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No. 107. Read the following letter from T. CLARKE, Esq., Member of the Board of Revenue, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Tranquebar, 17th August 1864 :—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to submit, to be laid before Government, the enclosed correspondence, and to request you will do me the favor of obtaining for me their authoritative decision whether I am entitled to the special allowance sanctioned by their Order of the 8th June 1863, No. 994, during my passage through the Presidency town from the northern to the southern salt works.

2. The facts of the case are these :— I arrived from Masulipatam on my way to the Southern Districts at Madras on the 22nd May last, and was obliged to remain there a few days by work to be done connected with my special mission. My stay was not protracted beyond the time required to complete that work. It was necessary for me, first, to pass through the press my reports on the Salt works of some of the northern Districts; secondly, to return to the records of the Board's office, papers connected with the northern Districts and to obtain others connected withthe southern Districts; thirdly, to consult my colleagues and the Mint Master on the weighing machines, and, fourthly, to prepare my report on the Kistna District.

3. The last proofs of the reports were corrected and the reports were signed; I met my colleagues and Colonel Carpendale at the Madras Salt Depôt; the objections taken to and defects of the machines were pointed out to Colonel Carpendale, and the possibility and mode of rendering them perfect and better adapted for their purpose discussed; I found that the records needed by me could not be collected before the end of the month.

4. While at Madras I heard Mrs. Clarke was by illness compelled to leave the Hills and go down to Coimbatore. I conceived there would be no impropriety in my proceeding to Coimbatore during the interval which must elapse in collecting the records, and in my servants reaching Mercanum, the next Salt station to be visited.

5. Mercanum is 20 miles from Tindevanum, and Tindevanum 75 miles from Madras, and I calculated it would take my things ten days to travel that distance. I reached Coimbatore on the 27th May and left it again on the 7th June. Arriving at Tindevanum on the 9th idem, I found that my servants, &c., had not arrived at Mercanum, where though there is a Bungalow, there is no furniture. My servants reached Mercanum on the 10th, and I arrived there the next day.

6. The Civil Paymaster rules, that under the Government Order above quoted, my special allowance ceases immediately on my reaching the Presidency town. I do not conceive such a ruling was ever intended to be applied to my merely passing through Madras when actually engaged in the special duty entrusted to me. The extra expenses to which I am put by the duty did not cease, and I can see no difference between a visit on duty to confer with a Collector at a Sudr station other than a Salt station, and my late visit to the Presidency, nor was I less employed on the special duties assigned me when at Madras, than when I am travelling over the space intervening between one Salt station and another.

7. From the time of my arriving at the Presidency to that of my reaching Mercanum, I was employed on special duty and engaged in the performance of that duty.

8. My tour has been as expeditiously performed as the nature of the duties in which I have been engaged permitted. I have not shunned exposure or fatigue. I have allowed myself no holidays beyond the Sundays and Good Friday, and while on my tour, have not remitted or slackened in my work. The special allowance granted me, has far from met the extra expenses to which I have been exposed in my travelling by land and by sea.

9. If the Government confirm the Civil Paymaster's view that the allowance ceased on the date of my reaching the Presidency, I beg I may be informed whether the allowance should recommence to be drawn only from the date of my reaching Mercanum, or whether I am entitled to it from the date of my reaching Tindevanum or of my leaving Coimbatore, or of my things

leaving Madras. As stated above, during the whole time embraced in these several periods, I was engaged in the special duties entrusted to me. Passing reports through the press, conferring with my colleagues and the Mint Master in respect to the weighing machines, collecting mat erials for my future work, writing a report and travelling to the next station, are as much duties connected with my special work as looking at Salt, examining heaps and visiting the Platforms and Salt beds.

No. 108. ORDER THEREON, 8th September 1864, No. 1,634.

Separate Revenue, No. 99.
Salt.

1. The Civil Paymaster is correct in holding that Mr. Clarke cannot draw deputation allowance while at Madras.

2. Under the circumstances the Government consider that the receipt of the allowance should re-commence from the date on which Mr. Clarke reached Tindevanum.

(True Extract.)

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

To T. Clarke, Esq.
„ the Board of Revenue,
„ the Civil Paymaster
„ the Accountant General.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obed.t Servt.
T. Clarke
Member, Bd. of Rev.

To J. D. Sim Esqre
Secretary to Government
Revenue Dept.

No. 1634.
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Under the circumstances
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receipt of the allowance should
recommence from the date
on which Mr. Clarke
reached Vindevanum.

Govt. Gt. George
8th Sept. /64.

1 Copy to J. Clarke Esqr. with answer
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2 — Civil Paymaster

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the day on which
he would have
reached Madras
had he returned
to it. It is true he
was not idle, but
he is also a member
of the Bd. & if here
would have had
other work beside
salt.

If the question
be referred to Cal-
cutta, I fear he
could not make
a good case or get
over the private ob-
ject of the trip.

L. D. S. No. 107.
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From J. Clarke Esqr.
Member Bd. of Rev.
To J. D. Sims Esqr.
Secy. to Govt.
Rev: Dept.

Dated 17th August 1864
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1 Enclosure Pat.

Submitting correspondence with the Civil Paymaster on the subject of the deputation allowance for June 1864.

No. 1634. 8 Septr.
Without Order

For Orders.

The order of 8th June
was not intended to pre-
-vent Mr. Clarke from
-drawing his Deputation
allowance when staying
in Madras for reasonable
periods in the course of his
tour & retaining his travelling
establishment.

Seeing however that
he went to Coimbatore for
private reasons, I do not
think he can draw it
for the period intervening
between his departure &