Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
10th November 1873.

No. 43. From J. W. GARDINER, Esq., Officiating Under-Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, to the Hon. W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secr ry to the Government of Madras, dated Simla, 12th September 1873, No. 3,009.

WITH reference to the orders of the Government of Madras in the Revenue Department, No. 399 (Forests No. 5), dated 7th April 1873, and No. 748, dated 19th July 1873, I am directed to state that the Governor-General in Council regrets that he is unable to approve of the grant of mileage in addition to fixed travelling allowance to the Inspector of Forests, Madras.

COPY forwarded to the Department of Agriculture, Revenue, and Commerce, for information, and to the Accountant-General, Madras, for information and guidance, with reference to his letter, No. 3,875, dated 1st August 1873.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. STURROCK,

Acting Under-Secretary to Government.

Ex. F. R. Bantleman.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT,
FORT ST. GEORGE,
10*th November* 1873.

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No. 44.

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

Forests, No. 3.

SIR,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, under date 12th September 1873, stating that His Excellency the Governor-General in Council is unable to approve of the orders of this Government authorizing the grant of mileage to the Inspector of Forests in addition to fixed travelling allowance, and to report that, in consequence of the receipt of a copy of this communication by the Accountant-General, that officer has retrenched from Lieutenant-Colonel Beddome the full amount of mileage drawn by him since the reorganization of the department, though distinct instructions had been issued by this Government to pass that allowance, as it had been paid without objection for a series of years, and as funds for the purpose had been provided in the Forest Budget of the present year and sanctioned by the Government of India.

2. I am to explain that, when submitting their proposals for the reorganization of the Madras Forest Department, this Government (Proceedings, dated 24th January 1872, forwarded with letter of the same date, No. 149) recommended that the salary of the Inspector of Forests should be Rs. 1,200 per mensem, rising by biennial increments of Rs. 100 monthly to Rs. 1,500, with a permanent travelling allowance of Rs. 200 per mensem. This was in lieu of his former salary of Rs. 1,000 per mensem and fixed travelling allowance of Rs. 10 per diem, which was drawn nearly throughout the year, as the Inspector rarely passed more than a week or two at Madras. This recommendation was mainly based on the recent sanction of the Government of India to *two* Conservators on Rs. 1,000 each (with travelling allowance of Rs. 200) for the adjoining Presidency of Bombay, exclusive of the Province of Sind, and on the known salaries of the Conservators of other Provinces. The Government of India, however, were pleased to sanction a salary of Rs. 1,200 only to the present Inspector of Forests at Madras, and to fix the salaries of future Inspectors at Rs. 1,000 per mensem, rising to Rs. 1,200 by biennial increments; thus, in effect, determining that the chief officer of the Forest Department in Madras shall never rise above the 3rd grade of similar officers employed under the Government of India.* In addition to his former salary of Rs. 1,000 *plus* 300, travelling allowance, the Inspector of Forests (then Conservator) had always been permitted, during the ten years for which he was at the head of the Madras Forest Department, to draw a mileage allowance at 8 Annas

* 1st Class, Rs. 1,600 per mensem.
2nd ,, ,, 1,400 ,,
3rd ,, ,, 1,200 ,,
4th ,, ,, 1,000 ,,

per mile, as his journeys were necessarily rapid, his charge extending over a tract of country about 900 miles from north to south, and about 500 miles from east to west, and as consequently the cost of his movements would not have been sufficiently covered by his ordinary travelling allowance, I am to express the regret of this Government that no mention of this mileage was made when the reorganization of the department was proposed, but it was not deemed necessary to do so at the time, as no change in the existing practice was contemplated, and as it was held that, if the allowance was acknowledged to be necessary and sanctioned without objection, when the Conservator's travelling allowance was, as a rule, Rs. 300 per mensem, it would hardly need special justification when that allowance was reduced to Rs. 200.

3. In conclusion, I am to request that, in consideration of the foregoing circumstances, and of the fact that Lieutenant-Colonel Beddome's duties extend over a much larger range of operations than do those of the two Conservators at Bombay, the orders of this Government in regard to his mileage allowance may be permitted to hold good so far as regards the sum drawn by him on that account up to the date of the issue of the orders of the Government of India, and that, in future, his salary may be fixed at Rs. 1,300, rising by biennial increments to Rs. 1,500, as originally proposed by this Government. I am to submit that, if the Governor-General in Council is pleased to accede to this recommendation, it will only have the effect of placing the head of the Forest Department of this Presidency on the same footing as regards salary as the Conservators of the other Provinces, though it will, at the same time, enable this Government to recognize the prolonged and valuable services of a specially qualified and deserving officer.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) J. STURROCK,
Acting Under-Secretary to Government.

