Read the following :—

No. 236. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 25th April 1872, Miscellaneous No. 3,039.

Read the following letter from the Superintendent, Government Farms, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Sydapet, 10th April 1872, No. 267.

I HAVE the honour, with reference to paragraph 15 of Government Order No. 1,657, dated September 22nd, 1871, to enclose a detailed statement showing the amount expended by me in travelling expenses during my recent tour on the Nilgiri Hills, undertaken in compliance with Government Order No. 1,658, dated September 22nd, 1871.

2. I left Madras for the Hills on the morning of the 16th of January, and returned again on the morning of the 27th of March, being absent altogether seventy-two days.

3. I shall feel obliged if you will be good enough to indicate the course to be pursued in order to recover payment.

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SUBMITTED for the orders of Government.

2. The Board observe that in the Bill numerous charges are entered which are never passed as travelling charges. They, therefore, request definite orders, conveying the intentions of Government as to what should constitute the travelling expenses of the Superintendent, alluded to in paragraph 15, Government Order, 22nd September 1871, No. 1,657.

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No. 237. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 16th May 1872, Miscellaneous No. 3,523.

Read the following letter from the Superintendent, Government Farms, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Sydapet, 27th April 1872, No. 335.

WITH reference to the Proceedings of the Board No. 3,039, dated the 25th of April 1872, I have the honour to request that the following circumstances may be taken into consideration with my letter of the 10th of April last :—

(First). I would respectfully call attention to the fact that my appointment is a special one, to which ordinary rules scarcely apply, there not being, to my knowledge, a single officer in the employ of Government, with so small a salary, who travels over such a large extent of country as ultimately will constitute my district.

(Second). If my tours were to be confined within the limits of a Collectorate, travelling allowance, under ordinary rules, would suffice, as I would be able to use my own horses, tent, etc., and make regular travelling arrangements; but for some years my tours will be very erratic. I may be called upon in a single month to visit Ganjam and Tinnevelly, or Bellary and Coimbatore, and in each of these districts may have to inspect land situated at a considerable distance from a rail-

way station or a sea-port, necessitating me either to go to the great expense of taking a riding horse about with me, or of hiring one (when possible) in the districts I visit, though, in the latter case, it will still be necessary that I should keep a horse at Sydapet.

(Third). His Excellency the late Governor, when discussing the preliminary details of my present appointment with the Honourable Mr. D. Arbuthnott, the Honourable Mr. Robinson, and myself, said that free quarters would be provided for me on each of the farms, clearly indicating that it was not the intention of Government that I should be called upon to provide myself with house-accommodation, etc., in any of the districts.

(Fourth). Unlike an officer whose duties are confined to a Collectorate, who goes on regular tours, lasting a month or two at a time, I can make no temporary reduction in my household expenses, as my absence from home will scarcely ever extend over two weeks at a time, though I may visit districts situated hundreds of miles from my head-quarters.

(Fifth). And, with special reference to the Bill of expenses I have just rendered, I may add that, after receiving the amount in full, I will still be very considerably out of pocket by my tour, as there were many charges made necessary by the great change in climate which I could not include in the Bill.

(Sixth.) I may add that in England Hotel Bills are always included in "travelling expenses," and that during a very extensive tour in Ireland I always recovered expenditure on behalf of Hotel Bills, railway charges, carriage hire, etc., while my Bill for the expense incurred in visiting Coimbatore and Trichinopoly in 1870, which included the same charges as the Nilgiri Tour Bill, was paid in full.

SUBMITTED to Government in continuation of Proceedings, Miscellaneous No. 3,039, dated 25th April 1872.

No. 238. ORDER THEREON, 23rd May 1872, No. 820.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government observe that when Mr. Robertson's duties were extended from the charge of the Sydapet Farm alone to all the districts in which farms may be proposed or established, his pay was raised to its present amount partly with reference to the increased personal expenses to which he would be subjected; and that in sanctioning payment to him of "travelling expenses" when absent from Madras on duty, it was not intended that his diet should be included, it being the rule in every department that officers bear such charges themselves. There are other items of charge in the Bill submitted, such as "discount on bills," "subscription to the Ootacamund Library," and "telegrams," which are not of the nature of expenses to be borne by Government; and there does not appear, on the present occasion, to have been any necessity for Mr. Robertson to take a Clerk with him, or to hire an additional Clerk on the Hills, as any copying work needing to be done for him could have been performed in the Commissioner's Office.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
23rd May 1872.

