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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

1st September 1877, No. 2,624-A.

Famine Relief.

Read the following papers:—

No. 10-A. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 20th July 1877,
No. 3,391.

Read the following letters:—

From J. H. MASTER, Esq., Collector of Bellary, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting
Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Dhurmavaram, 7th July 1877,
No. 545.

I HAVE the honor to forward copy of a letter, No. 1,230, dated the 4th instant, received from the officer in charge of relief operations in the Bellary Taluq, and to state that the late addition to the rules sanctioned by Government in their G.O. No. 1,615-A, dated 5th March last, for travelling allowances of officers temporarily entertained on famine duties, viz., that they are to be drawn only when a *bond fide* shifting of a camp to a distance of at least five miles is made, is likely to be the cause of hardship in many ways.

2. Mr. Kisch points out the case very plainly, in that an officer employed at Bellary itself, but perhaps for most days of the week travelling from ten to twenty miles each day, can never under the rules draw travelling allowance. This cannot have been intended by Government.

3. Again, an Assistant Famine Officer is on tour through a taluq, keeping up a marching establishment and having carts on monthly hire. He halts at one place two days, at another perhaps three as his presence is required. He can only draw allowances for the days he actually moves, his expenses being exactly the same.

4. Lieutenant Haddock, Assistant Famine Officer, addressed me on the subject and I forwarded his letter to the Accountant-General. That officer, however, only refers me to the wording of the rules. Lieutenant Haddock's letter I will forward when it is returned from the Accountant-General's office.

5. Meanwhile I would beg the Board to ask the Government to give a liberal interpretation to the rules in these hard times.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From H. M. KISCH, Esq., Divisional Famine Officer, to J. H. MASTER, Esq., Collector of Bellary, dated Bellary, 4th July 1877, No. 1,230.

With reference to Accountant-General's No. L., Audit Department, dated 4th ultimo, stating that travelling allowance to officers temporarily employed is only to be given "for every day on which a march of at least five miles is made," and that "by the term march is intended a *bond fide* shifting of camp," I have the honor to observe that this restriction will, if acted upon, be a great bar to the utilization of the officers concerned.

2. Supposing an officer temporarily employed on a salary of Rupees 200 to be placed in charge of an area of 100 square miles, and to have to inspect a road ten miles in length and visit weekly all the villages within the area allotted to him. He will probably not move his camp more than twice a week, but he will have to keep a camp establishment and to employ bullock carts permanently. He may also travel in the course of the week on duty a hundred miles or more, and yet he will, according to the Accountant-General's explanation of G.O., No. 1,615-A, dated 5th March, only draw six Rupees for the week's travelling allowance.

3. Supposing again an officer to be employed at head quarters and to be directed to inspect once a week each of three relief works, eight miles distant from the head quarters station. Here each day's journey will be sixteen miles and the officer will each day that he travels go eight miles from his head quarters. A covenanted officer would draw for this work 24 Rupees travelling allowance, but there will be no *bona fide* shifting of camp; for even if a tent be kept at the relief work it will be left there permanently. The temporarily appointed officer will therefore not draw any travelling allowance, though if he is fit for his work he will, I think, well have earned the 9 Rupees travelling allowance, to which he would have been entitled but for the Accountant-General's interpretation of the Government Orders. The illustrations I have given are not imaginary ones, but are taken from what has really occurred in the case of one officer employed under me. Unless, however, some modification is made in the Accountant-General's interpretation of the G.O. I shall hardly feel justified in ordering the officer referred to, to continue the work that he has hitherto been doing.

4. I would respectfully suggest that officers temporarily employed may be allowed to draw the prescribed travelling allowance for every day that they are living under canvas at a distance of at least five miles from the head quarters of the division in which they are employed, and also for every day on which they travel at least five miles from the head quarters.

From W. McQUIHAE, Esq., Collector of Madura, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Madura, 12th July 1877, No. 448.

I HAVE the honor to submit, for favorable consideration, a letter, * dated 4th July 1877, No. 186, from Mr. Baber to the Acting Sub-Collector, requesting that he may be allowed to draw Rupees 4 a day as extra tentage during the whole of the time he is employed on famine relief duties in the Palni Taluq. As Mr. Baber has no head quarters this was practically the recommendation made by the Board in their Proceedings, dated 29th January 1877, No. 344, and is not more than sufficient to cover the extra expense to which Mr. Baber is put.

* Copy, with one enclosure.

