

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 350	<u>Press</u> Mis.
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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
18th February 1862.*

No. 375. Read the following letter from W. J. RAYNOR, Esq., Officiating Civil Paymaster, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Fort Saint George, 25th January 1862 :—

SIR,

1. With reference to Government Order No. 53, dated 15th instant, I have the honor to submit, for the information of Government, the following copy of a Memorandum addressed to the Secretary Board of Revenue, explanatory of the retrenchment made from the salary of Ponnumbalum, their late Deputy Translator.

2. "With reference to the Memorandum from the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 27th December 1861, the Officiating Civil Paymaster has the honor to observe that, the Uncovered Service Absentee Rules prescribed in the case of servants drawing 100 Rupees a month and upwards, a deduction of two-thirds of their salary during the second year of absence on sick leave, and the spirit of these rules is applicable to those on lower salaries. Under the orders of the Government of India dated 9th November 1857, No. 4,796, the Audit Department is bound to make the prescribed deductions in all cases, except where Heads of Offices or Departments may consider it necessary in the case of servants of the latter class to enforce larger deductions in order to provide for the performance of their duties without extra expense to Government. No discretion is left to this Office to admit, or to Officers vested with power to grant leave to authorize smaller deductions and allow leave on more favorable terms than the rules prescribe. Ponnumbalum is clearly not entitled to the higher rate of absentee allowance claimed for him after the expiry of the first year of his leave, and the Officiating Civil Paymaster regrets his inability to pass the same."

2. As the proceedings under reply do not show whether the above Memorandum accompanied the Board's application to Government, and special cases are required to be sanctioned by the Government of India, I deem it right to submit this explanation, although the amount involved is but small.

No. 376. ORDER THEREON, 18th February 1862, No. 350.

Ordered to be recorded.

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,

Deputy Secretary to Government.

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