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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
24th April 1868.*

Read the following:—

No. 549. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 19th February 1868,
No. 1,219.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Malabar, to the Secretary to the
Board of Revenue, dated Calicut, 4th November 1867, No. 245:—

1. I have the honor to submit, for the favorable consideration and orders of
the Board, the accompanying copy of a letter from Mr. Underwood, the Deputy
Collector of Wynaad, dated 21st October 1867, No. 487.

2. The retrenchment of the Deputy Accountant General, copy of which is
enclosed, would seem to be based on the erroneous supposition that the additional
allowance of 150 Rupees, allowed to the Wynaad Deputy Collector, is an increase
of salary, instead of being, as it is, a mere local allowance.

From the Deputy Collector of Wynaad, to the Collector of Malabar, dated Manantoddy, 21st
October 1867, No. 487.

1. I have the honor to forward "Objection Statement on the travelling allowance passed
me from Madura to Manantoddy."

2. When in Madras, I personally visited the Examiner of Claims, who told me I was
entitled to travelling allowance, and very kindly made out the amount I should draw.

3. The objection is taken to my drawing, by the Acting Deputy Accountant General, on
the ground of an increase of emoluments.

4. I respectfully submit that the increase to my pay is merely a local allowance, and would
be no benefit to myself, as regards the pay of my appointment, were I directed to do duty in any
other place without promotion.

5. My removal here has not been on promotion to a higher class, nor am I as well off, as I
was on the plains, with the actual pay of my substantive appointment. The Wynaad increase
was given, I believe, partly on account of the heavy prices, and the extra charges entailed by
residing here.

6. The amount passed by the Deputy Collector in charge of the Treasury, Calicut, was a
few Rupees under the sum, I understood from the Memorandum I got in Madras, I might draw;
the amount charged is considerably under the very heavy expense I was put to, both in travelling
and bringing up my horses and baggage, &c. But on the ground that I was not promoted to a
higher grade on my removal from Madura, and that the increase to my pay is merely a local
allowance, I respectfully request a reference may be made to the Board of Revenue on the
subject.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.—Objection Statement.

The Board observe that the Deputy Collector in Wynaad, in consideration of
his peculiar charge in a trying climate, and the heavy expenses attending his
residence in that talook, is allowed a special extra allowance of Rupees 150 per
mensem, which is a local allowance, not a permanent increase to his salary. They,
therefore, resolve to request the Accountant General to remove the retrenchment
of Rupees 65-8-0, being the travelling allowance drawn by Mr. Underwood, for
proceeding from Madura to Manantoddy, to take up his appointment of Deputy
Collector of Wynaad.

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No. 550. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 15th April 1868, No. 2,724.

Read again letter from the Collector of Malabar, dated 4th November 1867, No. 245, recorded in the Board's Proceedings, dated 19th February 1868, No. 1,219.

Read also the following papers:—

Memorandum from the Deputy Accountant General, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Fort St. George, 27th February 1868, No. 6,339.

1. *Vide* Board's Proceedings, No. 1,219, dated 19th instant.
2. States, that the Rules are clear as regards non-payment of travelling allowance in case of an increase of emoluments. Mr. Underwood gets actually 150 Rupees a month more at Manantoddy than at Madura, and, therefore, whether the said sum be a local allowance or not, it is an increase of salary, and for proceeding from Madura to Manantoddy he cannot be allowed travelling allowance except under the special orders of the Government of India.

Letter from the Collector of Malabar, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Calicut, 6th March 1868, No. 61.

1. On receipt of the Board's Proceedings noted, and in anticipation of instructions from the Accountant General, Mr. Underwood drew travelling allowance from Madura to Manantoddy which was retrenched and deducted from his pay for October 1867.
2. Now by an order, dated 2nd March 1868, passed by the Accountant General in an Objection Statement, he states that it has been intimated to the Board that Mr. Underwood cannot draw the allowance without the special sanction of the Government of India.
3. I have, therefore, the honor to request the requisite sanction may be obtained, and that the Accountant General may be desired to allow the retrenchment to stand in abeyance until the receipt of the final order.

1. Submitted for the consideration and orders of Government.
2. Mr. Underwood, Deputy Collector in Wynaad, drew travelling allowance, amounting to Rupees 65-8-0, for his journey from Madura to Manantoddy on his appointment to Wynaad. The charge has, however, been disallowed by the Deputy Accountant General, on the ground that Mr. Underwood's transfer from Madura to Wynaad was attended with an increase of emoluments. Though it was explained to Mr. Lodwick by the Board that the special allowance of 150 Rupees per mensem, granted to the Wynaad Deputy Collector in consequence of his peculiar charge in a trying climate, cannot be regarded as a permanent increase to his salary, he still declines to pass the charge except under the special orders of the Government of India.

3. Under these circumstances, the Board request that Government will be pleased to instruct the Accountant General to remove the retrenchment, and to

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pass the allowance to which, in the Board's opinion, Mr. Underwood is justly entitled.

No. 551. ORDER THEREON, 24th April 1868, No. 1,102.

Miscellaneous.

1. The Accountant General is authorized to withdraw the retrenchment. The ground taken by the Board of Revenue is correct. The rule disallowing travelling allowance on promotion assumes the fact of the later appointment being a *more lucrative* one to the holder.

2. The special allowance given to the Deputy Collector in Wynaad is intended to remove in some measure the serious *disadvantages* in the way of extra expense and bad climate and its incidents that attach to the appointment, and to bring it to an *equality* with similar posts in the plains.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Accountant General.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

