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

No. 358. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 17th November 1862:—

Read the following letter from D. F. CARMICHAEL, Esq., Acting Agent to the Governor, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Vizagapatam, 1st November 1862, No. 908.

SIR,

1. The projected tour of the Governor's Agent to Jeypore, so long promised and looked forward to, as the inauguration of a new state of things in that benighted country, is now likely to fall through for want of funds. The travelling allowances sanctioned for this District are nearly all pledged in other ways or already expended.

2. The amount estimated in our Budget for the current official year was :—

	RS.
For Officers	4,542
For Establishments	2,000
Total...	6,542

But the actual sanction is only Rupees 4,000 for the whole, as appears from a Circular of the Board of Revenue to all Collectors, dated 11th ultimo.

3. Now we have in this District a Principal Assistant (Sub-Collector) and a Head and Junior Assistants, each living at his own post, at a long distance from the head station, each holding office in his own house or other suitable premises procured by himself, and each,* by consequence, drawing extra tentage or travelling allowance, all the year round as under—

* NOTE.—The want of economy and other mischiefs of this system are dwelt upon in my No. 305 of 25th April last.

	RS.
Principal Assistant all the year round at 5 Rupees 4 Annas per diem	1,890
Two Assistants, each at 2-10 per diem...	1,890
Total...	3,780

Add to this, 240 Rupees for the Principal Assistant's establishment while on Jamabundi with him; and we have a grand total of 4,020 Rupees, leaving nothing whatever to meet the expenses of the Governor's Agent and his establishment for the four or five months he and they should be in camp. Indeed there is a deficit of 20 Rupees.

4. Fortunately the Principal Assistant has not been uninterruptedly at his station throughout the year, nor has the Junior Assistant at his; and by a very careful computation I find that I have at my disposal for my long and extensive tour just about 700 Rupees.

5. If I were to travel with the establishment considered necessary in Mr. Pelly's scheme, I should expend this amount in six weeks, curtailing my establishment to the smallest possible extent, I propose to take with me the Sarishtadár, Head Clerk with two Assistants, one English Writer, four Attenders, six Deloyets and a Dufterbund. The travelling allowances for this very modest establishment, including my own allowances, will for five months, amount to Rupees 1,500 or more than double the sum available.

6. I have a proposal to make which may meet the excess. An entry was made in the estimate for Rupees 2,500 on account of travelling allowances for "*Agency* Establishment." I do not know what fate this item has met with, but *supposing* it has been passed in the Budget, we shall have, after paying the batta of the few Agency servants who will accompany me, about Rupees 800, which will just make both ends meet.

7. This is also on the further supposition that the usual rate of batta will be deemed, on consideration, sufficient for public Officers travelling in the tracts of Jeypore and Gunipur. But I am confident that the Board will support an application to Government for an enhanced rate of travelling allowances, while the agency Officers and their establishments are *bonâ fide* on tour in the Jeypore country. Hill travelling is exceedingly difficult and expensive; all domestic

servants stipulate for additional wages and a supply of warm clothing, and every thing in the way of supplies must be carried up with us. The following remarks from Mr. Robinson, paragraph 17 of his report on the Ganjam Police, dated 17th April last, have been approved, as I believe, by the Government. "The cost of travelling and other considerations, too obvious "to require to be enumerated, render it necessary to deviate from the ordinary rules in regard "to the travelling allowances of the District Superintendent and his Assistant, while engaged "on tour in the Malayahs. I beg to recommend that "Rupees 10 per diem, be sanctioned as travelling allowance "to the Officers mentioned in the margin, whilst on such "tour of duty. The above is the rate, as I understand, "which was recommended by Mr. Ricketts for the *Orissa* "Agency Officers." The Board are aware that all our Districts above the Ghâts, that is Jeypore proper and Gunipur, formed part of the recently relinquished charge of the Agent to the Governor General in the hill tracts of Orissa.

Deputy Inspector General.
Superintendent of Police.
Assistant do.

NOTE.—The same rule avails, I believe, in the Educational Department.