2. On the present occasion the Government sanction the Bill submitted for Rs. 723; but as it is evidently undesirable that the matter should remain on its present uncertain footing, they resolve to fix Mr. Robertson's travelling allowance in future at Rs. 7 per diem for the whole period of his absences from Madras, with actual expenses incurred for railway, steamer, or transit fares for himself and one servant.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

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

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

MISCELLANEOUS No. 3039 REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 25th April 1872.

Read the following

From No. 267

The Superintendent
Government Farms

To

The Secretary
Board of Revenue

SIR,

I have the honor with reference to para 15 of Government Order No. 1657 dated September 22d 1871, to enclose a detailed statement showing the amount expended by me in travelling expenses, during my recent tour on the Neilgherry Hills, undertaken in compliance with Government Order No. 1658 dated September 22d 1871.

I left Madras, for the Hills, on the morning of the 16th of January and returned again, on the morning of the 27th of March, being absent altogether, 72 days.

I shall feel obliged, if you will be good

good enough to indicate the course to be pursued, in order to recover payments.

I have &c.

Government Farms Office,
Sydapet Madras,
10th April 1872.

(Signed) W. R. Robertson

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1 Submitted for the orders of Government.

2. The Board observe that in the Bill numerous charges are entered which are never passed as travelling charges. They therefore request definite orders conveying the intentions of Government as to what should constitute the travelling expenses of the Superintendents alluded to in para 15 Government Order 22d September 1871 No 1657.

(True Copy & Extract)

J. B. Pennington
Sub Secretary

To, The Offg Chief Secretary to Government
Revenue Deptt
with 1 Enclosure

Revenue Department

Miscellaneous No. 3523

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
dated 16th May 1872.

Read the following

No. 335

From,

The Superintendent, Government Farms

To,

The Secretary, Board of Revenue

Sir,

With reference to the Proceedings of the Board, No 3039, dated the 25th of April 1872. I have the honor to request that the following circumstances may be taken into consideration with my letter of the 10th of April last; —

First, I would respectfully call attention to the fact, that my appointment is a special one to which ordinary rules scarcely apply, there not being, to my knowledge, a single officer in the employ of Government with so small a salary who travels over such a large extent of country as ultimately will constitute my District.

(2) If my tours were to be confined within the

Revenue Department
No. 1482
PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.
Dated 25th March 1872.
Despatched 25 " "
Subject.
P.C. No 820 - 28 Rs
81 Cole
Submitting Proceedings of the Govt. Farms establishment for the year 1871-72 and requesting that the Superintendent may be allowed travelling allowance incurred by him during his recent tour on the Nilgiris

No 236

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the limits of a Collectorate, travelling allowance, under ordinary rules - would suffice, as, I would be able, to use my own horses, tent &ca, and, make regular travelling arrangements: but, for some years, my tours will be very erratic, I may be called upon, in a single month, to visit Ganjam, and Tinnevelly; or Bellary and Coimbatore, and, in each of these Districts may have to inspect land situated at a considerable distance from a Railway station or a Sea Port necessitating me either to go to the great expense of taking a riding horse about with me, or, of hiring one (when possible) in the Districts I visit, though, in the latter case, it will still be necessary that I should keep a horse, at Sydapet.

(3) His Excellency the late Governor when discussing the preliminary details of my present appointment with the Honorable Mr D. Arbuthnott, the Honorable Mr Robinson and myself, said that free quarters would be provided for me on each of the Farms, clearly indicating that, it was not the intention of Government that I should be called upon to provide myself with house accommodation &ca in any of the Districts.

(4) Unlike an Officer, whose duties, are confined to a Collectorate, who, goes on regular tours lasting a month, or two at a time, I, can make no temporary reduction, in my household expenses, as, my absence from home, will scarcely, ever, extend over 2 weeks, at a time; though, I may visit districts, situated hundreds of miles from my head-quarters.

(5) And, with special reference to the Bill of expenses I have just rendered, I may add that, after receiving the amount

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in full, I will still be very considerably out of pocket by my tour, as there were many charges made necessary by the great change in climate, which I could not include in the Bill.

(6) I may add that, in England Hotel Bills are always included in "Travelling Expenses," and that, during a very extensive tour in Ireland, I always recovered expenditure on behalf of Hotel Bills, Railway charges, carriage hire &c while my bill for the expense incurred, in visiting Coimbatore and Trichinopoly in 1870, which included the same charges, as the Neilgherry tour bill was paid in full.

Government Farms Office
Sydapet, Madras,
April 27th 1872.

I have &c
(Signed) W. R. Robertson

Submitted to Government in continuation

continuation of Proceedings, Miscellaneous

No 3039 dated 25th April 1872.