Enclosure No. 1.
From E. M. BABER, Esq., Special Officer, Palni, to W. McQUIHAE, Esq., Collector of Madura, dated Palni, 4th July 1877, No. 186.

I HAVE the honor to forward a copy of the Accountant-General's Objection Statement on my travelling allowance bill for April last. From this it will be seen that the Accountant-General has ruled—

- (1.) That I am not entitled to halting allowance while at Palni, and
- (2.) That I am permitted to draw travelling allowance only when a march of at least five miles is made.

2. The Government Order approving of my employment on State Relief works has not been communicated to me, but I have always been under the impression that Government had been pleased to approve of your proposal to give me an allowance at the rate of an Assistant Collector's travelling allowance, viz., Rupees 4 per diem, so long as I was employed in the Palni Taluq.

3. With regard to the objections raised by the Accountant-General to my claim to halting allowance while at Palni I beg to observe, first, that I am not supposed to have any head quarters; secondly, that by the term head quarters is meant a station where a comfortable house is met with and where do not come into use, whereas at the town which the Accountant-General is pleased to designate as my head quarters there is not even a Travellers' or a District Officer's bungalow, and although I make use of one or two rooms in the new Taluq Cutcherry, which is in a very unfinished state, I yet have some of my tents pitched when in the town, so that although at head quarters I am yet to all intents and purposes as much in camp as though I were at a village ten miles away from Palni; and, lastly, as I have important work in Palni, viz., the supervision of the relief camp, my claim to a halting allowance while employed on duty is one to which I am sure Government will raise no objection.

4. The ruling that no travelling allowance can be drawn unless a march of at least five miles is made will press particularly hard upon me and is opposed to the tenor of some instructions lately issued by the Accountant-General for the preparation of travelling allowance bills of officers employed on famine duty. Here it is distinctly laid down that Special Famine Officers drawing more than Rupees 200 a month are to draw travelling allowance at the rate of Rupees 4 for each day's march.

5. The objection now raised by the Accountant-General will practically deprive me of all special allowance while employed on famine duty. I have been put to a great deal of extra expense by my removal to Palni, but the allowance I have been drawing, viz., Rupees 4 per diem, and which the Collector has hitherto regularly passed, has been sufficient to cover all extra expenditure. But if the amount of my travelling allowance bill is to be regularly cut down by the Accountant-General I shall at the end of the famine find myself considerably out of pocket. I beg therefore that this letter may be forwarded to Government, with a request that they will be pleased to pass an order over-ruling the Accountant-General's objections and granting me an allowance of Rupees 4 per diem so long as my diaries show the Collector that a proper amount of inspection of famine relief works has been done during each month.

Enclosure No. 2.—Copy of Objection Statement.

The foregoing letters relating to the grant of travelling allowance to officers employed on famine duty will be submitted for the orders of Government.

2. The Collector of Bellary points out that the order of Government, dated 14th May, No. 1,715-A, restricting the grant of travelling allowance to occasions on which a *bona fide* shifting of camp to a distance of at least five miles is made operates hardly in the case of officers sent out from head quarters to inspect works, or camps in the neighbourhood, and in the case of those constantly on the move and obliged to keep up a marching establishment, though not forced to shift camp more than once or twice a week. Mr. Baber's case referred by the Collector of Madura for orders is that he has been retrenched for halts at Palni which is regarded as his head quarter station and for marches of less than five miles.

3. The Board think that the restriction adverted to is likely to press hardly on officers who are obliged to keep up travelling establishments permanently, as almost all famine officers must do, and they would suggest that travelling allowance should be granted in all cases in which the Collector certifies that the officer is entitled to it as being *bona fide* out in camp, subject to the proviso that it shall not be drawn at halts exceeding a week at any one place, and that in the case of officers required to periodically inspect outlying works and camps the allowance shall not be drawn unless such inspection necessitates a journey of ten miles and is certified by the Collector to be necessary.

(True Copies and Extract.)

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

No. 10-B. ORDER THEREON, 1st September 1877, No. 2,624-A.

Miscellaneous.

The questions raised by the Board seem to be, first, whether allowances analogous to the halting allowance and mileage of the permanent establishment should be granted to temporarily entertained Famine Relief Officers, to whom travelling allowance, under G.O., No. 1,645-A, dated 5th May 1877, is granted; and, second, what travelling allowances are to be drawn by Mr. Baber, of the Revenue Survey, employed in Madura, under G.O., 23rd February, No. 807.

