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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 22nd December 1868.

No. 353. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 17th November 1868, No. 8,117:—

Read the following letter from C. E. PLUNKETT, Esq., Deputy Collector in charge of Salt Department, to the Acting Collector of Nellore, dated Kristnapatam, 16th October 1868, No. 329:—

1. I have the honor to request you will be so good as to recommend me for the higher rate of travelling allowance payable to Deputy Collectors of the first and second grades, namely, Rupees 3 per diem, as a special case.

2. The duties of my present charge are, as you are aware, arduous, and necessitate constant travelling for their proper performance, and next to Madras, the Salt Deputy of this District has a greater number of stations to supervise, and the range of sea-board he has to travel over is also longer than any other Salt Deputy's range in the Presidency. The incessant travelling necessitates the maintenance of greater camp equipment to enable me to move about with ordinary comfort and decency, and the wear and tear of tents, &c., is greater. I acted as Salt Deputy for eight months last year in the Vizagapatam District, and did not need a tent there; there were either bungalows or sheds of some kind for me to put up in at each place, and there were only four stations to supervise, and about sixty-five miles of coast to travel over, whilst here, it is impossible to move without a tent, and there are ten stations and 165 miles of coast to be traversed.

3. The rates of wages of labor for bearers, coolies, &c., are, as you are aware, much cheaper in Vizagapatam than in this district. The rates of a Deputy Collector's travelling allowance were, moreover, fixed in 1859, when carriage of all kinds was much cheaper than it is now even in Nellore. I will cite a few instances:—

	In 1859.	At present.	Increase.
A pair of bullocks ...	12 Annas for 10 miles.	Two Annas per mile.	66⅔ per cent.
A bandy and bullocks per mensem	14 or 15 Rupees	22 Rupees	50 do.
A cooly for ten miles..	Two Annas	Four Annas	100 do.

And perhaps, with these examples before them, the Board may be pleased to view, not only my case, but the case of officers of my class in general, with consideration.

4. I may add another view of the case, by which it seems to me I am especially suffering a great hardship. Were I a first or second Class Deputy, not only would my salary be double and more, but my allowance would be greater also. There are reasons, no doubt, for gradations of salary, which is personal, but as regards an allowance given to cover the expenses of travelling, the same reasons do not seem to hold good. It costs me as much to travel now as it would do were I a higher grade Deputy Collector, and yet I am paid less to travel than a higher grade Deputy would be were he in the same charge.

5. I trust, however, I have said enough to be able to enlist your support in behalf of the request I have now made. You are quite aware of the nature of my duties, and the expenses of travelling in this district, that I feel further details from me on these points are unnecessary. I am not cognizant of the indulgence I now solicit having been extended anywhere to any other Salt Deputy; but I believe it has been allowed in the case of the General Deputies of Kurnool and

Bellary employed in making over lands to the Irrigation and Railway Companies, and I know it has been conceded to the Deputies attached to the Inam Commissioner on the ground of their having more than an ordinary amount of travelling, and surely my case, with the number of miles and the number of months in each year I am required to travel, must be deemed to be analogous.

6. I beg to add, in conclusion, that I am not personal in my request. I am asking for the indulgence to be given not *to me*, but to the Deputy Collector in charge of Salt Department in this district, so that I am writing as much in behalf of any one who may succeed me in this charge as for myself. From my own experience of the charge, I am convinced that no Deputy Collector (no European certainly) can move about in this charge with that degree of comfort and decency it is necessary for him to have with my present travelling allowance of 2 Rupees per diem, except he encroaches considerably on his monthly income to repair and maintain his tents, &c., camp equipment in serviceable condition.

SUBMITTED for the favorable consideration of the Board. The Salt Deputy Collector in this district has undoubtedly an unusual length of sea-board to superintend as the Salt stations are so numerous and so scattered. He is required to be continually travelling, and as he has to carry tents everywhere the wear and tear is considerable, and cost of carriage has considerably increased during the last ten years.

NELLORE, 21*st October* 1868.

(Signed) J. A. C. BOSWELL,
Acting Collector.

To the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

THE Board are, as a rule, adverse to recommending the grant of exceptional allowances except upon strong grounds of necessity, nor can they admit the force of the well-worn appeal based on the general rise in expenditure and cost of living: the exceptionally great length of the sea-board in Nellore and Tanjore, and the great number of scattered pans which the Salt Deputy Collector of Nellore has to visit, together with the absence of suitable accommodation, may, however, be fairly urged in favor of making an exception to the rule, and in the event of Government expressing their willingness to take into consideration such a scheme, the Board are prepared to make a definite proposal for increasing the travelling allowances of Salt Deputy Collectors in Nellore, and the one or two other districts in which a like indulgence appears to be desiarble.

2. The Board would call the attention of Government to the remarks contained in the fourth paragraph of Mr. Plunkett's letter, in which there appears to be considerable force.

No. 354. ORDER THEREON, 22nd December 1868, No. 3,185.

Miscellaneous.

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council concurs with the Board of Revenue in considering that a special rate of travelling allowance is necessary for the Deputy Collectors in charge of the

Salt Department in the several districts, and they will therefore be requested to submit their proposals for increasing that allowance. Pending the issue of final orders on the subject, the Government sanction the payment of the travelling allowance of Rupees (3) three per diem to the Deputy Collector in charge of the Salt Department in Nellore, if he belongs to the 3rd or 4th Class.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
" the Accountant General.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 3669.

~~From~~ Rec: of the Board of Revenue

Dated 17th November 1868.

FOR ORDERS.

Mr. Plumbett's case may, I think, be treated specially and his request complied with. He does not ask for an increase of pay, but simply that he may be allowed the travelling allowance of a Deputy Coll: of a grade higher than his own - that is 3 Rs a day instead of 2 Rs. As Mr Plumbett is, I believe, a Deputy Coll: of the 4th Grade with a Salary of Rs 250. If the tables were turned, and the pay of a 1st or 2nd Class Dy Coll: were given to a Sall Deputy Coll: the salary drawn by Mr Plumbett being assigned to the Superior Deputies, the allowances necessary for the Deputy Collectors in charge of the Salt Department in the several Districts appointed they will therefore be requested to submit their proposals for increasing their allowances. Pending

Govt. of {1868} Nellore.

REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated December, 22nd.

Recd: " Encl.

G. O., 22nd December 1868, No. 3,185.

DECEMBER.

Nos. 353-354.

Nellore Salt Deputy Collector.—Payment of travelling allowance at 3 Rupees per diem sanctioned. Board of Revenue to submit proposals for increasing this allowance to Deputy Collectors in charge of Salt Departments.

From the Board of Revenue

Dated 22nd July 68 No. 683

Revenue Department

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Proceedings of the Madras Government.
Under date the 22nd December 1868

Read the following Rpt. of the Board of Revenue.

Higher rate of Travelling Allowance — payable to Deputy Collectors of first and second grades. Application from Mr. C. E. Plunkett, Salt Dy. Collector of Nellore, for submission to Govt. with remarks. — (Rec'd. ex. 17th Nov. 1868 No. 8117.)

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