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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	2237 (2337)	Press ~~Mis.~~
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No. 92. Read the following letter from the Accountant General, Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Fort St. George, 4th September 1868, No. 147:—

1. In forwarding the enclosed appeal, received from the Collector of Madura through the Board of Revenue, against a retrenchment issued by this Department on account of travelling allowance, passage money, &c., drawn by Mr. W. H. Bliss, on the occasion of his joining his appointment as Head Assistant Collector of Tinnevelly, between December 1867 and February 1868, I have the honor to report that the claim to such allowances is inadmissible upon the principle, affirmed in Proceedings of Government, No. 444, dated 26th November 1866, that when an Officer who is appointed permanently to a higher situation than that previously held by him travels to join that appointment, he is entitled, for the transit time, only to the lower pay of the previous appointment.

2. For the period in question Mr. Bliss was allowed the lower pay of Assistant Collector only, and as that of Head Assistant is one of superior emoluments, his claim to travelling allowance for joining it is opposed to the ruling contained in paragraph 67, Chapter II., of the Civil Auditor's Manual.

No. 93. ORDER THEREON, 8th September 1868, No. 2,337.

Miscellaneous.

The Government request the Accountant General to forward a statement shewing the various appointments, superior to that of Assistant Collector, which have been held by Mr. Bliss, with the date of his joining each, and the Gazette in which his nomination appeared.

(True Extract.)

Acting Secretary to Government.

To the **Accountant General.**

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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 Tinnevelly, was holding the *substantive* appointment of Head Assistant Collector of Malabar and drawing the pay of that office, and as his nomination to Tinnevelly 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 Tinnevelly. 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,

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.

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The papers will accordingly be submitted to Government, through the Accountant General.

(By Order)
J. Brandt
for the Secretary

Revenue Bd Office
Madras 12th Septr 1868

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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To The Accountant General.
with a Register Ref

N. B.—This Statement must be returned within a week of its receipt, or the cause of any delay in doing so explained by docket.

Nature of Payment.	Items under Objection.	Nature of Objection.	Explanation.	Orders.
Amount of Pagoda Money				
Do from Nazzapistam to Tuticorin	X			
Rafter & Loading charges	250 80			
Do Peons	113 20			

inapplicable to the present state of things when everyone should be acting in accordance with the appointment of law. If the Deputy Accountant does not think it necessary to make this reference I shall do so myself referring the whole to which I have just been directed.

Paymaster Clarkson
12. 5 /65

J. N. Hollis

D A A G. Office
Recd 14
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Endorsement
Referring letter
from Pay Master
Clarkson
to Deputy
Accountant
Navy Dept.
Bureau
Dated 12th May 1865
Relative to
Claim of
Capt. Hollis
for
Extra Duty
1865
Referred to
Bureau
Capt. Hollis
Pay Master
Clarkson
Letter
12th May 1865

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Rec: 28 Sept/68
Proceedings of
the Bd. of Revue
Dated 14th Sept. 1868
Revd.
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Comm^r. Orders of Govt.
referring the Board with
reference to their Rep^t. on
the retrenchment from the
1st day of the 4th Coll^n.
of Customs, to G.O. 12th
June 1866 No. 211 requiring
that all appeals to Govt.
against any orders of the
Public Dept^t. shall be
submitted through the
Accountant General

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No. 2337.

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8th Sept^r/68

6 Copies To the Acct. Genl. Dept^t.