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REVENUE DEPARTMENT,
FORT ST. GEORGE,
29th May 1877.

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No. 1,842.

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE,
AGRICULTURE, AND COMMERCE.

Miscellaneous.

SIR.—Referring to your letter,
No. 1,747, 28th March 1877, call-
ing for explanation regarding the

circumstances under which certain orders relating to travelling allowances were
issued without reference to the Government of India, and for a statement of any
reasons which may exist against their being modified or rescinded, I am directed
to reply as follows in regard to items Nos. I, II, III, V, VI, VII:—

No. I.—The increase in the rates of travelling allowances was sanctioned for
reasons detailed in Government Proceedings quoted by you, a copy of which is
enclosed. In the opinion of His Grace in Council those reasons are even more
pertinent now than when the indulgence was granted; and, further, he considers that
it would be a most inexpedient measure, as being certain to cause legitimate
discontent among the officers concerned, to make any reduction now. It is to be
remembered that in this Presidency no public tents or carriages are provided by
Government as is the case elsewhere, and that such provision would be much more
costly than the arrangements at present in force.

No. II.—As regards Revenue Settlement officers, their travelling allowances
were, prior to 5th December 1867, the same as the allowances of Civilians of the
same standing; their position was similar, and the concession was naturally
extended to them. They have, if any thing, even more need of it.

No. III.—His Grace in Council is also of opinion that the order* sanctioning
their actual expenses to uncovenanted
officers travelling rapidly for the benefit
of the public service should be maintain-
ed. This indulgence is allowed to covenanted officers, and the efficiency of the
service demands its continuance not only to them, but also to uncovenanted
servants.

* Dated 5th August 1868, No. 2,093.

No. V.—Explanation regarding the travelling expenses allowed to the Govern-
ment Pleader is afforded in Proceedings quoted. The remuneration granted
is moderate. It is obviously desirable that the expenses should be independent of
the fee, as the distances travelled must differ. Were expenses included, the fee
would have to be raised on a liberal estimate, which might not be so much to the
interest of Government as the present arrangement.

No. VI.—As regards the permission to forest officers to draw railway fare
in addition to their fixed travelling allowance, I am to state that the question is
being reconsidered, and will be disposed of on receipt of a report called for from
the Board of Revenue.

No. VII.—Regarding the grant of travelling allowance to an officer who does not proceed to a distance of more than five miles from his head-quarters, the Government were of opinion that the use of the word "Visit" in the Government of India Notification showed that the restriction did not apply to officers *bona fide* camping out on duty, though their camp might not be five miles distant from head-quarters.

Have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Officiating Secretary to Government.

Agriculture (1877) Department.

Government of Fort St. George.

Dated 29th May 1877.

No. 1,842.

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reference to the Government of India.

Revenue Dept.
No 1842/29-5-77

To,

The Secy to the Govt of India
Dept of Rev. Agric. & Commerce

Sir,

Referring to your
letter No 1747, 28 March 1877
calling for explanation re:
regarding the circumstances
under which certain orders
relating to Travelling
allowances were issued
without reference to the Govt
of India & for a state-
ment of any reasons, which
may exist against their being
modified or rescinded, I
am directed to reply as
follows

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Follows in regard to items
No I, II, III, V, VI, VII,

No I. The increase in the
rates of travelling allowances
was sanctioned for reasons
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Council those reasons are
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than when the indulgence
was granted - & further he
considers that it would be a
most inexpedient measure,
as being certain to cause
legitimate discontent among
the officers concerned to make
any reduction now.

No II. As regards Revenue
Settlement

Could it not be possible
that the Public Revenue
might be increased
without any increase
in the rates of travelling
allowances?

It is recommended that in the Public
Revenue Bill, provision should be made
for the increase of the rates of travelling
allowances, and that the Bill should be
passed by the Board before payment
is made.

* 5 Aug^r / 68 - No 2093

note. As the audit of such bills
is now transferred to the Account
Sept^r - perhaps it might be well
to require such bill to be passed
by the Board before payment
is made.

It is recommended that the Bill
should be passed by the Board
before payment is made.

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No. VI. As regards the permission to Forest Officers to draw Railway fare in addition to

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to their fixed travelling allowance, I am to state that in the opinion of this Govt. it is expedient that Forest Officers should be encouraged to travel rapidly from one part of their charge to another as their ranges are large & plantations & reserves often at considerable distances apart.

No. VII. Regarding the grant of travelling allowance to an officer who does not proceed to a distance more than five miles from his headquarters, the Govt. were of opinion that the use of the word "visit" in the foot of India Notification showed that the restriction could not

not properly apply to
Officers bona fide camping
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miles distant from
Head-quarters.

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To
Govt of India
Rev. Secy

On the subject
of travelling allowances
passed by the Govt of
India reference to
Govt of India

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Corrections & here
in Council
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