

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
12th January 1870.*

No. 171. Read the following letter from the Accountant-General, Madras, to the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Fort Saint George, 1st December 1869, No. 273 :—

In forwarding the accompanying Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 8,584, dated 22nd November 1869, for the orders of Government, I have the honour to state that, under the orders of the Government of India, No. 365, dated 13th May last, the grant of deputation allowance to an Officiating Joint Magistrate and Sub-Collector when appointed to act also as Magistrate and Collector upon the salaries of both appointments is inadmissible, as the lower officiating appointment merges in the higher; Mr. Storr has therefore no ground whatever for preferring his present claim which is opposed to all rule and precedent. I would, in conclusion, respectfully submit for consideration whether cases of this kind, to which published orders are clearly applicable, ought not to be rejected by the Revenue Board when sent up to them for submission to Government, as their disposal leads to much unnecessary trouble in this and other departments.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 22nd November 1869, No. 8,584.
Read the following letter from E. STORR, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector, to the Collector of Cuddapah, dated Madanapally, 16th October 1869, No. 359 :—

I was lately directed, by the Board of Revenue, to assume temporary charge of the district during your absence on privilege leave from May 30 to July 11. I accordingly did so, carrying on at the same time my duties as Acting Sub-Collector and Joint Magistrate.

2. Being under the impression that the sanction of the Board to this arrangement entitled me to receive the usual deputation allowance, I drew it for the days I was in charge according to the rule, which provides that an officer officiating in more than one appointment is entitled to deputation allowance, calculated on the aggregate of the salaries of the two appointments, and which rule has lately been declared by the Government of India to be in force, provided that the acting allowance so calculated does not exceed the highest paid of the two appointments.—*Vide G. I., Financial, No. 481, January 20, 1869.*

3. The proper deputation allowance, at two-thirds of the difference between the pay of the two appointments, was at the rate of Rupees 1,844-7-1 per mensem; but as this amount, added to the pay of my substantive appointment, raised the total allowance beyond the highest paid of the appointments in which I was officiating, the balance, only being Rupees 1,565, was drawn by me. This rate was in accordance with that given by the Accountant-General, in his letter, No. 1,251, of May 22, 1869.

4. The Accountant-General during the subsequent two months retrenched the deputation allowance so drawn by me, on the ground that there had been no Order of Government appointing me to act.

5. In their Order of 11th October 1869, No. 2,768, Government were pleased to authorize the Accountant-General to pass my deputation allowance for the period I was in charge of the district, but he has written to say that deputation allowance cannot be drawn on both appointments, as the lower appointment merges in the higher.

6. He quotes as his authority for this ruling G. I., No. 365, dated May 13, 1869, but which was promulgated on September 30, 1869, in which it is stated that when an Officiating Joint Magistrate and Deputy-Collector is appointed to act as Magistrate and Collector, the lower officiating appointment must be understood as a matter of course to cease, as it merges in the higher.

7. This ruling was in answer to some reference from the Deputy-Accountant-General of the North-West Provinces, and I very much doubt whether it bears the meaning attached to it by the Accountant-General, or whether it applies to the Covenanted Civil Servants in this Presidency.

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8. I am unable to see that in any sense the appointment of Acting Sub-Collector and Joint Magistrate merges in that of Collector and Magistrate. The offices and appointments are distinct, and each carries with it its own duties and responsibilities, and a Sub-Collector and Joint Magistrate's work by no means ceases, when he has to perform in addition that of the Collector and Magistrate.

9. According to this ruling, had I been relieved of my own work as Acting Sub-Collector and Joint Magistrate, and performed only that of the Collector and Magistrate, I should be entitled to the very same deputation allowance that I am now stated to be entitled to, although I performed the duties of both offices.

10. In all cases up till now, when a similar arrangement has been made, the officer officiating in two appointments has been allowed to draw deputation allowance on both, and I beg respectfully to submit that having performed the work of two separate offices, I am likewise entitled to deputation allowance on both of them.

11. If this ruling applies only to an Acting Sub-Collector and Joint Magistrate, there remains the anomaly that an Assistant Collector appointed to officiate as Head Assistant Collector and as Collector (as was lately the case in Trichinopoly) would draw considerably more deputation allowance, than a Head Assistant Collector, appointed to officiate as Sub-Collector and Collector.

12. Should I be allowed to draw deputation allowance on the two appointments, there still remains a saving of Rupees 1,079 per mensem on the combined salaries.

13. Under the above circumstances, I have the honour to request you will forward this letter to the Board of Revenue, for their favourable consideration and submission to Government.

No. 178.

SUBMITTED for the favourable consideration of the Board of Revenue.

Cuddapah,
23rd October 1869.

(Signed) G. VANSAGNEW,
Collector.

THE Board resolve to submit Mr. Storr's claim for deputation allowance for the favourable consideration of Government, through the Accountant-General.

No. 172.

ORDER THEREON, 12th January 1870, No. 83.

Miscellaneous.

MR. STORR'S claim for deputation allowance upon the salaries of two appointments is quite inadmissible.

2. The attention of the Board of Revenue will be directed to the Accountant-General's suggestion that the Board should themselves reject clearly untenable claims.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Accountant-General.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Rev. Department

83.

Proceedings of the Madras Government,
Under date the 12th December 1870.
1869.

Read the following letter
from the Sect. General.

Reporting upon the
claim of Mr. Storr to deputation
allowance upon the joint sal.
& salaries of Sub Colls & Collector.

(H.E. 1st Decr/69 No. 273)

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Govt. of 1870: 211/15.

REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Secy, Secy, Secy.

Dated January, 1870.

Recd.

For.

G. O., 12th January 1870, No. 83.

JANUARY.

Nos. 171-172.

Deputation allowance on salaries of two
appointments.—Mr. Storr's claim to it, declined.
Board of Revenue to reject clearly untenable claims
similar to this.

the Accountant General

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Various points at hand

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