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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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4th April 1864.*

No. 56. Read the following letter from Captain W. H. HESSEY, Acting Superintendent Revenue Survey, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Chepauk, 21st December 1863, No. 987-GO:—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to express my regret that I should have been considered to have acted unbecomingly in addressing you in my letter of the 4th December 1863, proposing certain changes in the Survey Department.

2. I beg to submit a copy of a Memorandum given to me by Major Priestley on his departure, for my guidance.

3. I should not, as temporarily in charge of the Survey Office, have presumed to address Government on such a subject on my own responsibility.

4. Major Priestley, on his return from his tour, found so many subjects requiring his immediate attention that he was obliged to leave some of them unattended to. In the majority of cases he left instructions with me as to what course I should take.

5. I regret that my having omitted to mention that I was acting under Major Priestley's orders should have drawn on me the censure of Government conveyed in Order of 15th December, No. 2,288.

6. I trust that I may be considered exonerated from presumption in acting as I did, and that the proposals, which are those of Major Priestley's, may receive the favorable consideration of Government.

No. 57. ORDER THEREON, 4th April 1864, No. 561.

1. In the foregoing letter Captain Hesseey explains that the proposals brought forward in his communication* of the 4th December last, were based upon instructions left with him by Major Priestley on the departure of the latter Officer on leave. This explanation fully exonerates Captain Hesseey, and the Government proceed to take into consideration the various points adverted to.

2. The first subject relates to travelling batta to Office Establishment.

3. By G. O. 6th November 1860, No. 2,053, Revenue Department, the payment of batta and travelling allowance to the Office Establishment of the

† *Viz.* Batta 3th of salary for those in receipt of 10 Rupees and upwards per mensem; Peons and persons of that class, 1 Anna per diem. Mileage at 4 Annas per mile to those in receipt of Rupees 40 and upwards per mensem, and at 2 Annas per mile to those in receipt of less than 40 Rupees and more than 10 Rupees per mensem. If required to travel by Dawk or Transit, &c., than 4 Annas per mile to be granted.

‡ 15th November 1861, No. 558, Financial Department.

two allowances together were not more than sufficient to cover the expenses of the servants during their long and frequent circuits and prolonged absences from their homes, a change in the existing arrangements was not advisable. These proceed-

§ From Mr. Secretary Lushington, dated 30th January 1862, No. 1,975, recorded in Madras G. O. 10th March 1862, No. 198, Financial Department.

ings were reviewed§ by the Supreme Government, who thought it unnecessary to interfere with the orders passed by this Government.

4. Subsequently a further correspondence took place with reference to a ruling of the Government of India, dated 31st May 1862, No. 3,635, prescribing that as a general rule, the *hond fide* Railway fares only shall be granted to Subordinate Officers travelling by rail on duty; those drawing more than 50 Rupees being furnished with second class, and those drawing less than 50 Rupees with third class tickets. The Civil Paymaster wished to make this applicable to all

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the servants on the Establishment of the Director of Revenue Settlement without reference to their rank or emoluments. The Government finally addressed the Government of India on the subject, and were informed in reply that "the servants employed under the Director of Revenue Settlement in Madras must be held to be specially exempted from the operation of the rule referred to" by the orders contained in Mr. Lushington's letter of 30th January 1862, already quoted.

5. Captain Hessey now brings to notice that a bill for travelling allowance and *latta duo* to the Office Assistant and Clerk of the Superintendent on account of a tour recently performed has been cut down by the Civil Paymaster because the Railway fares have not been calculated in accordance with the Supreme Government's Ruling, already adverted to, of 31st May 1863. He requests that the exemption accorded to the Settlement Subordinates by G. O. 21st February 1863, No. 372, may be extended to the Survey Establishment.

6. The Government observe that the decision of the Supreme Government alluded to in the last named order is as applicable to the Survey as to the Settlement Establishment, both being in fact branches of one Department, and they do not therefore understand why the Civil Paymaster should have treated the case now under reference in an exceptional manner.

7. Captain Hessey further requests that Deputy Superintendents may draw 4 Rupees a day and Assistants in charge of parties 2 Rupees a day as Office allowance where no Office accommodation is provided, as granted to the Settlement Department in G. O. 27th July 1863, No. 1,390, and also that Deputy and Assistant Superintendents of Survey, whether Covenanted or Uncovenanted may draw travelling allowance at the rate of 8 Annas a mile when compelled to travel from District to District on duty, as allowed to Deputy and Assistant Directors of Revenue Settlement under the same Order.

8. As to the first request it is observed that the allowance granted to an Assistant Director is for providing office accommodation when at a distance from his immediate superior the Deputy Director, whose duty it would have been, were he present, to provide such accommodation out of the extra allowance drawn by him for that purpose. The Deputy Superintendents referred to by Captain Hessey are, like Deputy Directors of Revenue Settlement, in independent charge of parties, and have been so since the commencement of operations. It is not stated in what position they or their Assistants have hitherto been placed as regards the provision of accommodation for their Office Establishment, and this must be clearly explained before orders can be passed on the reference now made.