(True Copy & Extract)

H Stokes
Ag. Sub-Secretary

To,

The Chief Secretary to Government

Revenue Department.

G Thomson
Ramasamy Setty

R.D.

Memo for orders on C. No. 1482.

In para 15, G.O.
22d September 1871, Government
resolved to allow Mr Robertson
"his travelling expenses when
absent from the Presidency
on duty"

He submits a
bill for Rs 722-15-5, expenses
incurred during his 72 days
absence on duty on tour
to the Nilgris, including all
his boarding expences at
Hotels &c, Servants' batta,
discount on cheques cashed
&c, regarding the admission
of which against Govt.
the Board request orders.

I understand
that Mr Robertson's appoint-
ment was converted into
a peripatetic one when
his

Mr Robertson has evidently been under the impression that all & every Expence incurred by him on these tours would be paid by Govt. I would therefore have the honour to bring him to notice that he has not been entitled to any such allowance. Under this "travelling Expences" they did not mean that his Diet would be considered it being

Revenue 1872 Sept
No 1110.
Proceedings of the
Board of Revenue.

Dated 16th May 1872.
Read 16 — —
Desp 17th —
S.C. No 820-23 Dy

Submitting letter
from Supdt Govt. Farms
Sydapet, requesting
that certain circum-
stances may be taken
into consideration
in connection
with his Pay Travel
& his charges regarding
submitted by him.

No 237

C. 18 May 72 R 20.

Note

District Superintendents
of Police are the only Officers
who draw Rs 700 P. Mensem
Salary. They are allowed
Rs 5 P. diem when
travelling, or
on march

Transport
with the
Rs 800.

His Asst Surgeon at Coimbatore draws
Rs 7 a day.
His Supdt of Chinchona
Plantations Rs 9 P. Diem.

Transport
Rs 500.

his pay was raised, and that the increase was intended to cover some expenses incident to the change. I doubt whether Govt. intended to include Lodging Expenses in Travelling Expenses, or subscription to the Watacammund Library. I don't see what he wanted with a Clerk, or what authority he had for giving him warm clothing and extra allowances.

Still the items questioned by the Board are Expenses which Mr Robertson would not have incurred had he not been required to go to the Hills, but his appointment contemplates his being sent about the country.

L.R.

Ed Rich

the Rule in every Debt that Officers paid for their own food & Drink. Lodging we would pay for. Probably the best way would be to give a Daily allowance for the Station at less. or Local Expenses of Travel. to which he will be necessarily Exposed. and actual cost of travelling. It must be a Lo. rent of course. It will not do to be hereafter in the Power of the Officer to be at his Discretion. Elizabeth Davys. Mr.

Court a Bills. Subscription of the Library at Ooty I think like Expenses ought not to be incurred.

Let this letter be enclosed.

J. B.S.

Lapse in St. Lucia

remarks suggestions

H.L.

His travelling allowance may be calculated on that allowed to Officers drawing 700 Rs. a month.

Revenue Dept.

No. 820.

Proceedings of the Madras Govt.
under date the 23rd May 1872.

Read the following
Pro: of the Bd: of Revenue

Submg: for Orders letter from Supt. of Govt Farms enclosing a statement showing travelling expenses incurred by him during his recent tour on the Nilgherry Hills.	R. C. 25 April 1872, Nos. No 3039
Submg: letter from — ditto — on the same subject.	" 16 May 1872, Nos. No 3523

The Govt observe that when Mr Robertson's duties were extended from the charge of the Sydapet farm alone, to all the districts in which farms may be proposed or esta-blished his pay was raised

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R.C. 18 May/72 R. 20:

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partly with reference to
personal
the increased expenses
to which he would be
subjected - and that in
sanctioning payment to
him of "travelling expenses"
when absent from Madras
on duty, it was not in-
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occasion to have been
any necessity for Mr.
Robertson to take a clerk
with him or to hire an
additional clerk on the
Hills, as any copying
work needing to be
done

done for him could have been performed in the Commissioner's Office.

2. On the present occasion the Govt sanction the bill submitted for Rs. 723, but as it is evidently undesirable that the matter should remain on its present uncertain footing, they resolve to fix Mr Roberts's travelling allowance in future at Rs 7 per diem for the whole period of his absence

from

from ~~Ingapore~~ Madras, with actual expenses incurred for Railway, Steamer or transit fares for himself + one servant.

L.B.

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Lyd.

Mr Robertson

Bdle. —

Hon Mr Ross

Des

B. 8 May/12 R. 20: