowance at the rate of Rupees 5 per diem for the period he was actually engaged

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tinctly understood that
this sanction is not to
be drawn into a prece-
dent on future occasions
5th In regard to the
further proposal of the
Conservator that Works
existent in charge of
and the Overseer in that
range should be allowed
boarding charges for three
days on which they proceed
to Poona for the annual
transfer of Timber to the
Bombay Agent and Auction
Sale, the Government
are not aware that Dr Gibson
should specify the particulars
proved

April 1857 amounting
LR 260.

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proved in each year that
will be occupied in the
performance of these duties,
the rates of travelling al-
lowance he would propose
and the cost likely to be
incurred. The distance
from the limits of the
Ramdoorgh range to
Poona should be like-
wise specified.

To Copies to the Conservator of Forests Dispd 23rd
1 — " Accountant Genl "
1 — " Genl Audr "

Cons 19th March/58 — Nos 3–4
— 26th Janry/58 — — 21–22
— 21 April/58 — — 44–45.

Cons 1868 Dispatch
Dp. to Cons. 27th July
No
Dated 1817.
Extract Mins. of Cons.
D/22d July/58.

From Commte of Lords 17/58 Janry
Cons 170 in Cons 8 March/58 No 23

Permitting Captain Rennie late Asstt Conservator in charge of annamalay Forests as a special case, to draw travelling allowance at the rate of 5 Rupees per diem for the period he was engaged on the Elephant Hunt.

No 19 P 20.

15th July 1858