

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	2178	Press ~~Mis.~~
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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
17th August 1868.*

No. 240. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 29th July 1868, No. 5,480 :—

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of Madura, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Camp at Dindigul, 26th June 1868, No. 165.

1. I beg to submit, for the consideration of the Board of Revenue, an appeal made by the Acting Sub-Collector of Madura against a retrenchment to which he has been subjected by the Audit Department in Madras.

2. The rule under which Mr. Bliss appears to have been retrenched is contained in the latter part of paragraph 67 of the Civil Auditor's Manual. This rule declares that where a Civil Servant is *nominated* to a substantive appointment of superior emoluments to the one he is *holding*, his travelling charges should be disallowed.

N. B.—The word *joining*, on which the retrenchment is based, does not occur in Rule 67.

3. Mr. Bliss, when he was *nominated* to the Head Assistantship of Tinnevely, was holding the *substantive* appointment of Head Assistant Collector of Malabar and drawing the pay of that office, and as his nomination to Tinnevely does not produce any increase in the salary of his substantive appointment, I am of opinion that the rule above quoted is inapplicable to his case.

4. There is no doubt but that the present scale of travelling allowances does not anything like defray the expenses to which an Officer is subjected in proceeding from one district to another, and as Mr. Bliss's case is a particularly hard one, I venture to hope it will receive the favorable consideration of Government.

From the Acting Sub-Collector of Dindigul, to the Acting Collector of Madura, dated 28th May 1868, No. 88.

1. I have the honor to request that you will forward the enclosed Objection Statement of the Deputy Accountant General for the favorable consideration of Government.

2. You will observe that I am retrenched Rs. 364-4-0, being travelling allowance and amount of freight of tents drawn by me for my journey from Vizagapatam to Tuticorin, when I was on my way to take the appointment of Head Assistant Collector of Tinnevely. The grounds of this retrenchment are that, as I had never before joined a permanent Head Assistantship, I was travelling on promotion. It is quite true that I had never before *joined* a permanent Head Assistantship, though I had long held that rank, but it is by no means the case that I was travelling on promotion. On the contrary, I was a loser of nearly 300 Rupees a-month by the move. I think, therefore, that by the spirit, if not by the letter, of the rules, I am entitled to draw the usual travelling allowance, &c., which, after all, as is notorious, by no means pay the expenses of such an enforced journey.

3. I would venture respectfully to point out that, however suitable the rule in question may have been to a time when it was possible for a gentleman to be directly promoted from a lower to a higher rank, and at once despatched to join his new appointment, it is not so suitable to the present day, when it is the rule rather than the exception that a junior member of the service at least is perpetually acting in an appointment other than his own. This has, I think I may say, been indirectly admitted by Government themselves, for only the other day I noticed the name of a gentleman, who is now on leave, transferred from his former appointment to that which he had up to then been acting; I presume that he might be able when at home to draw the half-pay of a Head Assistant instead of that of an Assistant, which, from his never having joined a Head Assistantship before, would have been all he could have claimed but for this nominal transfer. If, therefore,

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my argument that I should be allowed to draw the sum now retrenched on the ground that really I was a loser by my move to Tuticorin will not hold good, I would respectfully request that Government will extend me the same boon they did to Mr. Wilkinson, in a perfectly analogous case.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.—Objection Statement.

Submitted for the orders of Government.

No. 241. ORDER THEREON, 17th August 1868, No. 2,178.

Miscellaneous.

Resolved that the Board of Revenue be referred to the Order of Government, in the Judicial Department, dated 1st

June 1866, No. 211, communicated with the Revenue Order, dated 12th idem, No. 1,419, requiring that all appeals to Government against any rulings or orders of the Audit Department shall be submitted through the Accountant General.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Encl. F. R. Bantleman.

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referred to the order of Govt. in the Judicial

Dept. of 1st June 1866 at 211 communicated

with the Rev. order of 12th idem at 1419 requiring

that all appeals to Govt. against any rulings

or orders of the Audit Department shall be

submitted through the Accountant General.

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12th June 1863 No. 265-266.

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Rev. 1863. Department.
Pro. of Govt for Request
No. 2561.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 29th July 1863.
Capt. [illegible]
10th [illegible]

[Signature]

No. 5480.

Submitting for orders of Government letter from Collector of Madura, forwarding Acting Sub-Collector's appeal against retrenchment made by Accountant General of travelling allowance &c. drawn by him for proceeding from Vizagapatam to Tuticorin.

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To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.