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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
28th June 1862.*

No. 425. Read the following letter from P. P. HUTCHINS, Esq., Acting Deputy Secretary to Government, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated 27th June 1862 :—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to submit for the consideration of Government an original letter and Memorandum from the Officiating Civil Paymaster, stating that special sanction is required for the admission of my claims, (I) to Fixed Tentage while acting in the Secretariat, and (II) to Deputation Allowance while in charge of the Sub-Division of South Arcot.

Revenue Proceedings, 17th August
1861, No. 1,658.

2. A claim similar to the former has so recently been disposed of that I need do no more than briefly allude to one or two arguments to show that the demand is not an unreasonable one. The rule in paragraph 34 of Chapter VIII, Civil Auditor's Manual, is quite explicit. "Fixed Tentage is not liable to stoppage or deduction during the incumbent's temporary employment on other duty." An appointment which is acting, and for six months only, cannot be considered otherwise than temporary, and this I would submit is the only question that can possibly be raised.

Revenue Proceedings, 3rd July 1860,
No. 1,063.

3. For, looking to precedent, the only case in which the allowance has to my knowledge been refused is that of Mr. Goldingham, and the only question then raised was that which I have already mentioned, viz., whether his appointment could be termed a temporary one. The decision was adverse to him, but there is an essential difference between our respective cases. He was acting in a Judicial appointment, where he had every prospect of confirmation; whereas my permanent continuance in the Secretariat is a most unlikely contingency. I would further remark that the allowance was passed to him without objection, till the tenth month of his Officiating tenure; whereas my appointment altogether is to last but six months.

4. In the recent case disposed of in the Proceedings first quoted, Mr. Whiteside lays considerable stress on the fact that by coming to Madras he suffered a pecuniary loss. So far as this was an argument in his favor it applies equally to myself, but I conceive that the real grounds upon which the Government proceeded in his case, were that he looked for promotion, not in the Secretariat, but in the Revenue Department; that in fact his employment in the Secretariat was but temporary and for the convenience of Government. I need not point out that the same reasons apply to my case in a yet stronger degree, because my appointment is to last for six months only, while Mr. Whiteside's was for fifteen months at least. In conclusion, I have only to assure the Government that I have still to incur the expense of maintaining tents as a Revenue Officer, and to request that they will be pleased to concede to me the allowance which was specially created to meet that expenditure.

5. With reference to the second item claimed, viz., Deputation Allowance for the period (after one month) during which I held charge of the Sub-Division of South Arcot, I would respectfully solicit the attention of Government to Rule 87, Chapter II of the Civil Auditor's Manual, and to their Revenue Proceedings of 9th April last, No. 791.

6. In the Proceedings referred to a similar claim, advanced by Mr. Williams, while in charge of the Collector's Kacheri in South Canara, was allowed without question, while the rule quoted lays down that "no distinction is made between an Officer designated as *Officiating*, and an Officer *in charge* only of an appointment."

7. I would submit that I am even more entitled to the allowance than if I had been Gazetted to act. In the latter case I should have been relieved of my substantive work; as it was, I had the Sub-Division in addition to my ordinary charge. I enclose a certificate from the Collector showing that I performed the double duties for twenty-four days in excess of one month, and I trust that the Government will be pleased to authorize the Civil Auditor to pass to me the usual Deputation allowance for twenty-four days.

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No. 436.

ORDER THEREON, 25th June 1862, No. 1,117.

Under the circumstances brought to notice in paragraph 2 to 4, the Government have sanctioned the payment to Mr. Hutchins of his Fixed Tentage during his employment as Acting Deputy Secretary to Government. The disbursement of the Department Allowance referred in paragraph 5 to 7 is also sanctioned.

Sd/- A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Acting Chief Secretary to Government.

Fort Saint George
Civil Pay Master's office
10th June 1862.

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Thos,
W. B. Payson, Esq.
Offr Civil Pay Master.

To
P. P. Hutchins, Esq.
Acting Deputy Secretary to Government.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of yesterday's date, I have the honor to state that, under existing rules, the special sanction of Government is necessary before your claim to fixed tentage, while Acting as Deputy Secretary to Government, can be admitted by this office.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant,
W. B. Payson
Offr Civil Pay Master.

C. J. H.

18 Oct 1862.

From
The 1st Reg. Civil Engineers

To
The Adj. Genl. & Dir. of
the Government

Date 18th June
1862.

Dear Sir,

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Colonel, the

Special Agent on

your service

has been directed to

investigate the

circumstances

