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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
29th July 1870.

Read the following papers :—

No. 259. From the Director of Revenue Settlement, Madras, to the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated 8th November 1869, No. 1,579-41.

I HAVE the honour to bring to the notice of Government that, under the existing rules for the grant of acting allowances to uncovenanted officers, considerable inconvenience is felt in this department, and much difficulty is experienced in filling up temporary vacancies in the minor posts, owing to the inadequacy of the remuneration which the rules allow.

2. In their Order of the 6th January 1869, No. 122, the Government of India ruled that an uncovenanted officer, acting for another should draw, in addition to the full salary of his post, a deputation allowance of twenty per cent. upon the monthly salary of the appointment officiated in, in all cases in which the pay did not exceed 2,000 Rupees per mensem, or fifty per cent. on such salary, if the acting officer held no substantive post.

3. On the 1st of May following this rule was made applicable to appointments of even less emolument than 100 Rupees when practicable ; and the local Governments were subsequently empowered, by the Government of India Resolution, dated 12th July last, No. 1,821, to grant, at their discretion, more acting allowances than the rules authorized to the substitutes of absentees whose salaries were less than 200 Rupees per mensem, whenever they might consider that the allowances prescribed by rule were, on public grounds, insufficient, provided that the total acting allowances did not exceed the amount of salary forfeited by the absentee, and that no extra charge to the State was thereby incurred. In each case, however, of a departure from the rule, the Audit Department require the special sanction of Government, and otherwise retrench the charge.

Letter from the Government of India to Accountant-General, Bombay, No. 308.

4. In the Settlement Field Parties the salaries of the great bulk of the appointments range from 10 to 25 Rupees, and since the introduction of the new deputation allowance rules, it has been found generally impracticable to obtain substitutes for absentees in the lower posts. If the special sanction of Government is to be applied for in each of the numerous cases continually occurring, in which the ordinary deputation allowance is found insufficient to secure the services of a competent man, a great deal of unnecessary writing will be the result, the time of the Government will be needlessly taken up in disposing of the applications, while at the same time the work of the department will be seriously impeded.

5. Under these circumstances, I have the honour to request that the Government will be pleased, under the authority of the Government of India Resolution above quoted, to permit the officers in charge of Settlement Parties to use their discretion, when granting leave (privilege, private affairs, or on account of sickness), in reserving a sufficient sum from the pay of the absentee for the provision in each case of an efficient substitute, and to grant to the acting servants such allowances as may seem expedient, on the express condition that no extra expense is thereby incurred.

6. For example, when a Goomastah proceeds on leave, it is usual to appoint another of a lower grade to act for him, and in place of this latter, to entertain an unemployed man. Should the salary of the last acting post be only 12 Rupees, as it often is, the substitute will, under the rules, only receive 6 Rupees, a sum less than the pay of a Peon, and for which the services of an efficient man cannot be obtained. Instead of this, it is proposed, with the approval of Government, to give him such a sum as may be available, limited by the amount stopped from the pay of the absentee.

REFERRED to the Accountant-General for his remarks.

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

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
29th November 1869.

No. 260. Memorandum from the Accountant-General, Madras, to the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Fort Saint George, 3rd December 1869, No. 275.

THE undersigned has the honour to state that the proposal of Mr. Master is one which appears to be within the competence of Government to sanction, should His Excellency in Council think fit to do so.

(Signed) F. LUSHINGTON,
Accountant-General.

No. 261. ORDER THEREON, 29th July 1870, No. 1,135.

Miscellaneous.

THE Acting Director of Revenue Settlement is requested to report whether, on further trial, the rules referred to by the Director have practically led to such inconvenience as to necessitate his department being treated exceptionally. The number of cases in which difficulty has occurred during the last six months should be reported.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Under-Secretary to Government.

To the Acting Director of Revenue Settlement.
„ the Accountant-General.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Revenue Department

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the December 1869

Read the following letter from

the Accountant General.

Reporting on D^o Masters letter requesting that officers in charge of Settlement parties may be permitted to use their discretion when granting leave to members of their Establishment in reserving a sufficient sum from the pay of the absentee for the employment of an efficient substitute

} M.C. 3^d Dec^r 1869, N^o 2755.

Under the exceptional circumstances of the Settlement Department, the proposal made in para 5 of the Director's letter above recorded is approved and sanctioned

Govt. of Madras.

REVENUE.

To

THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF REVENUE SETTLEMENT.

&c., &c., &c.

Dated July, 29th.

Read.

G. O., 29th July 1870, No. 1,135.

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Nos. 259—23[illegible].

Deputation allowance to uncovenanted officers of the Settlement Department.—Acting Director of Revenue Settlement requested to report whether the rules referred to by him have practically led to such inconvenience as to necessitate his department being treated exceptionally, and the number of cases in which difficulty has occurred during the last six months.

No 1135.

The A. Director of Nav Lett. is requested to report, whether, on further trial, the rules referred to by the Director have practically led to much inconvenience & to necessitate the Dept being treated exceptionally. The number of cases in which this has occurred difficulty during the last six months should be reported

Last para rules

15 Feb 1870 Dep Secy Navy to Director Gen Lett
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Director Gen Lett
Navy Dept
Washington

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Begs to report that the rules have been found by experience to be inconvenient & to necessitate the Dept being treated exceptionally. The number of cases in which this has occurred during the last six months should be reported

No application has been received in Genl Lett Office since the rules were changed. It had better be withdrawn altogether. RH

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