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No. 382. Read the following letter from W. BALMAIN, Esq., Acting Civil Auditor, to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Depeartmnt Fort St. George, dated Madras, 16th August 1860, No. 555 :—

SIR,

1. The Conservator of Forests having been called on to furnish, with his travelling and tentage, bills, lists of the stations and halts during each month objects to do so, on the grounds that he often cannot ascertain the distances he travels and that he often halts at places of which the names are not known to the Audit Office. He also states that he considers himself entitled to the allowance if he is any where except at Madras itself. I have the honor to inquire whether I should pass the bills without any further information than that he is absent from the Presidency town.

2. The original letter from Dr. Cleghorn, dated 23rd ultimo, No. 73, is herewith submitted for the information of Government.

From H. CLEGHORN, Esq., M.D., Conservator of Forests, to W. BALMAIN, Esq., Officiating Civil Auditor, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 23rd July 1860, No. 73.

SIR,

1. With reference to your letter of the 14th ultimo, I beg to state that mine is really a *travelling* allowance, to which I am entitled whenever absent from Madras, my head quarters, without reference to duration of "halts," or any other consideration than the efficient discharge of my duties. Tents would be generally useless to me, and in fact a positive hindrance. Two years ago, I had to go on duty from Madras to Ganjam ; had I travelled with Tents this journey alone (700 miles) would have occupied 70 days without halts. Last year I had expeditiously to and coach, and also make use of Steamer and Transit whenever I can. When I remind you that my range extends over the whole Presidency, including Mysore, that I must visit certain places more than once in each year, and that duty occasionally takes me to Burmah, Travancore, &c., you will readily perceive that Tents and easy marches are luxuries beyond my reach.

2. With regard to mileage there is the difficulty that the distances I traverse are often unknown, through forests, bye-paths, &c.

3. I can give you a list of the places I halt at from day to day, but this would be troublesome to me when rapidly moving and useless to you, for many of the places are not in the maps at all and are unknown to you. Even if they were known, the information would be worthless for any practical purpose. To make such returns would burden your Office and the Post with useless returns of names, and as I often have no writer with me, would also inconvenience me.

4. During the months of April and May I was on the Neilgherry Hills with my head quarters at Ootacamund, which I am required to visit periodically, the public gardens at Ootacamund and the forests of the hills being under my control.

5. This station is a central point from which I take a circuit round the Neilgherry Hills, the finest forest in this Presidency and the Conolly teak plantations are situated at their base. My duties in this part of the country have been largely added to by the new rules of the Neilgherry forests, the exploring for sites for Chinchona planting and reports on Coffee grants. The expenses when absent from head quarters are much the same whether moving or stationary, as travelling cattle and equipment must be and are kept up.

6. The Records of my Office are becoming bulky, for the transport of these, I have never made any charge, being generally able to carry them on my own bullock carts. I can say that during two months when I travelled up to Orissa and Sedashigur, the expenses exceeded the allowance, which would not have been the case had I taken mileage, but I did not know how to calculate the distance travelled by jungle tracks.

7. Originally these difficulties were foreseen and my travelling allowance was fixed at the same rate as that of the Conservator of Forests, Bombay Presidency, viz., 10 Rupees a day.

8. My travelling establishment consists of Head Clerk and Draughtsman, who by Extract Minutes of Consultation, 18th February 1858, No. 219, Revenue Department, draw three-tenths of their pay when "actually absent on duty from Madras." I consider it most necessary and just that this should be continued to them, and passed on my countersignature. I have experienced great difficulty in securing the services of efficient travelling Subordinates and could not expect to retain them, if this allowance was reduced.

9. I submit that the view I take of the questions corresponds with the intention of Government when the appointment was offered to me, and I beg that if you do not concur, that the matter be submitted for the consideration of Government. In my opinion the only check you need exercise is to see that I do not draw the travelling allowance while at Madras.

Nh. 383. ORDER THEREON, 21st September 1860, No. 1,674.

1. Under the Order of 19th December 1856, No. 1,332, the Conservator of Forests is entitled to a travelling allowance of 10 Rupees a day; and he has heretofore always drawn that allowance when absent from Madras. The Civil Auditor now requires that he should specify his marches, with the view of restricting the allowance to the time when he is actually moving; but Dr. Cleghorn objects to this course for reasons stated in his letter to that officer, dated 23rd July. Mr. Balmain submits that letter, and inquires whether he should pass the travelling and tentage bills of the Conservator without any further information than that he is absent from the Presidency town.

2. The Government have given consideration to the circumstances stated by Dr. Cleghorn. They are of opinion that with reference to those circumstances the allowance as now drawn is not excessive. The duties of the Department are of a special character; there is much travelling in all parts of the country and by all methods, and frequent short halts in remote places. Travelling establishments are required to be permanently kept up; and to restrict the travelling allowance in the way contemplated by the Civil Auditor would subject the Conservator to loss. The past practice will therefore be continued.

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

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3. It appears to Govt however that the allowance may be given in a better form. Establishments are permanently maintained there is no reason why the allowance should cease when the Conservator is at the Presy; while this practice has the disadvantage of holding out an inducement to remain at a distance from the duty Govt. A better plan will be to give a travelling allowance, at a somewhat lower rate, to be drawn at all times. The allowance of the Inspector General of Jails is on this footing, the amount being Rupees 250 a month. The Govt are

Travelling allowance of the Conservator of Forests

my opinion that the same amount will be appropriate also to the Conservator; and they resolve to direct the Civil Auditor to pass that Officer in future an uniform travelling allowance of Rs (250) two hundred and fifty a month, in lieu of that authorized under date the 19th Dec 1856.

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Travelling allowance, as
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Madras, to be continued to
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