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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

28th May 1877, No. 1,829-B.

Famine Relief.

Read the following paper:—

No. 530-C. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 17th May 1877.

Read the following letter from W. S. WHITESIDE, Esq., Collector of North Arcot, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Chittoor, 2nd May 1877, No. 301—

A sum of Rs. 1-5-8 was drawn by the Special Deputy Collector of this district as famine batta to which he considered the menial servants of his office, viz., one attender, two peons, and one masalchee, were entitled for the broken period they served in the month of January last. The Accountant-General, however, disallowed the charge on the ground that the G. O., No. 837, dated 27th February last, restricted the grant of this special batta to temporary establishments engaged prior to 1st November 1876.

2. The salaries of the servants in question were not expressly settled with reference to the dearness of provisions resulting from the present scarcity, but are exactly the same as those allowed to the said class of officials attached to the permanent establishment of Deputy Collectors on General Duties.

3. The Special Deputy Collector prominently brings to notice the case of the two peons attached to his office. They are not new men as the attender and masalchee are, but are permanent peons attached to the Chittoor Taluq. The pay of their original office is Rs. 6, and if they remained in the taluq they would draw Rs. 6 plus 1-8-0 or Rs. 7-8-0 a-month, whereas now they can only draw 7 Rs. a-month under the present rules.

4. Under the peculiar circumstances of the case, I have the honor to request that the Board will be pleased to obtain the sanction of Government to the payment of famine batta to the attender, the peons, and masalchee of the Special Deputy Collector's office.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government.

2. The Board are of opinion that servants such as those referred to, who perform like duties and whose salaries are fixed on a like regulated scale with servants on permanent establishments, are entitled to the famine batta. The principle of refusal fails since the salaries have obviously not been fixed in contemplation of the existing scarcity.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary.

No. 530-D. ORDER THEREON, 28th May 1877, No. 1,829-B.

Miscellaneous.

The Government decline to sanction the grant of batta to the temporary establishment alluded to by the Collector of North Arcot.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. H. GARSTIN,
Additional Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
" the Accountant-General.
" the Financial Department.
Exd. W. J. Lewis.

Rev. J. Dept.

Memorandum on Board's Proceedings
dated 17th May 1877 No 2296 re-
garding payment of Tamme Batta
to certain manual servants of the
Special Deputy Collector's Office North
Arcot. (F. No 3080)

On a reference from
Cuddalore to grant Special
Batta to temporary Gunastas
and Pons there employed,
the Board remarked they
did not think it necessary
to grant Special Batta as
"the men have accepted em-
ployment and in many
cases their salaries have been
expressly settled with reference
to the dearth of provisions
resulting from the present
scarcity." In G.O. 27th July 77
Govt. concurred generally with
the Board. In this case the
Special Deputy Collector of North
Arcot.

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THE BOARD OF REVENUE

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G.O. 28th May 1877, No 1,823-B

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EXAMINE PETER No. 1,801-C

In every instance of the Special Deputy
Collector of North Arcot. - According to sanction the
grant of Tamme Batta to the - recommended by the
Collector.

Account show a sum of Rs. 5-8 as special batta to one attendant, two Poms and one Masalgi which the Accountant General has disallowed and the Collector seeks sanction.

The Board recommend the charge for sanction and remark that in their opinion servants such as those referred to who perform like duties and whose salaries are fixed on a like regulated scale with servants on permanent establishments are entitled to famine batta.

The principle of refusal fails since the salaries have obviously not been fixed in contemplation of existing scarcity.

It should be remarked that the Cuddapah reference included

included servants of exactly the same grade (Poms) as those referred to in the present one. If the charge be sanctioned now, it will have to be sanctioned in numerous other cases of not generally with a resulting very heavy charge on famine funds. Though it is true that some salaries have been fixed with regard to the present rates of provisions, such appointments are not the rule, as most of the petty establishments have been entertained on rates of pay the same as a Taluk Cumasta on some such similar existing grade. There is no information available to show the numbers of men so entertained, but they must be numerous.

diminished. Any orders issued
will only affect those servants
drawing less than 16 Rupees
a month.

I submit that the
principle of ^{giving} batta
to servants temporarily
engaged during a
time of high prices
is unsound. The
contract is made
during the currency
of low prices &
the Commission
accepted ^{with} the
knowledge that those
batts are tantamount
to a low salary
during the currency of
those prices.

I think the ^{present} ~~provision~~ is the only one ~~to be~~
& that the ~~disallowance~~
of the batta of the
A.C. staff should be
upheld.

Yours an obedient servant
24/5/77 J.F.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 17th May 1877.

Read the following:-
No. 301.

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From.

W. S. Whiteside Esquire
Collector of N. Arcot

To

A. C. S. New Esquire

Secy: to the B. of Revenue
Madras

Sir,

A sum of Rupees 15-8 was drawn by the Special Deputy Collector of this District as Famine Batta to which he considered the menial Servants of his Office, Viz, 1 Attender, 2 Pans, and 1 Massalvi were entitled for the broken period they served in the month of January last. The Accountant General, however, disallowed the charge on the ground that the Government order No 837 dated 27th February last.

last restricted the grant of this special Batta to temporary establishments engaged prior to 1st November 1876.

2. The Salaries of the Servants in question were not expressly settled with reference to the decrease of provisions resulting from the present scarcity, but are exactly the same as those allowed to the said class of Officials attached to the permanent establishment of Deputy Collectors in general duties.

3. The special Deputy Collector prominently brings to notice the case of the 2 peons attached to his office. They are not new men as the Attender and massahi are, but are permanent peons attached

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attached to the Chittor Saluk. The pay of their original office is Rupees 6 and if they remained in the taluk, they would draw Rupees 6 plus $\frac{1}{2}$ or Rupees $7\frac{1}{2}$ a month, whereas now they can only draw 7 Rupees a month under the present rules.

Under the peculiar circumstances of the case, I have the honor to request that the Board will be pleased to obtain the sanction of Government to the payment of Famine Batta to the Attender, the peons, and massahi of the special Deputy Collector's office. North Arcot Collector's office. I have &c.
Chittor 2nd May 1877 W. S. Whitelock
Collector.

Submitted for the orders of Government
2. The Board are of opinion that

servants such as those referred to,
who perform like duties and whose
salaries are fixed on a like-
regulated scale, with servants
on permanent establishments,
are entitled to the famine
batta. The principle of refusal
fails since the salaries have
obviously not been fixed in
contemplation of the existing
scarcity.

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Wm
Secretary

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The additional Secretary

to Government No

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