8. As Jeypore is between 8 and 9,000 square miles in extent and an entirely new country to us, I suppose that justice could not be done to my duties there, under two months. I trust that double batta may be allowed to every public servant during our stay there. It might be met out of the estimate of 2,000 Rupees entered in our Budget for "unforeseen charges I Land Revenue."

9. Before this year, Jeypore has only been twice visited by the Officers of the Agency; once in 1855 by Captain Owen and again in 1859 by Mr. Reade. Each was there *for a few days only* and in both cases Government sanctioned their Contingent bills, for conveyance of tents, batta and the like, and directed the Civil Auditor to pass similar charges on similar occasions up to the usual limit of 400 Rupees, without submitting them for sanction. These were hasty trips enough. It has now been determined thoroughly to take up the country, and from its wild inaccessible nature and the admitted difficulties of travelling there, we sha ll be very considerably out of pocket, if a rate similar to that allowed for the Orissa Agency be refused to the Vizagapatam Agency in Jeypore. A Collector's daily travelling allowance is 5-4-0, say Rupees 10 (as with the Orissa Officers) for Jeypore, and it will only remain to double in the same way the batta of the establishment, which accompanies the Agent on his tour.

10. I purpose starting about the end of this month, say 1st proximo.

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1. The Board do not clearly understand why Mr. Carmichael in his capacity as Agent to the Governor has addressed this letter to them, and they resolve to submit it for the orders of Government.

2. They observe that the sum of Rupees 2,500, alluded to in paragraph 6, has been sanctioned by the Supreme Government, but it did not come within the Board's province to communicate the sanctioned items in the Agency Department to the Agent.

3. The provision in the Revenue Department for travelling allowances was reduced by Government, and the Board observe that the amount thus determined for the Vizagapatam District is absolutely insufficient to meet the ordinary requirements of the Assistants without leaving any provision whatever for the Collector. The charge of Rupees 1,500 now necessary at the ordinary rates of batta, can however be met in the manner proposed by the Acting Agent if sanctioned by Government, but the additional and special rates of batta for which he applies and which appear to the Board reasonable, can only be provided from savings in other items in communication with the Accountant General.

(True Copy and Extract.)

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

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

No. 359. ORDER THEREON, 28th November 1862, No. 2,507.

1. The Governor in Council observes that the sum allowed for travelling charges (Rupees 1,18,284) in G. O. 28th January last, No. 128, Revenue Department, was calculated on the supposition that each Officer would on the average be a certain number of months on circuit. The Governor in Council sees no reason to suppose that the estimate for the Presidency will prove insufficient, though in particular Districts there may be a deficiency of funds to be met by transfers from other Districts in which there will be a surplus.

2. The Government sanction the issue of double tentage and batta to the public Officers proceeding to Jeypore. The expense will be met from the items mentioned by the Board and by transfers from other minor items of the Budget.

3. The travelling allowance of the Agent and his establishment will in future be entered exclusively in the Board's Budget. This will be more convenient than the present plan of dividing it between several Departments, and in fact the Agent travels in his capacity of Magistrate and Collector and not as a Judicial Officer.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

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Submitting for the orders of
Govt. with the Board's remarks
a letter from the Ag. Agent to the
Governor at Vizagapatam bringing
to notice the insufficiency of
the Budget grant for Travelling
Allowance of officers and
establishments, and suggesting
how to meet the expense that
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extended visit of the Agent
to Jeypore.

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No. 358 & 359.

Rec'd 22 Nov. 62 Rep.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 28th November 1862.

Read the following letter from the Agent to the Governor at Vizagapatam, bringing to notice the insufficiency of the Budget grant for Travelling Allowance of officers and establishments, and suggesting how to meet the expense that may still be incurred by the extended visit of the Agent to Jeypore.

Ordered that the same be submitted to Government with the Board's remarks that the Agent's suggestion that a portion of the Travelling Allowance of the Establishment attached to the Agency should be drawn in advance for the months of December and January, is not considered advisable, as it would be attended with much inconvenience in the Agency, and that the Agent's request that the Travelling Allowance of himself and Establishment may be drawn in advance for the months of December and January, is not considered necessary, as the Agent will be able to draw the Travelling Allowance of himself and Establishment for the months of December and January at the Agency.

(Signed) C. R. Pearse
Secy.

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