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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 5th September 1862.

No. 56. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Financial Department, dated 12th August 1862, No. 598:—

Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Government of India, in the Financial Department, dated 14th July 1862, No. 4,792.

Read the undermentioned papers regarding the grant of travelling allowance to public Officers:—

Resolution, No. 5,092, passed in this Department, on the 10th September 1858.
Letter from Civil Paymaster, Punjab, No. 637, dated the 7th February 1862.
Endorsement to Civil Paymaster, Fort William, No. 1,398, dated the 1st March 1862.
Memorandum from ditto, dated the 6th March 1862.
Letter to Civil Paymaster, Punjab, No. 2,235, dated 20th March 1862.
Endorsement from Home Department, No. 2,606, dated the 26th May 1862, and enclosure.
Letter to Civil Paymaster, Fort William, No. 4,042, dated the 19th June 1862.
Ditto from ditto, No. 20, dated the 24th June 1862.

Resolution.—It was ruled in this Department, on the 10th September 1858, that travelling allowance at the usual rates should be granted to public Officers transferred from one station to another for the convenience of the public service, but not to those transferred on promotion or at their own request.

On an enquiry from the Civil Paymaster in the Punjab, it was decided in March last, that the rule was applicable to Chaplains and Assistant Chaplains, and that, before bills from these Officers for travelling allowance are passed, they should be required to produce certificates that they are not transferred at their own request if the Gazette be not sufficiently clear on this point.

With reference to this decision, the Venerable the Archdeacon now solicits orders as to the construction of the rule in the case of a Chaplain who expresses a wish for a station, the duties of which he is competent to fulfil, and is posted to it on the occurrence of a vacancy; and the Government of Bengal, in submitting the question, observes that though in such cases, the prohibition against the grant of travelling allowance would not apply, it would still be impossible to grant the Chaplain a Certificate that he had *not been transferred at his own request.*

From the correspondence to which this reference has given rise, it appears that, although the rule regarding the grant of travelling allowance to Officers removed from one appointment to another is clear, there is at present no arrangement for keeping the Civil Paymaster informed of the cause of removal in every case. His Excellency the Governor General in Council is, therefore, pleased to determine that whenever an Officer is transferred from one station to another, any claim for travelling allowances shall be supported by a certificate that the transfer is for the benefit of the public service, irrespective of the wishes of the Officer transferred.

This rule, His Excellency in Council remarks, will remove the difficulty brought to notice by the Government of Bengal by avoiding the necessity of testifying that Officers are not transferred at their own request; but His Excellency in Council trusts that due discretion will be exercised in granting the certificates now prescribed, and that no certificate will be given in cases where the Officer is transferred to meet his own convenience only.

Ordered, that a copy of the foregoing Resolution be forwarded to the Home Department for information and further orders, with a copy of the papers received from that Department under endorsement, No. 2,606, of the 26th May last.

Ordered, also, that copies of the foregoing Resolution be forwarded for information and guidance to the Departments, Governments and Officers noted below :—

Foreign, Military, Public Works and Marine Departments.

Governments of Bengal, Madras, Bombay, the North-Western Provinces, the Punjab and the Straits Settlements.

Civil Paymasters, Bengal, Madras, Bombay, the North-Western Provinces and the Punjab.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) E. DRUMMOND,
Secretary to the Govt. of India.

Ordered to be communicated to the several Departments, and to be published in the "Fort Saint George Gazette."

(True Extract.)

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

No. 57.

ORDER THEREON, 5th September 1862, No. 1,880.

Ordered to be recorded.

(Signed) P. P. HUTCHINS,
Acting Deputy Secretary to Government.

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