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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No. 326 Press Mis.

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Dated 12 2 19 1863

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No. 207. Read again letter from the Officiating Conservator of Forests, dated 2nd January 1863, No. 334, and recorded in Proceedings of Government, 17th January 1863, No. 113 :—

Read also letter from H. A. MANGLES, Esq., Officiating Civil Paymaster, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Fort Saint George, 21st January 1863, No. 18.

SIR,

1. With reference to Government Order No. 113 of the 17th instant, I have the honor to report that the Military pay of Sergeant Sheffield employed in the Forest Department was claimed from this Office from 1st March 1861, to 31st March 1862, on the ground that it had been retrenched by the Military Department, where it was originally drawn in consequence of his being in Civil employ. Provision for the same having been made in the Budget of the Forest Department this Office admitted the claim. His pay from 1st April to 31st October 1862 was also admitted under the general authority conveyed in the Resolution of the Government of India dated 30th April 1862, No. 3,222, not being at the time aware of the construction put upon G. O. dated 13th March 1858, No. 337, Revenue Department.

2. This Order was understood by this Office merely as restricting Military Officers in the Forest Department to ordinary Regimental allowances, but as it appeared by the subsequent one of 11th April 1859, No. 498, which was not communicated to this Office till called for on 26th November last, that the former Order was held to bar the claim of Military men in the Forest Department to their Military pay in addition to Civil salary, the claim subsequently preferred for the Military pay of Sergeant Sheffield was refused.

No. 208. ORDER THEREON, 12th February 1863, No. 326.

1. The Acting Conservator of Forests requests in his letter dated 2nd January 1863, No. 334, that Sergeant Sheffield, one of the Foresters employed on the Neilgherries, may be allowed to draw from the Civil Department his Military pay (Rupees 32-7-5) in addition to his consolidated salary of 50 Rupees (35 Rupees salary and 15 Rupees Travelling allowance) or that his salary and allowances may be consolidated *at* 85 Rupees per mensem.

2. The Civil Paymaster reports that he has refused to pass the Military pay of the Sergeant, as Government have in their orders noted in the margin stated that they do not intend that Military persons employed in the Forest and Revenue Survey Departments should receive higher salaries than Civilians holding the same appointments.

13th March 1858, No. 337.
11th April 1859, No. 498.

3. The "consolidated" allowance of Rupees 50 per mensem was granted on Major Morgan's representation that Sergeant Sheffield's time of service was about to expire and that he would "no longer draw Military pay." The items of Military pay were specified in this letter and amounted to Rupees 32-7-5, the Civil allowance (drawn in addition) being Rupees 35. No allusion was made to the item of horse allowance (Rupees 15) which it evidently was intended that Sergeant Sheffield should continue to draw.

4. It is clear that the consolidated salary was intended to be in lieu of the several items specified by Major Morgan. The Government observe also that when Sergeant Sheffield lately applied for re-enlistment in Her Majesty's General Service he was clearly informed that he would receive only the consolidated salary of 50 Rupees per mensem. The Government will not press any retrenchment of the Military salary already passed to Sergeant Sheffield under the circumstances explained in Mr. Mangles' letter; but for the future the Sergeant's pay will be Rupees 50 and 15 Rupees horse allowance or Rupees 65 altogether, which the Government consider sufficient.

5. The other Forester, it is observed, draws only Rupees 35 and Rupees 15 horse allowance or Rupees 50 in all.

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

N° 128

Camp Red Cliffs
31st December 1862.

From

Major W. R. Morgan

In charge of Military Stores

To

Captain R. W. Eastcourt

Offg Commissariat of Forces

Sir,

I have the honor to acquaint you that Sergt Sheffield attached to the Forest Department had drawn his Military Pay from 1st August 1860 to February 1861 on the Abstracts passed by the Military Paymaster, Southern Division Treasury who subsequently retrenched the amounting to £11.1.1 on the grounds that he should draw the same in the Civil Department. The Collector & Overseer, through whom Sergt Sheffield drew his Military Pay in question, was obliged to remit that amount to the Military Paymaster, to meet his retrenchment above alluded to, and the Collector requests me to furnish him with an Abstract for the similar amount, passed by the Civil Paymaster, for adjustment in his accounts. I have forwarded an Abstract to that effect to that Functionary, who refuses to pass it, stating that Sergt Sheffield is not entitled to his Military Pay, in addition to his Civil Salary under the order of Government, N° 198 dated 11th April 1859. I the Honble

Paymaster

Paymaster, with the exception of the above period, for which pay is now claimed, has passed Sergt Sheffields Military Pay up to 31st October 1862, and declines now to pass it after that date under the above orders of Govt.

2. Under these circumstances, I request you will obtain the sanction of Government to enable the Civil Paymaster to pass Military Pay of Sergt Sheffield from 1st August 1861 and from 1st November 1862 as he seems fairly entitled to it in addition to his Civil Salary, it being provided for in the Budget Estimate for 1862-63 except for the former period.

3. At present Sergt Sheffield only draws Rupees 35-0-0 and 15-0-0 Table allowance making a total of Rupees 50 per mensem.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedt Servt
(Sgd) H. M. Morgan Major
In charge 3rd Military Police

(Sgd) H. Seddon Capt
Offg Commandant of Fort

Revenue Department

No. 326.

Proceedings of the Madras Government under date the 12 January 1863.

Read again letter from the officiating Conservator of Forests, dated 22 January 1863 No. 334 and ecorded in Pro: of 21 January 1863 No. 113.

Read also letter from the officiating Civil Paymaster.

With reference to G.O. No. 113 of 17th Instant, reports the circumstances under which Sergeant Sheffields' Military pay was allowed and disallowed.

(Seen entered 21st January 1863 No. 18)

The Acting Conservator of Forests requests in his letter dated 22 January 1863, No. 334 that Sergeant Sheffield one of the Foresters employed on the Nilgherries may be allowed to draw from the Civil Department his Military

pay (Rs 32-7-5) in addition to his consolidated salary of 50 Rupees (35 Rs salary and 15 Rs travelling allowance) or that his salary and allowances may be consolidated at Rs 65 per mensem.

2. The Civil Paymaster reports that he has refused to pass the military pay of the Sergeant as Govt have in their orders noted in the margin stated that they do not intend that Military persons employed in the Trust and Revenue Survey departments should receive higher salaries than Civilians holding the same appointments.

3. The Civil Paymaster is correct and the principle of paying equitable remuneration to Military or Civil men holding the same appointment is now being enforced in all the departments and there is no reason to deviate from

13th March 1858 No
11th April 1859 "

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The items of Military pay now specified in the letter and amounted to Rs 32.7.5, the Civil allowance forms in addition, being Rs. 35. No allusion was made to the item of horse allowance (Rs. 15) which it evidently was intended that Sergeant Sheffield should continue to draw.

If is clear that the Consolidated Salary has intended to be in lieu of the several items specified by Major Mayne

for making any exception to the rule in favor of Sergeant Sheffield. She Govt observe also that when Sergt Sheffield lately applied for re-enlistment in A. M. Service he was clearly informed that he would receive only the consolidated salary of Rupees 50 per mensem. She Govt will not however permit any retrenchment of the Military salary already passed to Sergeant Sheffield under the circumstances explained in Mr Mangles letter. Hereafter the future Sergeants pay will be Rs 50 and 15 Rs horse allowance or Rs 65 altogether, which the Govt consider sufficient.

The Accountant is desired to draw only Rs 35 and not Rs 15 Horse allowance or Rs 50 in all.

To 1st Cons. of Forests Capt. Pitt
3rd Civil Paymaster
4th Military Deptt.

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Pro.s of the Madras Govt
D/12 Feb.y/63.

From the Offg Conservator
of Forests d/12 March 63
& № 604 in Pro.s.

Sergeant Sheffield's
salary fixed at 50 Rs
per mensem while House
allowance of 15 Rupees

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