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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
15th November 1876.

No. 246. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 1st November 1876, No. 2,712 :—

Read the following letter from C. E. PLUNKETT, Esq., Deputy Collector in charge of the Salt Department, Nellore, to F. R. H. SHARP, Esq., Acting Collector of Nellore, dated Divarampadu, 23rd September 1876, No. 130.

As the Sea Customs Officers in this district are but low paid (the Kottapatam and Itamukkala Superintendent alone excepted), and the quantity of wreckage and flotsam and jetsam sold out periodically as "drift wood" is often large and, as a rule, realizes high prices, it is usual for the Salt Superintendents of the neighbouring divisions to be entrusted with the sale of such wood at all ports or localities where drifted ashore and stored except in the Kottapatam Sea Customs Division.

2. The advantage of this procedure and the security it affords instead of leaving as otherwise would necessarily be the case. Such important sales to the independent management of the small-paid local Sea Customs Assistant Superintendent is obvious, and need not be urged by me here. But in most cases the attendance at these sales entails inconvenience and some expense involving journeys in some cases as much as 15 to 20 miles from the head-quarters of the Salt Superintendent to fishing villages and hamlets on the sea-shore where the wants of Brahmin Superintendents cannot be secured. But for this extra duty no kind of remuneration, either in the shape of commission under the Salvage Rules or batta for travelling is paid to Salt Superintendents, [illegible] No. 56, dated 25th ultimo, the Salt Superintendent of Kistnapatam has requested my attention to the matter, and asked that he as well as all officers of his class may be granted at least some compensation, not for the extra work, but to cover the expense for such journeys.

* Translation enclosed.

3. I presume there can be no doubt about the expense it must entail on the Salt Superintendent of Kistnapatam to make a journey from his head-quarters to near the mouths of the Pennair river (a distance of 23 or 24 miles) to conduct a sale of drift wood, or for the Salt Superintendents of Iskapalli or Dugurazupatam to go to Tummalapenta or Royadoruru for the same purpose, and I certainly think that Salt Superintendents should be compensated for such work.

4. As to the mode of compensation, I beg to propose that it be in the nature of batta at twelve annas per diem for each Superintendent for every day of absence from head-quarters on account of the "drift wood" sales referred to. Twelve annas is the rate of batta allowed to revenue servants whose salaries range from Rupees 50 to 100 by Board's Standing Order, No. 407, and the scale of Salt Superintendents' salaries does range between these limits in this district.

5. If it is thought that this would not be a legitimate charge on the Revenue or Salt Departments, inasmuch as the sale proceeds of drift wood is credited to marine receipts, the batta might be debited to the same source also and deducted from the proceeds, and only the net amount credited as is done with the commission and other charges incurred in the recovery and for the safe custody of such wood under the "Salvage Rules."

6. I beg your favorable consideration of the matter, and request to be furnished with the necessary orders.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
15th November 1876.

No. 2,839.

SUBMITTED for the orders of the Board of Revenue with the proposal that Salt Superintendents travelling under the circumstances noted should be considered as out of their ranges and be allowed batta at the rate of twelve annas per diem for each day of absence from head-quarters with reference to Standing Order, No. 407.

NELLORE,
12th October 1876.

(Signed) F. R. H. SHARP,
Acting Collector.

SUBMITTED for the favorable consideration of Government.

2. The Board recommend that mileage at the rate of four annas a mile be allowed as being a more suitable mode of remuneration in such cases than daily batta.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Acting Sub-Secretary.

No. 247. ORDER THEREON, 15th November 1876, No. 1,682.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government sanction the mile-

drawn will be shown in the periodical returns or other reports of the Department although the net amount of the sale-proceeds is alone credited in the accounts.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
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Acting Sub-Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Copy to the Collector of Nellore.

Exd A. Grubert.

In communicating the mileage recommended by the Board, it is presumed that the amount of mileage drawn will be shown in the periodical returns or other reports of the Superintendents, altho' the net amount of the Sale proceeds is alone credited in the accounts.

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PROCEEDINGS, 1st NOVEMBER 1876, No. 2,712.

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No. 2,712.

Salt Superintendents—Submitting the Government letter from Collector of Nellore regarding payment of batta to — for every day of their absence from head-quarters on account of "drift wood" sales; and recommending that mileage at four annas a mile be sanctioned.