No. 3009 — 47

To

The Chief Secretary to the Government
of Madras

Financial Depth Sir,

With reference to the orders of the Government of Madras in the Revenue Department No. 899 (Forests No. 5) dated 7th April 1873 and No. 1748 dated 19th July 1873. I am directed to state, that the Governor General in Council regrets that he is unable to approve of the grant of mileage in addition to fixed travelling allowance to the Inspector of Forests, Madras.

Simla
The 12th September
1873

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant

J. W. Gardiner
Offg: Undersecy to the Govt.
of India

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Copy forwarded to the Department of Agriculture Revenue and Commerce for information and to the Accountant General, Madras for

information and guidance with reference to his letter No. 3873 dated 1st August 1873

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From
Govt of India
Financial Dept. 3009

Dated 12 Septr
Rec'd 20 — 1873.

No. 43

Declining to grant mileage in addition to fixed travelling allowance to the Judges of Foreign Madras.

S. L. 10th Nov. 1873 No. 1251

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Revenue Dept.

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To

The Secretary to the Govt of India

Financial Department.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter under date 12 Septr 1873, stating that the Governor General in Council is unable to approve of the orders of this Govt authorizing the grant of mileage to the Inspector of Forests, in addition to fixed travelling allowance, and to report that in consequence of the receipt of a copy of this communication by the Accountant General, that officer has retrenched from

I am not prepared to pass this Draft. I think we cannot enforce the prohd deduction from mileage allowance in addition to fixed travelling allowance. Have we any discretion in the matter of financial regulation?

Is there any?

Is it?

If it can be shown that the former travelling

from Lt Col. Beddome the full amount of mileage drawn by him, since the reorganization of the Dept, though distinct instructions had been issued by this Govt to prove that allowance, will have been paid without objection for a series of years, and funds for the purpose have been provided for and sanctioned by the Govt of India in the Annual Budget of the current year.

2. I am in the first place to express the regret of His Excellency the Governor in Council that the Govt of India should have thought it necessary to issue these orders, without in the first instance allowing this Govt an opportunity of submitting an explanation on the subject as it has placed them in the inconvenient position in regard to their Financial Dept; adverted to above, and has further, as His Excellency believes, been the cause of considerable hardship to a deserving officer.

3. I am ~~desd~~ to explain that when submitting their proposals for the reorganization of the Madras Forest Dept: this Govt (Pro: dated 24th Janv: 1872, forwarded with letter of the same date, No 119) recommended that the salary of the Inspector of Forests should be Rs 1200 per mensem, rising by biennial

allowance of Rs 10 per day, with mileage, placed him in a decidedly better position, in point of pay & emoluments, than he is in at present with Rs 1100 p.m. + Rs 200 p.m. Horse allowance, - we might recommend to the Govt of India an increase of his salary. But that such is the case, seems to us Govt clear.

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biennial increments of Rs 100 monthly, to Rs 1500. with a permanent travel= =ling allowance of Rs 200 per mensem. This was in lieu of his former salary of Rs 1000 per mensem and fixed travelling allowance of Rs 10 per diem, which was drawn nearly through= =out the year, as the In= =spector rarely passed more than a week or two at Madras. This recommenda= =tion was mainly based on the recent practice of the Govt of India to two Conservators on Rs 1000 each (with travelling allowance

of Rs 200/ for the adjoin= =ing Presidency of Bombay, exclusive of the Province of Sind, and on the known salaries of the Conservators of other Provinces. The Govt of India, however, were pleased to sanction a salary of Rs 1200, only, to the present Inspector of Forests at Madras and to fix the salaries of future Inspectors, at Rs 1000 per mensem, rising to Rs 1200 by biennial in= =crements; thus in effect determining that the chief officer of the Forest Dept in Madras shall never rise above the 3d grade of similar officers employed under

under the Govt of India*

In addition to his former salary of Rs 1000 + 300 travelling allowance, the Inspector of Forests (then Conservator) had always been permitted during the ten years for which he was at the head of the Madras Forest Dept to draw a mileage allowance at 8 Annas per mile, as his journeys were necessarily rapid, his charge extending over a tract of country about 400 miles from north to south in extent, and about 500 miles from east to west, and as consequently by the cost of his movements would not have been sufficiently covered by his ordinary

* 1 Class, Rs 1600 per mensem
2d Class, Rs 1400 "
3d Class, Rs 1200 "
4th Class, Rs 1000 "

ordinary travelling allowance, I am to express the regret of this Govt that no mention of this mileage was made when the reorganization of the Dept was proposed, but it was not deemed necessary to do so, at the time, as no change in the existing practice was contemplated, and as it was held that if the allowance was acknowledged to be necessary, and sanctioned, without objection, when the Conservator travelling allowance was fixed at Rs 300 per mensem, it would hardly need special justification when that allowance was reduced to

to Rs 200.

