

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
2nd February 1869.*

No. 23. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 18th July 1868, No. 5,238.

Read the following letter :—

From the Collector of Bellary, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Camp at Gooty, 16th May 1868, No. 111.

1. I trust I shall be held excused for asking the attention of the Board to what seems to me a case of great hardship. To do justice to his charge as a Revenue Officer, a Tahsildar must be constantly moving about his talook, and his Magisterial duties also frequently take him from his head-quarters. On these circuits, he is obliged to take a portion of his establishment with him, men with salaries quite inadequate to meet the cost of travelling, and the burden of providing for them on the march not unfrequently falls on the Tahsildar himself.

2. In every other department of the service some sort of allowance is granted to Government servants called upon to travel on the public service; but the Tahsildar and his subordinates who have constantly to be on the move do not get a fraction, and from the enhanced cost of carriage, this demand on their private means becomes more burdensome every year. The unfairness of withholding from this class of servants what is conceded to their fellows in every other branch of the service is so apparent, that I am confident I have only to bring the matter to the notice of the Board to secure for it a favorable consideration. In the sister presidencies, I am given to understand that Tahsildars and their subordinates all draw travelling allowance whilst on circuit.

In the foregoing letter, the Collector points out the hardship entailed upon the Talook Establishment by batta being denied to Tahsildars and their subordinates when moving in their talooks, and requests that the same concession may be made to them as is enjoyed by the subordinates of the other branches of the service.

2. In paragraph 8 of their Order, dated 12th March 1861, No. 569, Government have, on the recommendation of the Honorable C. Pelly, ruled that talook servants while moving in their respective talooks were not entitled to batta, solely because their pay was so regulated as to cover all travelling and other minor expenses incident to their duties and position.

3. Before passing orders on the point mooted by the Collector, the Board resolve to request the Accountant General to ascertain and inform the Board, what is the practice prevailing in Bombay, Bengal, and the North-West Provinces, regarding talook servants, when travelling on duty within the limits of their respective talooks.

No. 24. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 3rd November 1863, No. 7,815.

Read again letter from the Collector of Bellary, dated 16th May 1868, No. 111, recorded in Board's Proceedings, dated 18th July 1868, No. 5,238.

Read also the following letters :—

From the Deputy Accountant General, Central Provinces, to the Deputy Accountant General, Madras, dated Nagpore, 12th August 1868, No. 1,709.

In reply to your endorsement on Proceedings of the Madras Board of Revenue, No. 5,238, dated 18th ultimo, I have the honor to inform you that Tahsildars in

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these Provinces do not draw travelling allowance for journeys within their own Tahsil.

From the Officiating Deputy Accountant General, Bombay, to the Deputy Accountant General, Madras, dated Bombay, 13th August 1868, No. 1,209 A. of 1868-69.

In reference to your endorsement on the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 5,238, dated 18th July last, I have the honor to state that in this Presidency, the Tahsildars and their subordinates are allowed batta of their rank when they leave their head-quarters and travel on duty within the limits of their respective talookas.

Official Memorandum from the Accountant General, Bengal, to the Accountant General, Madras, dated Calcutta, 20th August 1868, No. 7-2,104.

1. In reply to your endorsement, without number or date, forwarding a copy of Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 5,238, dated 18th July.

2. There are no Tahsildars in Bengal, but Ministerial Officers in all Departments ordinarily receive three-tenths of salary as travelling allowance, or a mileage of 4 Annas if they are certified to have been compelled to travel by dak.

3. Should such an Officer, however, draw an enhanced salary on the understanding that he shall meet his own expenses when travelling, his case is exceptionally dealt with.

From the Deputy Accountant General, North-Western Provinces, to the Deputy Accountant General, Madras, dated Allahabad, 21st August 1868, No. 12,434-P. A.

With reference to your endorsement, forwarding for report a copy of the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 5,238, dated 18th July last, I have the honor to state that Tahsildars employed in the North-Western Provinces, and vested with the powers of a Deputy Magistrate, are prohibited from drawing travelling allowance when moving within the limits of their fiscal jurisdiction, under the Orders of the Local Government quoted at Article 941 of the Civil Paymaster's Manual: copy annexed.

Copy.

From the Secretary to Government, North-Western Provinces, to the Commissioner of the Rohilkund Division, dated Agra, 21st February 1869, No. 782, Judicial Department.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, dated 3rd instant, No. 12, and in reply to inform you that the Lieutenant-Governor does not consider a Tahsildar vested with the powers of Deputy Magistrate entitled to travelling allowance when moving within the limits of his fiscal jurisdiction, but he would be so entitled if called upon as Deputy Magistrate to make a local investigation beyond the limits of his fiscal jurisdiction.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. W. SHERER,
Offg. Asst. Secy. to Government, N. W. P.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. EEDE,
Deputy Accountant General, N. W. P.

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No. 3,142.

FORWARDED to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, for information, with reference to the Board's Proceedings, No. 5,238, dated 18th July.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
ACCOUNTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
8th September 1868.

(Signed) R. W. LODWICK,
Deputy Accountant General.

In his letter above recorded the Collector of Bellary represents the necessity for granting travelling allowances to Tahsildars and Talook Officials while on duty away from their head-quarters, but within their own division.