9. The second request relates to travelling allowance when the Officers named are, in consequence of the division of their parties, compelled to travel from District to District on duty. Where such extraordinary journeys are necessary, the Government sanction the grant of travelling allowance as allowed to Deputy and Assistant Directors of Revenue Settlement by G. O. 27th July 1863, No. 1,390, paragraph 1.

10. The last point referred for consideration is the travelling allowance drawn by the Superintendent of Revenue Survey. Under the impression that the duties of the General Superintendent would involve no greater amount of travelling or increased expenditure than the earlier operations in South Arcot, the Government in 1853 authorized the Superintendent to draw extra tentage, or marching allowance of Rupees 5 per diem for the period actually occupied by him in travelling on the Public Service. Captain Hessey states that this is insufficient, and that on a recent tour it did not cover half the Superintendent's expenses in *dawking*; and he proposes that as the Director of Revenue Settlement draws tentage, extra tentage, and 8 Annas a mile when travelling, it would not be too much to allow the Superintendent of Revenue Survey 8 Annas a mile in addition to 5 Rupees per diem when away from Madras.

11. The Governor in Council is of opinion that the allowance at present drawn by Colonel Priestley is insufficient for the purpose, and he further considers that the sums assigned to the

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Heads of the Public Instruction and Mofussil Police Departments, whose duties oblige them to visit all Districts at intervals, in the same manner as the Superintendent of Revenue Survey will be the most suitable. Colonel Priestley will therefore in future draw travelling allowance at the same rate.

(True Extract)

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

To the Superintendent of Revenue Survey.
" Director of Revenue Settlement.
" Civil Paymaster.
" Deputy Auditor and Accountant General.

Ed. S. T. Augustin.

Memo

1. Government must be applied to for sanction to the claim of Mr. Llan and Mr. Sumner for better railway and travelling allowances and that what was chiefly their intention may be carried out by that the same rule should apply to the Survey and Settlement Department.

2. With regard to the allowance for office of Rs 472 according to the Establishment under an Assistant Director of the I think permission of Govt. should be sought for its being made applicable to Survey Officers who where office accommodation is not provided. Survey Officers proceeding on duty from one station to another / not with their parties but by themselves / should be granted travelling allowance but the sanction of the Head of the Department should first be obtained to their proceeding on duty out of their District.

3. The travelling allowance to the Supt. of P.S. per diem is altogether insufficient for the expenses incurred, viz. for the railway, travelling or the usual allowance by rail should be granted.

4. It appears also advisable that salaries should as in the Settlement Department be consolidated, i.e. that the Rs 75 should not be drawn separately.

Revenue Office } (Signed) T. Timble, Major
Chepauk } Superintendent of Survey
27 Nov 1903

For the information of Captain Major, P.S. &c.
Revenue.

(True copy)

Revenue Office } (Signed) N. H. De Silva, Captain
Chepauk }
27 Nov 1903

Revenue Department.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 2nd January 1864.

Read the following
letter from the Acting Superintendent
Revenue Survey.

Explains that proposals
contained in letter 4th December
are those of Major Priestley and were
not made on his own responsibility.

Here under 21st Dec. 1863 No. 2987

In the foregoing
letter Captain Hessay
explains that the proposals
brought forward in his
communication of the 4th

December last were based
upon instructions left with
him by Major Priestley
on the departure of the

other officers on leave. Under
this explanation the

Government proceed to take
into consideration the
various points adverted to.

2. The first subject
relates

Recorded in G. O. 15th
December 1863 No. 2288.

I think that too much stress has
been laid upon the necessity of
travelling - the Superintendent
the Survey should do much of the
work of his subordinate as to
check it in his office & his
own need only be occasional
I think Capt. Hessay should be
exonerated from blame as far
as the circumstances
preparation
are for his
I think

the matter forward - I think
the Government pointed to
ample - we shall probably
have to review the whole system
before long.

Madras letter
No. 287
to
21st Dec. 1863

No. 3130/63

relates to travelling better
to office establishment.

3. By G. O. 6th November
1860 N^o 2053, Revenue & L^y
Department, the payment
of better and travelling
allowance to the Office
Establishment of the & L^y
Superintendent of Survey
was sanctioned at the
* rates payable to the servants
of the Settlement Department
and under the same rules.

In July 1861 the Civil Pay-
master brought to notice that
the Government of India
had disallowed the practice
of granting both mileage
and daily allowance for
the same day. Several & L^y
officers were called upon
to report on the subject,
among others the Director
of Revenue Settlement and
the Superintendent of Revenue
Survey, and the Government
finally

* viz. Better 3-10% of salary for
those in receipt of 10 Rs and
upwards for messengers, Peons
and herons of that class, 10% per diem
for those in receipt of 1
Rs 40 and upwards for messengers,
and at 2 annas per mile to those
in receipt of less than 40 Rs.
and more than 10 Rs for messengers.
If required to travel by Bullock
on transit 2^d then 4 annas
per mile to be granted.