4. In conclusion, I am to request that in consideration of the foregoing circumstances, and of the infinitely larger range of operations ~~to which Lt Col. Beddome's duties extend~~, than do those of the two Conservators at Bombay, the orders of this Govt in regard to his mileage allowance may be permitted to hold good. Otherwise it will be impossible for this Govt to require him to incur the outlay involved in that rapid travelling which is essential to a proper performance of his duties as

fact that Lt Col. Beddome's duties extend over an

Omit with the exception of the last sentence

So far as regards the item drawn by him at the date of the issue of the orders of the Govt of India, and that, in future, his salary be fixed at Rs 1200, inclusive

as Inspector, and the general administration of the Forest Dept of this Presidency cannot fail to be very seriously impaired.

by biennial tours [illegible] to Rs 1200 as [illegible] proposed in my letter [illegible] Inclusive [illegible] both to travel [illegible] Conservators [illegible] [illegible] of Bombay [illegible] the Forest [illegible] [illegible] same [illegible] [illegible] salary as the Conservators of the other Presidencies, Bengal, Madras, and as this Govt to consider the [illegible] and reduce the [illegible] of a [illegible] [illegible] discharging [illegible]

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Revenue Dept.

10. Nov. 1873

No. 1257

To

The Secretary to the Govt of India

Financial Department

Sir

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter under date 12th Septr 1873 stating that His Excellency the Governor General in Council is unable to approve of the orders of this Govt authorizing the grant of mileage to the Inspector of Forests, in addition to fixed travelling allowance, and to report that in consequence of the receipt of a copy of this communication by the Accountant General, that officer has retrenched

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retrenched from Lt Colonel Biddome the full amount of mileage drawn by him since the reorganization of the Dept; though distinct instructions had been issued by this Govt to pass that allowance, as it had been paid without objection for a series of years, and as funds for the purpose had been provided in the Forest Budget of the present year, and sanctioned by the Govt of India.

2. I am to explain that when submitting their proposals for the reorganization of the Madras Forest Dept this Govt (Pros dated 24 Jany 1872, forwarded with letter of the same date No 149) recommended that the

the salary of the Inspector of Forests should be Rs 1,200 per mensem, rising by biennial increments of Rs 100 monthly, to Rs 1,500; with a permanent travelling allowance of Rs 200 per mensem. This was in lieu of his former salary of Rs 1,000 per mensem and fixed travelling allowance of Rs 10 per diem, which was drawn nearly throughout the year, as the Inspector rarely passed more than a week or two at Madras. This recommendation was mainly based on the recent sanction of the Govt of India to two Conservators on Rs 1,000 each (with travelling allowance

allowance of Rs 200/ for the adjoining Presidency of Bombay, exclusive of the Province of Sind, and on the known salaries of the Conservators of other Provinces. The Govt of India, however, were pleased to sanction a salary of Rs 1,200, only, to the present Inspector of Forests at Madras and to fix the salaries of future Inspectors at Rs 1000 per mensem, rising to Rs 1200 by biennial increments; thus in effect determining that the chief officer of the Forest Dept in Madras shall never rise above the 3d grade of similar officers employed under the Govt of India* —

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* 1 Class — Rs 1,600 per mensem
2 Class — Rs 1,400 "
3 Class — Rs 1,200 "
4 Class — Rs 1,000 "

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Beddome's duties extend over
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of operations than do those
of the two Conservators at
Bombay, the orders of this
Govt. in regard to his mileage
allowance may be permitted
to hold good so far as regards
the sum drawn by him on
that account up to the date
of the issue of the orders of
the Govt. of India, and that,
in future, his salary may
be fixed at Rs. 1,300, rising
by biennial increments of
Rs. 1,500, as originally proposed
by this Govt. I am to submit
that if the Viceroy and Govr.
General ~~will be~~ pleased to
accede to this recommendation
it

it will only have the effect
of placing the Head of the
Forest Dept. of this Presidency
on the same footing as regards
salary as the Conservators
of the other Provinces, though
it will, at the same time,
enable this Govt to recognize
the prolonged and valuable
services of a specially qualified
and deserving officer.

Sept. 15th.

To
Wm. G. Sproat Esqr
Baltimore