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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

25th June 1877, No. 2,105-B.

Famine Relief.

Read the following paper:—

No. 539-C. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 16th June 1

Read the following letter from Lieutenant R. E. WILSON, 60th Royal Rifles, Taluq Relief Officer, Gooty, to W. H. GLENNY, Esq., Sub-Collector of Bellary, dated Gooty, 5th June 1877, No. 159-D:—

I HAVE the honor to request you will be good enough to cause this letter to be forwarded to Government for its favorable consideration. I also trust that it will meet with your recommendation.

1st.—Ever since my arrival on special famine duty in this Presidency in January last I have regularly drawn, feeling sure I was entitled to do so, horse allowance for my horses. On the 1st of May, however, I received an "objection statement" from the Deputy Accountant-General, Madras, requesting me to recover in my next pay bill the amount of horse allowance already drawn and stating that I am not entitled to horse allowance as my deputation allowance is held to include horse allowance. This I beg respectfully to state is very very hard on me. Keeping horses in this taluq during these severe famine times is most expensive. Grass in some places where rain has not as yet fallen is almost at a premium and grain is also very very expensive. I am obliged to give my horses extra food in order to keep them up to the work I am of necessity compelled to exact from them. On an average my horses have had to carry me 500 miles a month since my arrival in Gooty Taluq. They are perpetually out on dak, and the wear and tear upon them is very great. I may further mention that, on account of the extreme dearness of the absolute necessities of native life, I have been compelled to nearly double the pay of my up-country syces and grass-cutters, which altogether, with the dearness of grain and fodder, makes my monthly bill for three horses a very heavy one, and one which the Government allowance of 30 Rupees per horse per mensem does not cover, my bill for May 1877 being Rupees 97-4-3. I am well aware that by G.O., No. 990, of the 8th March 1877, horse allowance at 30 Rupees a month for one horse is held to be included in the special famine deputation allowance granted to officers like myself.

2nd.—My work is such as to compel me to perform my duties thoroughly and conscientiously to keep three horses.

3rd.—The distances between works in this taluq are very great and the works are extensive. There are famine coolies employed on irrigation works at Appercherla Tank, at Banchpully Tank, at two tanks in the vicinity of Gooty, and at the water-courses, Adoni Road. All these works are in opposite directions; the two former are at great distances from my head quarters. There is also a very large and important Railway feeder on which some 20,000 coolies are employed in course of construction from the town of Ooravakonda to Goondacul Railway Station, the nearest point of which feeder is about twenty miles from my head quarters.

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The road itself being nearly twenty-three miles long, Government will, therefore, I trust, perceive that the distances I have to travel over between each of the relief works as well as the great distances the works are apart and the great length of the railway feeder are such as to render it absolutely necessary for me to use three horses. My deputation allowance is Rupees 200 per mensem, out of which sum by G.O., No. 990, dated 8th March 1877, I am supposed to keep one horse. But, taking into consideration the facts of my being obliged to keep three horses and of the cost of keeping such horses being very great during this famine (for the month of May Rupees 9 nearly half my deputation allowance,) as well as the dearth of provisions and necessities of life, and that as a British Infantry Officer I am not supported by Government, I humbly request Government will, as a special case, under G.O., No. 8, of the 15th January 1877, allow me to draw horse allowance for two horses at the rate of Rupees 30 per mensem each horse.

Will be submitted to the Collector with a request that he will kindly submit Lieutenant Wilson's opinion to Government for favorable consideration. The Sub-Collector is of opinion that the case is fairly stated by Mr. Wilson and is deserving of consideration. Mr. Wilson has been very active and useful.

ADON,
6th June 1877.

(Signed) W. H. GLENNY,
Sub-Collector.

Submitted to the Board of Revenue for their favorable consideration.

11th June 1877.

(Signed) J. H. MASTER,
Collector.

Submitted for the favorable orders of Government.

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary.

No. 539-D.

ORDER THEREON, 25th June 1877, No. 2,105-B.

Miscellaneous.

Recorded with reference to G.O.,
No. 2063-B, dated 20th June 1877.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue:
" Financial Department.

Exd. J. W. Fischer.

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January last, I have regularly drawn,
feeling sure I was entitled to do so,
horse allowance for two horses at the
rate of 300 Rupees each horse per mensem.

Some few days ago however I received
an "Objection Statement" from the
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The road itself being nearly 23 miles long. Government will therefore I trust, perceive, that the distances I

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the relief works as well as the great
distances the works are apart and the
great length of the railway feeder,
are such as to render it absolutely
necessary for me to use three horses.

My deputation allowance is 2000 Rupees
per mensem out of which sum I pay

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supposed to keep one horse. But taking

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month of May Rs 77 & 3 nearly 1/4

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bare necessities of life, and that as

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a British Infantry Officer I am not
supposed to keep horses, I humbly
request Government will, as a special
case under G.O. No 128 of the 15th January

allow me to draw horse allowance
for two horses at the rate of 50 Rupees
per mensem each horse.

I have to
Gooty 5th June 1877
D. C. Wilson Lieut
to Royal Rifle
Regt. Relief Officer

Forwarded to the Collector
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Edwin
5th June 1877
D. W. M. Glenney
Sub Collector
True

(True copy)

Submitted to the Board of Revenue
for their favorable consideration.

By J. W. Master

11-6-77.

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Submitted for the favorable
consideration and orders of Govt.

(True copy & Enclach)

Wm. W.

Secretary

To

The additional Secretary to Govt

Revenue Department

W. W.

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