No. 85. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 30th May 1872, No. 862 :—

Read the following letter from KANCHI SUBBA ROW, Officiating Deputy-Collector, to the Sub-Collector in charge of Nellore, dated Ravulakollu, 26th April 1872, No. 55.—

My letter to the Collector, No. 18, dated 31st January 1872.
Treasury Deputy-Collector's Docket in reply, No. 175, dated 20th March 1872.

ADVERTING to the correspondence* noted in the margin, I beg to take once more the liberty of submitting my reasons for urging the allowance of batta to Taluq Peons accompanying my office, under the instructions laid down in Revenue Circular, No. 98 of 1871, published at page 534 of the District Gazette, dated 11th November 1871.

2. I fully agree with the Treasury Deputy-Collector that regard being had to the strict wording of the rules in force, the Taluq Peons are not entitled to batta, *unless they accompany the Tahsildar of the Taluq.*

3. But it would be unjust to overlook the principles on which batta is allowed to Revenue servants in the Lower Grades, as expressed by the Board of Revenue, in paragraphs 8 and 9 of their Proceedings, dated 29th September 1871, No. 4,169, recorded in G. O., No. 37-72, dated 8th January 1872. "The enlargement of Taluqs under Mr. Pelly's revision has increased the area of these divisions *in most cases* to such an extent *that it is often impossible for a Peon to start from home on duty after breakfast and return for supper.* He must either starve or make calls upon the liberality of the Ryots or Village Officers on his route. As to his defraying his expenses out of his pay, it is simply impracticable. The grant of batta to Taluq Peons is *moreover restricted to those occasions on which they actually accompany the Tahsildar, when they are generally absent from home a long time and travel great distances.*" Thus it would seem to be clear that a Taluq Peon *absenting himself from home on duty for a long time and travelling great distances is entitled to batta.*

4. I reached Kandukur Taluq on the 27th ultimo, on special duty, and I may probably not be able to leave it before 5th proximo. It is quite plain that my duty is not restricted to the Kusbah Station of the Taluq, nor have I yet been able to halt at Kandukur itself, owing to heavy work in other parts of the Taluq. Two* Taluq Peons have been actually accompanying my office since my arrival, and will continue to do so. Thus they will be away from their homes for about forty days. The Taluq Gumastahs accompanying me are drawing batta, there not being similar restrictions in their case.

* 1. P. Narsimlu.
2. Syed Yasin.

5. I shall now leave these facts for your consideration, trusting you will be good enough to submit the question for the favourable consideration of the Board of Revenue, so that the Taluq Peons actually accompanying me on duty in the respective Taluqs may, as a special case, draw batta at the prescribed rates.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 8th June 1872.

No. 889.

SUBMITTED for the favourable consideration of the Board of Revenue.

(Signed) J. C. HUGHESDON,
Officiating Sub-Collector
In charge.

NELLORE,
20th April 1872.

THE Board have no hesitation in affirming that Taluq Peons accompanying Deputy-Collectors on duty are entitled to batta equally with those who accompany Tahsildars on circuit.

No. 86. ORDER THEREON, 8th June 1872, No. 890.

Miscellaneous.

APPROVED.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue,
& the Accountant General.

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Board of Revenue,

MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 30TH MAY 1872, No. 862.

Read the following Enclosure.

Received 5th June

M A Y.

No. 862.

Batta to Taluq Peons.—Taluq Peons accompanying Deputy-Collectors on duty, pronounced to be entitled to batta equally with those who accompany Tahsildars on circuit.