2. The recent augmentation of the pay of Tahsildars, which pay was always held to include and provide for travelling charges, renders it unnecessary for the Board to make any proposal for the grant of such allowances to officers of that grade, now.

3. The Deputy Tahsildars also are sufficiently well-paid, and the Talook Sherishtadar never goes on circuit. Further, the Board gather from the replies to their inquiries as to the custom of other Presidencies that Tahsildars (and presumably Talook Officials also) do not draw travelling allowances within their own Tahsil or fiscal jurisdiction, either in the Central Provinces, or in the North-Western Provinces. In the Bengal Presidency a fixed addition to their salary, as travelling allowance, or mileage, is allowed to Ministerial Officers in all Departments on the occasion of their having to travel by dak, but not otherwise.

3. With regard, however, to the Talook Goomastahs, the Board consider that there is much reason in Mr. Sullivan's proposal. The pay of these officials is fixed on such a scale that when travelling, as they occasionally must do, they are either dependent on the liberality of Tahsildars or rely on the proffer of local hospitality. Their pay ranges from Rupees 20 to Rupees 15 per mensem, and the Board would recommend that they be allowed to draw the batta prescribed in the Order of Government, Revenue Department, No. 569, dated 12th March 1861, when absent from their head-quarters on duty within their own division, or they might be granted an uniform rate of 3 Annas a day.

4. The grant of travelling allowances to Talook Peons might be attended with considerable difficulty, as their duties are such as to require them to be constantly on the move to and from different parts of the talook, and the grant of batta to them would, in fact, very considerably increase their permanent salary fixed under Mr. Pelly's scheme. The Board think, however, that the indulgence granted to the Huzoor Peons of drawing batta when on circuit with their Cutcherry, should be extended to Talook Peons when actually on circuit, with the Tahsildar, away from his head-quarters.

5. The Board are of opinion that this is a concession which might well be made.

ORDER THEREON, 2nd February 1869, No. 276.

No. 25.

Miscellaneous.

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2. The Board do not support Mr. Sullivan's recommendation, in so far as it relates to the higher grades of Talook Officials. They remark that the recent augmentation of the pay of Tahsildars, was always held to provide for travelling charges, that the Deputy Tahsildars are sufficiently well-paid, and that the Talook Sheristadars do not travel.

3. The Board are, however, strongly in favor of allowing travelling batta to the Talook Goomastahs, whose pay, they add, is fixed on such a scale, that when travelling, they are either dependent on the liberality of the Tahsildars, or rely on the proffer of local hospitality. The pay of these servants, ranges from Rupees 15 to Rupees 20 per mensem, and the Board recommend that they be allowed to draw the batta (4 Annas daily) prescribed in the Order of Government, dated 12th March 1861, No. 569, when absent from the head-quarters on duty within their own division, or that they be granted the uniform rate of 3 Annas a day.

4. The Talook Peons are also in the opinion of the Board deserving of similar indulgence, but as these servants are constantly on the move, and the grant of batta to them always, would very considerably increase their permanent salary fixed under Mr. Pelly's scale, the Board recommend the payment of batta to peons when actually on circuit *with the Tahsildar*, as in the case of the Huzoor Peons, when they travel with the Cutcherry. The rates of batta allowed to the latter peons are 1 Anna per diem to those receiving salaries up to 7 Rupees per mensem, and 2 Annas to those who receive more. (*Vide* Order of Government, dated 15th March 1859, No. 329.)

5. The Government have given this subject their careful consideration, and they concur in the views expressed by the Board of Revenue. In this Presidency, a Tahsildar's normal condition, is that of being on the move, and when the salary of the Office was recently determined, this condition was not overlooked. The Government accept the proposals of the Board in regard to both Goomastahs and Peons when actually in attendance on a Tahsildar, whilst absent from the Cusbah station on duty. Adverting to the recent adjustment of the salaries of Revenue Officials, the Government are not inclined to do more than assign the special travelling batta of 3 Annas per diem, suggested by the Board for the Goomastahs.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
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Ed. G. A. Turton.

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Nos. 23-25.

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6. There can be no doubt that consideration was given to the expenses attendant on travelling when the present rates of salaries for the Talukdars were fixed. The scheme for the revision of the Revenue establishments was first proposed in Mr. Pausdillon's memorandum

Memorandum dated 4th June, 1859, and in advocating

the scale of salaries which he proposed for the Tahsildars he remarked (para 24) that

it must be remembered that the Talook servants are generally required.

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Pro. of Govt. of 17th June 1869
No. 803.

1 st Class	-	Rs. 250
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The duties of a Tahsildar are, I apprehend, very different in character to those of the Thakur. In most of the posts passed information has been sought. Whether or not, in this Presidency, a Tahsildar's normal condition is that of being on the move, and it must, I think, be apparent that when the salary of the officer was determined, the real position of the Thakur was overlooked. - I would accept the proposals of the Bd of Rev. in regard to both Poonah and Poonah when actually attending on a Tahsildar who is away from the Cuscuta station on duty. According to the recent adjustment of revenue salaries by Mr. Kelly, it seems scarcely reasonable at the same period to demand more than a few shillings special travelling allowance suggested by the Bd. 19 Dec 68.

I agree with Mr. Phillips

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 29th July 1869.

Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.

Recommending the grant of butta to Talook Gummattals and to Talook Pong when actually on circuit with the Tahsildars.

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