* 15th November 1861 N^o 558
Financial Department.

* From Mr. Secretary, Lushington
dated 30th January 1862 - N^o 1075.
recorded in Madras G. O. 10th
March 1862 N^o 196. Financial
Department.

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finally resolved that as the
two allowances together,
were not more than suffi-
cient to cover the expenses
of the servants during
their long and frequent
circuits and prolonged & L^y
absences from their homes,
a change in the existing
arrangements was not
advisable. These proceed-

ings were reviewed by
the Supreme Government
who thought it unnecessary
to interfere with the orders
passed by this Government.

4. Subsequently & L^y
further correspondence took
place with reference to a
ruling of the Government
of India dated 31st May
1862 N^o 3835 prescribing
that as a general rule,
the lower side Railway
fares

fares only shall be granted
to subordinate officers
travelling by rail on duty;
those drawing more than
50 Rs being furnished with
second class, and those
drawing less than 50 Rs
with third class tickets.

The Civil Paymaster is
requested to make this applica-
ble to all the servants,
in the establishment of the
Director of Revenue Settlement
without reference to their
rank or emoluments.

The Government finally
addressed the Government
of India on the subject
and were informed in
reply that the servants
employed under the Director
of Revenue Settlement in
Madras must be held to
be specially exempted
from the operation of
the

* G.O. 21st February 1863. 372
Revenue Department

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the orders contained in an
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30th January 1862 already
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ances and hallow due to the
offices of Assistant and Clerk
of the Superintendent and
account of a tour recently
performed has been cut down
by the Civil Paymaster
because the railway fares
have not been calculated in
accordance with the Supreme
Government's Ruling, already
adverted to, of 31st May 1862.
He requests that the ex-
emption accorded to the
Settlement Subordinates by
G.O. 21st February 1863
No 372 may be extended to
the Survey Establishment.

6. The Government also
decides that the decision
of the Supreme Government
alluded to in the last-
named order is as appli-
cable to the Survey as
to the Settlement Department,
and they do not therefore
understand why the Civil
Paymaster should have con-
tinued the case now under
reference in ^{an} exceptional
manner.

7. Captain Hessay
further requests that Deputy
Superintendents may draw
11 Rs. a day and Assistants
in charge of parties of
parties 2 Rs. a day as office
allowance when no office
accommodation is provided as
granted to the Settlement Dept.
in G. O. 27th July 1863 & 1390.
and also that Deputy and Assistant
Supts of Survey, whether Commanded or
not, may draw travelling allowances at the rate of

Establishment, both
being in fact branches
of one

8. As to the first re-
quest, it is observed that
the allowance granted
to an Assistant Director
is for providing office
accommodation when at
a distance from his
immediate superior the
Deputy Director, whose du-
ty it would have been,
were he present, to pro-
vide such accommo-
dation out of the extra
allowance drawn by him
for that purpose. The
Deputy Superintendents
referred to by Captain
Hessay are, like As-
sistants of Revenue Settle-
ment, in independent
charge of a party, and

and have been so since the commencement of operations. It is not stated in what position they or their assistants have hitherto been placed as regards the provision of accommodation for their office establishment, and this must be clearly explained before orders can be passed on the reference now made.

9. The second request relates to travelling allowance when the officers named are, in consequence of the division of their parties, compelled to travel from district to district on duty. Where such extraordinary journeys are necessary, the Govt sanction the grant of travelling allowance as allowed to Deputy and Assistant Directors of Revenue Settlements

by L.O. 27th July 1868, No. 1390 - para 1.

10. The last point referred for consideration is the travelling allowance drawn by the Superintendent of Revenue Survey. Under the impression that the duties of the General Survey would involve little, if any, greater amount of travelling or increased expenditure than the regular operations, in South Arcot, the Govt in 1858, authorized the Superintendent to draw extra baggage, or marching allowance of Rs 6 per diem for the period actually occupied by him in travelling on the Public Service. Captain Messey states that this is insufficient and that on a recent tour it did not cover half the Superintendent's expenses, in drawing; and he proposes that

L.O. 22nd April 1868,
No. 510 -

Revenue 1864 Departt.
Pro. of Govt for April

N. 561.

Pro. of the Madras Govt.
D^d 1st April 1864.

From the Supt. River Survey
D^d 12 October 1864 C. No. 2098

C^d No. 248-249
15-12-63

From Supt. of River Survey
D^d 29-6-64 C. No. 1723

Travelling allowance
drawn by the Supt of
River Survey and other
Officers of his Departt placed
in the same footing with that
of Settlement Deptt.

N. 56457