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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.

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.

Fol 1 Govt of India

For reconsideration of the "Mileage" - disallowed to the Inspector of Towers

223/74

Inspector Class

I.T. for Secy
H. Letter dated
Sept 8 Inspt
of Towers abt
the Mileage

Recommend for
payment - 10th/11/72 -

I sent to the
Govt. 24 Jan 73
Sor

On the 4th Febry. Rs 8 pd
Rc 7 Febry. Rs 2 & Lent Rs 6 A-E-Cooper & Hewell on Rebate
C 28 Jany/74. R 30. Con. 30 Jan 31/74. Rs 2 Febry

5. W

Rem. Dept

To the Secy. Govt of India

Dept of Agriculture

Sir.

In yr letter of 6th Jany inst, No 20, the Govt of India convey their opinion that no grounds appear for assigning a more liberal salary than Rs 1200 a month to the Madras Inspector of Forests, together with a permanent travelling allowance of Rs 200 a month.

2. The G. in C. is not desirous of reopening the question; but I am directed to invite the Govt of India to reconsider the reference that was made regarding the Inspector's mileage allowance for his journeys. The question whether any particular office is adequately remunerated or not must always be a matter of opinion; but whether it is possible or not, without direct & sensible loss, for an Inspector of Forests in his Presy to make the long journeys required of him on a standing allowance of Rs 200 a month, which is at the same time expected to cover the upkeep of tents & travelling kit with the salary of extra servants, establishment &c — this is, I am to submit, determinable as a matter of fact, and the G. in C. has no hesitation in saying that the only result of the calculation must be that the Inspector is very seriously out of pocket at the end of the

year. The Govt of India
is very far, of course, from
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that his assurance may be accepted
that the mileage allowance hitherto
passed to the Inspector is absolutely
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that must otherwise be suffered.

D S. C. 27-1-74

Is unable to join in
the representation - A
fixed travelling allce of
200 x 12 = 2400. does cover
the travelling of the Govt:
Agents in moving about
3/2 JBL

Think that the System of
Inoculation ought to be
changed & Vaccine & Lallah
Substituted
3/2 JAL

No. 2025. Madras. 23rd January 1874

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Inspector of Forests

To

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Vide No 1123 of 1874 From the Offg Inspr of Forests.

Govt. of {1874} Madras.

REVENUE.

To

THE INSPECTOR OF FORESTS.

Dated February 10th.

Read.

G. O., 10th February 1874, No. 175.

FEBRUARY.
Nos. 63-64.

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

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I have the honor to be
Sir,
your most obedient Sv.
Att Sedbrd Lt. Col
Inspr of Forests

Revenue 1874 Depts.
From No. 223
The Insp.r of Fisheries
Madras

To
The Secretary to Govt.
Ed. D.
G.O. No. 175 - 10 Feby '74
Dated 23rd } January 13/74
Recd 23rd }

No. 2025
Enclosures None

Pointing out that the Inspector's travelling allowance can not cover his travelling expenses.

Yes 125

No. 175

After he recommends Rs. 5 per mensem to the Inspector of Fisheries, Tuticorin, to cover travelling expenses which he would be entitled to receive if he were employed on duty in Tuticorin.

Rs. 5 - 5/2/74.

10: February/74

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