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Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 7th November 1866.

No. 165. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 4th October 1866, No. 7,114 :—

Read again the following Official Memorandum, dated 5th April 1866, No. 336.

1. In the Extra Tentage Bill, received from Salem for February last, the following items are entered :—

	RS.	A.	P.
Actual expenses incurred in visiting Piluparuty, three miles from Mallapuram station, and Railway fare from Salem to Mallapuram and back...	5	1	0
Railway expense for a horse from Salem to Mallapuram and back	6	0	0

2. The Collector is requested to state on what date, and for what purpose, he proceeded to visit Piluparuty, and under what order he claims actual expenses for that purpose, instead of a daily rate. Pending the receipt of this information, the charge will stand retrenched.

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary.

To the Collector of Salem.

Read also the following letter from the Collector of Salem, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 7th April 1866, No. 51.

1. With reference to your Official Memorandum of the 5th instant, No. 336, calling on me for certain information regarding expenses incurred by me in going to Piluparuty, I have the honor to state that I proceeded to Piluparuty on the 23rd February last, to make enquiries regarding the placing of obstructions on the line of rail by which the train was thrown off the line on the 5th idem. I was unable to make any personal enquiry sooner, as I was at Denkenkotta on Jummahbundy, when the accident occurred, and subsequent to my return, the Assistant's examination took place on the 21st and 22nd February.

2. With regard to the second question in your Memorandum, I am not aware of any order under which I can claim actual expenses ; but I beg to observe that in no other way, than that I adopted, could I have reached the village, and made the enquiries I did, and return to my head quarters in one day, and my extra tentage for even two days would have amounted to Rupees 10-8-0, or only 9 Annas less than the charge objected to.

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1. Resolved that the papers above recorded be submitted for the Orders of Government.

2. The Government will perceive that Mr. Arbuthnott, the Collector of Salem, had occasion to visit Piluparuty, a village three miles from the Mallapuram station, on duty, and that, in order to save time, he proceeded from Salem by rail to Mallapuram, taking with him his horse, in order that he might ride from Mallapuram station to Piluparuty.

3. In the exercise of the discretion which the Government have always been pleased to vest in the Board, regarding charges for extra tentage, the Board would, in the ordinary course, have passed the charge for the Railway fare of Mr. Arbuthnott and his horse, on the principle that the charge was incurred "for the benefit of the public service," inasmuch as had Mr. Arbuthnott proceeded to Piluparuty by the ordinary marching stages, he would have occupied some days in going and returning, to the detriment of his other duties, and his bill for extra tentage would have been far in excess of the sum now claimed.

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4. The Board, however, have some doubts whether the exercise of the discretion above referred to, in sanctioning unusual charges for extra tentage in support of which there is no express Order of Government, will now be recognized by the Audit Department. They resolve accordingly to request that Government will be pleased to sanction the present charge of Rupees 11-1-0, and to prescribe a rule for the Audit Department's guidance, laying down that all charges of the nature of ~~travelling~~ allowance, in lieu of extra tentage to District Officers, be passed in future on the Board's sanction.

No. 166. ORDER THEREON, 7th November 1866, No. 3,023.

Miscellaneous.

1. The charge of Rupees 11-1-0 is accordingly sanctioned.

2. The Accountant General will admit all charges passed by the Board of Revenue of the nature of a travelling allowance in lieu of extra tentage, as requested in the last paragraph of the foregoing Proceedings.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Accountant General.

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The charge of Rs. 11-1-0, is accordingly sanctioned -

The Accountant General will admit all charges passed by the Board of Revenue of the nature of a travelling allowance in lieu of Extra tentage as requested in the last para of the foregoing proceedings.

To The Board of Revenue
" Accountant General