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Ravay DEPARTMENT

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
10th February 1874.*

No. 63. Read the following letter from Lieut.-Colonel R. H. BEDDOME, Inspector of Forests, to D. F. CARMICHAEL, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Madras, 23rd January 1874, No. 2,025:—

With reference to G. O., No. 63, dated 15th instant, I think that it would be unfair towards Captain Walker, who is about to act for me, if I did not point out that the Inspector's present travelling allowance, less mileage, cannot possibly cover his travelling expenses. The Government of India can scarcely have taken into consideration that the range of the whole of this Presidency, extending as it does from Cape Comorin to Ganjam on the east side, and from the same point to the confines of North Canara on the western coast, is far more than four times as large as any of the Conservator's ranges in Bombay or in the north, and that the Inspector cannot possibly get through his work without incurring long journeys by rail and steam-boat. The travelling, too, is of a far more expensive nature than that in any other department; the wear and tear of servants and animals, etc., in mountain-tracts and feverish forests is very great. Whatever sum, however, is sanctioned for the up-keep of a permanent travelling establishment, I do not see how the Inspector can be called upon to make long steam-boat and rail journeys, unless a mileage is sanctioned.

2. With reference to my pay and the nature of my work, I may mention that, when Dr. Cleghorn was appointed Conservator in 1856, the pay sanctioned was Rs. 1,200 *plus* 300 a-month, travelling allowance, besides mileage. Dr. Cleghorn was then very young in the service compared to what I now am, and during his administration there were only three or four ranges under conservancy; when I took charge in 1860 the pay was reduced to 1,000, the work, however, kept annually increasing till twenty ranges were brought under conservancy, and I had the organizing of nearly the whole of these: the work has been most arduous. Until this year (when the completion of the "Flora Sylvatica" obliged me to stay in office a month or so longer than usual), I have always travelled over seven months in the year, and I have been compelled to go once to England, and once to Australia, to get rid of jungle fevers; and I am now compelled to proceed again to Europe. It was at one time proposed to amalgamate us with Bengal, but our Government were opposed to this, upon which the Secretary of State authorized our being placed on a similar footing as regards pay; but the result is that the Inspector has gained nothing: his pay has been increased from 1,000 to 1,200, but his fixed travelling allowance reduced from 300 to 200; and now the loss of mileage takes off nearly the other 100, so that he may be said to be, as regards pay, in exactly the same position that he was in 1860 and Rs. 200 less per mensem than in 1856.

3. The Government of India observe that the 1st and 2nd-class Conservatorships are held by senior officers. Those were held till lately by Lieutenant-Colonel Pearson and Dr. Stewart; the former is two years my senior in the Army, but nearly four years my junior in the department, the latter was far junior to me both in the service and the Army. Mr. Baden Powell has, I believe, succeeded Dr. Stewart; he is thirteen years junior to me in the service, and twelve in the department; both these officers have very small ranges compared to mine.

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4. This Government have twice recommended me for higher pay; and when Lord Napier lately fixed my salary he was up in Bengal, acting as Governor-General, and it is not likely that he was aware of all these facts: and I am certain that he could not have intended that I was to lose mileage, and thereby fall back, as regards emoluments, to exactly the same position that I occupied in 1860, (fourteen years ago).

No. 64. ORDER THEREON, 10th February 1874, No. 175.

Forests, No. 2.

AFTER the recent strongly expressed opinion of the Government of India, His Excellency in Council considers it would be useless to re-open the question.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Secretary to Government.

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Rev. Secy

To the Secy. Govt. of India

Dept. of Agriculture

Sir,

I have just received
your letter of 8th inst. in
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year. The Govt of India
is very far, of course, from
desiring that any such inconvenience
should ensue, and H. E. in fact trusts
that his assurance may be accepted
that the mileage allowance he has
hoped to be Inspector is absolutely
necessary to obviate the hardship
that must otherwise ~~have~~ be suffered.

D. C. 27-1-74

I am unable to join in
his representation - A
fixed travelling allowance of
 $200 \times 12 = 2400$ - does cover
the travelling of the 6 men:
spends on moving about
3/2 JBL

Must that the system of
communication ought to be
changed & mileage & salary
instituted
1/2 JBL

N^o 2025. Madras, 23rd January 1874

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From

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To

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Colt. of 1874
REVENUE.

THE INSPECTOR OF FORESTS.

Dated February 1903.

Recd.

G. O., 10th February 1874, No. 173.

FEBRUARY.
Nos. 63-64.

Forest Inspector's Travelling Allowance.
Observing that, for reason stated, it would be
useless to re-open the question regarding --.

*Trade No. 1123 of 1874 from
the Office of the Secretary of the
Forest Department.*

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I have the honor to be
Sir,

your most obedient S^t

W. Sedgwick Esq. Col

Supr. of Forests

6015 Aug 1/74 No 120-21

Received 1874 Sept 25
From No 223

The Duke of Devonshire

To the Secretary to Govt

G.O. No 1705-10 July 1/74

Dated 23rd January 1874
Recd 23rd

No 2025
Enclosure

Permitting that
the Duke's travelling
allowance can not
cover his travelling
expenses.

No 175

After he would strongly
opposed the Government, the
Committee it will be well to report
the question. 216-5/74

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As per the above the Government
is to be 23 July 1874
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