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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Dated 14-2-1861.

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No. 169. Read the following letter from Captain H. R. MORGAN, Officiating Conservator of Forests, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 20th December 1860, No. 295:—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to request you will bring to the notice of Government the difficulties under which the Assistants in the Department labor from not being allowed their travelling expenses.

2. Mr. Blenkinsop on being requested to visit a certain part of his range at some distance from his Head-quarters, pleaded "inability" on the score of the expense attendant upon carrying a tent.

3. Mr. Morison whose range extend's from Balpilly jungles on the south to Dhoor near the Nulla Mully Hills on the north, complains much of the expense of moving about with a tent.

4. Mr. Overseer Fuller distinctly points out to Dr. Cleghorn that it is impossible for him to move about his extensive charge unless travelling batta be given him.

5. It will be quite impossible to obtain an efficient discharge of duty from the Assistants, unless they receive some remuneration for the expense they are put to whilst moving about, and much of their efficiency depends upon their moving about from point to point.

6. Taking into consideration the life of exposure which the Assistants must lead if they perform their duties properly, the absolute necessity that they should not be impeded from moving about by the thought of a pecuniary loss sustained, I would strongly recommend, that on submitting proper Inspection lists, Assistants and Overseers be authorized to draw travelling allowance at the rate of three-tenths of their salary.

No. 170. ORDER THEREON, 14th February 1861, No. 343.

1. In this letter the Acting Conservator of Forests urges the necessity of some compensation being given to the Assistants and Overseers of his Department, for the charges incurred by them in moving about in their ranges on duty, and recommends that three-tenths of their respective salaries be granted on the usual conditions as travelling allowances.

2. The Staff of the Conservancy Department as originally sanctioned was to consist of six Assistants. One on Rupees 400, two on Rupees 300, and three on Rupees 200, per mensem. Of these, two were intended to make exploring circuits and while so employed were to receive a travelling allowance of Rupees 5 per diem. The other four (and ultimately all six) were to have permanent charges, and consolidated pay.

3. The system of a consolidated allowance saves much correspondence and trouble, but obviously the efficiency and justice of such an arrangement depends on the sufficiency of the allowance. The salaries of the Assistants in this Department are very small, and yet they are in most cases required to be very constantly moving. Overseers also whose salaries range from Rupees 60 to Rupees 100 per mensem are also travelling Officers, but yet do not receive travelling allowance.

4. In consideration of the trying nature of the duties to be performed by the Assistants and Overseers, the small amount of pay they receive, and the importance of a zealous discharge of their duties, the Governor in Council resolves to recommend to the Government of India that such of them as have ranges which involve much travelling, shall be allowed travelling allowance at the rates noted in the margin.* These allowances to be drawn permanently, and not to be a daily allowance.

* 1*st* & 2*nd Class Assistant*,	90	*Rs. a month.*	
3*rd*	,,	,,	60 ,, ,,
Overseers			30 ,, ,,

5. The Acting Conservator will submit as early as possible the prescribed Tabular Statement prepared in accordance with this Order.

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

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N°. 343

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 14th February 1861.

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from the Offg Conservator

of Forests

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(Here enter 20 December/60 N°. 295)

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1st & 2d Class Asst	90	0 per Month
3 "	60	"
Overseers	60	"

Note- The period of Service of the Assistant is to have 5 Years

a day travelling allowance, this no doubt will be almost a permanent allowance in fact- he also draws 300 Rupees a month for his travelling day; while the Assistants who are not

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employed draws the same allowance for the office day. The Salaries are exactly the same when the holder is a civilian & he need not receive on the same principle as in the P. W. D. 20 or 25 Rupees the Civilian Draws the Assistant more than the Assistant, as he has nothing else.

Travelling Allowance to Officers
Also Circular to all Collectors
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