

No 285-208

Trade & Navigation
Return of Madras
Presd for 1870/71

Para 6 of the Report to
the Govt of India 7430
September 1868, No 401-

Respectfully
See in

Please see in office

78th January 1869, No 401.
That the Secretary of State
has been informed by the
Revenue Survey, that the
fixed travelling allowance at
Rupees 2 1/2 per diem, when
mileage is drawn by him.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
29th April 1872.

No. 287. Read the following letter from the Officiating Accountant-General, Madras, to the Officiating Chief Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated 19th April 1872, No. 39:—

I HAVE the honour to forward for orders the Revenue Board's Proceedings No. 527, dated 4th instant, with original enclosures, which the Board wishes to have returned.

2. Although practice has not been uniform, I think the order of 1869, refusing the fixed travelling allowance in addition to mileage or passage money to Deputy and Assistant Superintendents of Revenue Survey, right. Like the fixed tentage of Revenue-officers, this allowance is drawn in an officer's Pay Bill, has been held liable to Income-tax, and is drawn during absence on privilege leave; but it is not supplemented by any daily rate during marches as is the fixed allowance of a Collector: it is thus a contract allowance to pay the cost of marching as well as the wear and tear of tents.

3. The full importance of the incidental allusion, in a letter of a former Superintendent, recorded in Government Order No. 1,397, dated 28th July 1863, could only be ascertained by a reference to all other correspondence at the time. It is certainly not an unimportant fact that several years ago the head of a department stated his version of a rule, that Government recorded it without dissent, that it has been generally acted on, though, sometime unfortunately, over-looked.

4. As the Government of India is now understood to be codifying travelling allowance orders, it may be as well to report the case of this special department. So far as I know there is no exact parallel elsewhere. A Commissioner, who gets a monthly allowance to pay for tents, and also for cost of marches, does not draw it during privilege leave, or in addition to mileage, if he has to travel beyond his division. If an Inspector-General draws a fixed monthly travelling allowance, he does not also get mileage. Settlement Officers in other Provinces do not draw mileage in addition to tentage, but they only draw tentage during the days they are actually in camp, and so theirs is not a case in point.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 4th April 1872, No. 527.

Read the following letter from Colonel F. J. B. PRIESTLEY, Superintendent of Revenue Survey, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Chepauk, 29th February 1872, No. 308-14:—

ABSTRACT.—Submits, for the consideration of the Board of Revenue, an original letter from Colonel Crewe, late Deputy Superintendent, Revenue Survey, Tinnevely, respecting the non-deduction of fixed travelling allowance at Rupees 2 1/2 per diem, when mileage is drawn by him.

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WITH the foregoing letter the Superintendent of Revenue Survey, submits for the consideration of the Board a communication from Colonel Crewe, late Deputy Superintendent Tinnevely, in which the latter protests against the retrenchment by the former of proportionate Fixed Travelling Allowance from the amount of Mileage Bills drawn by the Deputy and Assistant Superintendents in the Survey Department.

2. The so-called fixed travelling allowance is drawn in the same abstract with salary—whether the officer is in Camp or at Head-quarters *pro tem*—and lastly, whether on duty or absent on privilege leave. In all these respects, officers of the Survey and Settlement departments are on the same footing. As regards mileage, however, while the officers of Settlement draw it always *in addition* to the fixed travelling allowance, those of the Survey are subjected to the forfeiture of the proportionate travelling allowance in the amount of their Mileage Bills.

3. Colonel Crewe contends that there is no sanction for this invidious distinction; that the travelling allowance in question is in every respect except the rate, the same as the fixed tentage allowed to Covenanted Revenue officers and that it is not liable to deduction, being intended to cover cost of permanent Camp equipment. He also remarks that there has been great uncertainty in the application of the rule, which has oftener been *not* enforced than enforced.

4. Colonel Priestley on the other hand, maintains the principle of the deduction on the ground that under the interpretation of Government Order, 7th May 1866, No. 1,082, the travelling allowance in question is not practically a part of salary as stated by Colonel Crewe, and also explains the reason of the omission to observe the rule in several cases.

5. The deduction in question, though incidentally alluded to in the letter recorded in Government Order, 27th July 1863, No. 1,397, is sanctioned by no specific order or rule. It has never been observed from the beginning in the Sister Department of Settlement. In the Order of Government, 20th August 1855, No. 968, the allowance in question is expressly defined to be “a *tent* allowance to the Assistant in the Madras Survey at the rate of Rupees 75 *per mensem*.”

6. The Board are decidedly of opinion that there exists no reason or authority for the system of retrenchment which has obtained in the case of the subordinate officers of the Survey and resolve to submit the question, through the Accountant-General, for the orders of Government.

No. 288.

ORDER THEREON, 29th April 1872, No. 682.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government observe that, although the particular case is not clearly stated, there is no doubt whatever

as to the intention of G. O., 4th April 1864, No. 561, Revenue Department, paragraphs 7 and 9. The fixed travelling allowance is intended to cover all camp expenses of Deputy and Assistant Superintendents of Survey *within* their districts,

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and *in addition* to this, they are entitled to draw mileage when required to travel on duty beyond their particular district.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Officiating Chief Secretary.

To the Accountant-General.

„ the Board of Revenue.

„ the Superintendent of Revenue Survey.

„ the Director of Revenue Settlement.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

No. 682.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 29th April 1872.

Read the following letter from the
Offg. Accountant General

Submitting for orders the
Pro. of the Bd. of Revenue
regarding the question rela-
tive to deduction of fixed
travelling allowance when
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J. E. 19 April 1872, No 39.

J. D. S.

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4: April 1864 No 561

Rev. Dept. paras 7+9.

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6. Accts. Genl. Des 1st May
16. Board of Rev. ✓
13. Supdts. Rev. Survey ✓
13. Dir: of Rev. Survey ✓

Geo. H. B.