

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	440	Press Mis.
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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
17th February 1868.*

No. 335. Read the following letter from the Officiating Conservator of Forests, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 28th January 1868, No. 508 :—

1. On the 20th of this month I was promoted to the rank of Major in the Staff corps. It is not clear whether I am entitled to the pay of a Major or only to that of a Captain, and I have the honor to request that Government will take the matter into consideration.

2. I entered the Forest Department in February 1857, when it was first organized; in August 1860 I was promoted to the rank of first class travelling Deputy, upon a staff salary of Rupees 400, *plus* travelling allowance; immediately afterwards I was appointed to act as Conservator of Forests. In August 1862 I requested Government to consolidate the allowances of the different grades, as our forest districts could not afford the staff pay in addition to the pay of a Major, and our department could not well keep Officers after they had been promoted to the rank of Major. A consolidated salary of Rupees 500, 700, and 800, was proposed for the three grades—the appointment of first class travelling Deputy was not taken into consideration. Dr. Cleghorn was then absent in Bengal, and was not expected to return to this Presidency, and the appointment was in abeyance. This scheme was partly sanctioned by Government in their Order No. 2,211, of 14th October 1862; present incumbents, however, were not affected by the consolidation. When I reverted to my substantive appointment on several occasions that Dr. Cleghorn returned for short periods, I have drawn Rupees 400 staff salary in addition to Captain's Staff corps pay, viz., 374, making my allowances 774. Major Morgan, who entered the department in November 1860, was promoted to his majority previous to the consolidation of the salaries, and he has since his promotion drawn his staff salary in addition to his Major's staff pay. Captain Gib was a second class Deputy Conservator when he was promoted to the rank of Major; he had then been two years and a half in the department, and was in charge of the Wynaad District; he was not put on a consolidated salary after the Order No. 2,211, of 14th of October 1862, and when he was promoted to the rank of Major, it was proposed that he should draw the difference between Major's and Captain's pay from the Military Department. He was not, however, allowed his Major's pay either from the Military or Civil Departments, and he consequently resigned his post in the department. From this it would appear that I am not entitled to the pay of my rank as Major, but the subsequent Order of the Government of India, No. 1,661, of the 30th of March, leaves the case open to doubt, and the consolidation of the allowances of my present appointment was never even taken into consideration. If I was only allowed the pay of a Captain in addition to my staff allowances, I should (in the event of Dr. Cleghorn's return) have, as a Major, to revert to my appointment upon a salary of Rupees 774, or little more than what is now drawn by some of our young Officers who only entered the department two years ago.

No. 336. ORDER THEREON, 17th February 1868, No. 440.

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From
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 The Secretary to Govt.
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