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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, for the month of December 1859.

No. 5. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 1st December 1859, No. 4930.

Read the following letter from J. W. B. DYKES, Esq., Officiating Collector of Nellore; to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Fort St. George, dated Nellore, 14th November 1859, No. 182.

With reference to the Proceedings of Government, Revenue Department, under date the 29th ultimo, and forwarded from the Board on the 2d instant, sanctioning for reasons given, a bill for travelling allowances, amounting to Rupees 15-4, forwarded with my letter of the 21st September last, I have now the honor to submit a further bill for travelling allowances to the amount of Rupees 58-8, being expenses similarly incurred by me in proceeding by dâk to visit on duty whilst Officiating Collector of Guntúr, the several places shown in the accompanying account particular.

2. In this instance my presence was required at Nizamapatam, to settle a disputed frontage immediately adjacent to the present Custom House, on the Nizamapatam backwater, and this dispute, I may as well mention here, was settled, with the consent of both parties, by the disputed frontage being duly marked off as the best site available for the new Custom House, which it will be necessary, in all probability, to build before long, to take the place of the thatched mud wall cottage that is now used for that purpose. Just as I was starting for Nizamapatam, I received a letter from the captain of the ship "Selene" with regard to the difficulties that were experienced in shipping salt for the first time at Chinna Ganjam, and as the captain was apprehensive of the monsoon breaking before he could get his cargo on board, I deemed it advisable to go on at once from Nizamapatam, and see to the matter myself in person. I also took this opportunity for disposing of a dispute between the salt superintendent and the sepoys of the guard there, with regard to which there had been considerable correspondence, but in the settlement of which there was some difficulty, as the case was necessarily reported on by the salt superintendent, he being, at the same time, head of Police and defendant. In both these cases, it was, I believe, highly desirable that the case should personally be inquired into on the spot either by myself or the Head Assistant Magistrate; and as in neither case would it have been possible to take my Kacheri with me, I trust the Board will be pleased to recommend the charges thus incurred for the sanction of Government.

3. I would further take this opportunity of requesting that the Board would be pleased to ascertain for my future guidance, whether the course which I have pursued meets with the approbation of Government. In this district, travelling is, I believe, not so difficult, as in the delta táluqs of Guntúr, but, under any circumstances, moving the Kacheri, which a Collector is obliged to take with him, when likely to be absent from the station for any length of time, is always a matter of difficulty, and with the present high rates of carriage and labor, becomes a serious expense; and where cases occur that require personal investigation at a distance, I would respectfully submit that the public service would be benefitted in every respect, if the Collector and his assistants were authorised to run out dâk when the nature of the case permitted it, instead of marching stage by stage with their Kacheri.

In Con. 31st October 1859.

Submitted for the orders of Government with reference to Proceedings of Government, dated 29th October 1859, with the Board's recommendation that sanction be granted for the amount of the bill for travelling expenses submitted by Mr. Dykes, viz. Rupees 58-8, as they consider that he has shown good cause for proceeding by dâk and without his Kacheri establishment.

2. The Board would suggest to Government that they be authorised to pass such bills for the future on the same principle as bills for tent allowance are now passed by them and the Civil Auditor, this mode of moving rapidly through a district being frequently desirable and often indispensable.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Acting Secretary.*

No. 6. ORDER THEREON, 21st December 1859, No. 1735.

The Government are of opinion on further consideration that the existing tentage rules provide sufficiently for the case of revenue officers travelling in their own districts, and they consider it unnecessary and inexpedient to alter them or to sanction allowances on a different principle.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,
Secretary to Government.

21st Actn 1859 Nos 88-89.

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Submitting with the Board's recommendation a communication from the Offg Collr of Nellore forwarding for sanction a bill for travelling allowances to the amount of Rupees 58-8-0 being expenses incurred by him in proceeding by dâk to visit on duty certain places whilst Offg Collr of Guntoor.

With an order

No. 1735.

The Government are of opinion on further consideration that the existing Tentage rules provide sufficiently for the case of Revenue officers travelling in their own Districts, and they consider it unnecessary and inexpedient to alter them or to sanction allowances on a different principle.

Fort St. Geo:
21st Decr 1859.

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