2. As to the first, it is observed that such allowances would be an indirect augmentation of the salaries on which such temporarily-entertained officers agreed to serve. The primary object of their entertainment is to inspect and supervise; when halting is necessary to that duty, there is no reason to pay them as they have been aided to move. His Grace in Council is unable, therefore, to comply with the Board's recommendation, or to extend or modify in any way G.O., 5th May 1877, No. 1,645-A, and G.O., 14th May, No. 1,715-A.

Revenue Department, 1st September 1877, No. 2,621-A.

3. The second question raised by the Board as to the allowances to be passed to Mr. Baber is one of the construction of G.O.s, 6th February, No. 549, and 23rd February, No. 807. In the latter order his employment was approved impliedly on the terms proposed by the Board in the papers on which the former was passed. The terms proposed by the Board were that he should be "allowed in addition to his pay, the extra tentage of an Assistant Collector." In approving these terms it was not the intention of the Government to grant him a personal allowance, but a travelling allowance at the rates drawn by an Assistant not a Head Assistant Collector, and under the same conditions.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
.. the Accountant-General.
.. the Financial Department.

Ed. F. R. Bantleman.

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No 3391

Revenue Department

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
dated 20th July 1879

No 545

Read the following

From

The Collector

Bellary.

To

The Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Madras

Sir

I have the honour to forward
copy of a letter No 1230 dated the 4th
Instant, received from the Officer in
charge of Relief Operations in Bellary
District, and to state that
the late addition to the rules
sanctioned by Government in their
G.O No 1645 A dated the 5th May
last for travelling allowances of Officers

temporarily entertained on famine
duties, viz. that they are to be
drawn only when a bona fide
shifting of a camp to a distance
of at least five miles is made, is
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2. Mr. Kisch points out the case
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rules draw travelling allowance.
This cannot have been in-
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3. Again an Assistant Famine
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hire, the halts at one place two

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as his presence is required. He
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his letter to the Accountant-
General. That Officer however
only refers me to the wording
the rules. Lieutenant Haddock's
letter I will forward when it is
returned from the Accountant-
General's Office.

5. Meanwhile I would beg the
Board to ask the Government to
give a liberal interpretation to
the rules in these hard times.

I have, &c.

Bellary Collector's Office
Camp, Chapari, Taluq.
Shorwarum 7th July 1902

(Sd) J. H. Mather
Collector

No 1230.

Bellamy Division Office

10th July 1877

To

J. H. Master Esquire

Collector of Bellamy

Sir

With reference to Accountant
General's No 2 Audit Department
stating that travelling allowance to officers
dated 6th ultimo, temporarily
employed is only to be given "for
every day on which a march of at
least 5 miles is made" and that by
the term march is intended a move-
ment shifting of camp. I think the
honour be observed that this restriction
will if acted upon, be a great
bar to the utilization of the
officers concerned.

Supposing an officer temporarily
employed on a salary of Rs 200 to
be placed in charge of an area
of many miles and to have

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allowance for every day that

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from the head quarters of the
Division in which they are
employed, and also for several
days in a week they travel at
least five miles from the head
quarters.

I have seen

Dr. J. H. Gordon

Bellamy, Calicut

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Dr. J. H. Gordon

Calicut

See also the following

Mr. J. H. Gordon
Collector of Madras

C. H. Gordon Esquire
Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Madras

Sir I have the honor to

to inspect a road 10 miles in length
and visit weekly all the villages
within the area allotted to him.
He will probably not move his
camps more than twice a week
but he will have to keep a camp
Establishment with 20 employees
bullock carts permanently. He may
also travel in the course of the
week on duty a hundred miles
or more and get he will accompany

to the incumbent General's
Explanation of Government Order

No 1645 A dated March 8th 1897
draw six rupees for the weekly
travelling allowances

Supposing again an officer
to be employed at Head Quarters
and to be directed to inspect
once a week each of three relays

works 8 miles distant from their
head quarters station. Hence
each days journey will be 16
miles and the officers will each
say that he travels 8 miles
from his head quarters. It is recommended
officers would draw for this work
24 Rupees travelling allowance
like those with him on his side
staying of 24 Rs. even if a
week he kept at the relief works
it will be left there permanently.
The temporarily appointed officers
will therefore not draw any
travelling allowance, though if
he is fit for his work he will
I think well have earned the
9 Rs travelling allowance to which
he would have been entitled.

Copy with
an enclosure

Submits for favorable consideration
a letter dated 4th July 1877
No 136 from Mr. Basher to the
Asst. Secy. to Govt. of India
he may be allowed to draw
Rs 4 a day as extra mileage
during the whole of the time he
is employed on Famine Relief
duties in the Punjab. As
Mr. Basher has no quarters
this was practically the re-
commendation made by the
Board in their Proceedings dated
January 29th 1877 No 364 and is not
more than sufficient to cover
the extra expenses to which Mr. Basher
is put.

I have &c
Madras Collector's Office (Sd) W. M. Gubee
12th July 1877
Collector

No 186

Pulni 15th July 1877

From

The Special Officer

To

Pulni

The District Collector
Madras

Sir,

I have the honor to forward
a copy of the Accountant General's
objection Statement on my Travelling
Allowance bill for April 1877.
From this it will be seen that
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halting allowance while at
Pulni and

II That I am permitted to draw
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made.

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under the impression that

the Government had been pleased
to approve of your proposal
to give me an allowance at
the rate of an Assistant Collector

travelling allowance by the
per diem, so long as I was
employed in the Pulni Taluk

With regard to the objections
raised by the Accountant
General to my claim to halting
allowance while at Pulni and

I beg to observe first that
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any Head Quarters; Secondly
that by the term Head Quarters
is meant a station where a
comfortable house is met
with and where the tents do not come
into use. Whereas at the town
which the Accountant General
is pleased to designate as my
Head Quarters, there is not even

~~I am that a District Officer~~
Bungalow, and although I make
use of one or two rooms in the
new Taluk Cutcherry which is
in a very unfinished state,
I yet have some of my tents
pitched when in the town so
that although at Head Quarters,
I am yet to all intents and
purposes as much in camp

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as though I were at a Village
ten miles away from Pulni, and
lastly as I have important
work in Pulni viz the
of the Relief Camp. My claim
a halting allowance, which
employed on duty, is one to
which I am sure Government
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allowance can be drawn unless
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to the tenor of some instructions
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General for the preparation of
travelling allowance bills of

Officers employed on Famine Duty.
Here it is distinctly laid down
that Special Famine officers
shall not receive more than Rs 200 a
month to draw travelling
allowances at the rate of Rs 4
for each day's march.

6. The objection now raised by the
Accountant General with practically
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while employed on Famine Duty.
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of extra expense by my removal
to Pulni, but the allowance I
have been drawing viz Rs 4 per diem
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regularly passed, has been
sufficient to cover all extra

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of my travelling allowance bill
is to be regularly cut down by
the Accountant General I shall
at the end of the Famine find
myself considerably out of pocket.
I beg therefore that this letter
may be forwarded to Government
with a request that they will be
pleased to pass an order over-
ruling the Accountant General's
objections and granting me an
allowance of Rupees 4 per diem,
so long as my Diaries show
the Collector that a proper
amount of inspection of Famine
Relief works has been done during
each month.

I have &c
(Sd) S. B. Baker
Officer on Famine Duty
Pulni

The foregoing letters relating to the grant of travelling allowance to officers employed on famine duty will be submitted for the orders of Government.

2. The Collector of Bellary points out that the order of Government dated 14th May No 1715 A restricting the grant of travelling allowance to occasions on which a bona fide shifting of camp to a distance of at least five miles is made operates hardly in the case of officers sent out from head quarters to inspect works or camps in the neighbourhood and in the case of those constantly on the move and obliged to keep up a

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 any one place and that in the
 case of officers residing at
 head quarters and required to
 periodically inspect and supervise
 works and camps the allowance
 shall not be drawn unless
 such inspection necessitates
 a journey of 10 miles and is certified
 by the Collector to be necessary.

True copies and extracts

To
 Acting Secy to Govt
 The Adlt Secy to Govt
 The Adlt Secy to Govt
 The Adlt Secy to Govt

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~~The Govt. Asses that in this proceeding the B.
 have submitted the two questions which are submitted
 to the Govt. 1st Whether the allowance
 is to be given to the officers of transport employed
 in the Relief Officers 2nd~~

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7. Nov. 57. 94

Insure.

Received of the Hon. the
Gov. & Lieut. W. Robinson
with reference to Mr. Shadley
proposed to grant temporary
employment of various officers
"Indians."

There are requested.

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Indians can
be paid for
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C. 13-8-77 Res. 8-77

Wm. A. L. L.

of D. M. 1927
Special Agent
General

11-6-1880-11-20

Amelia
Lancaster

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Special Agent

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Amelia

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Wm. 18.

Received of the
the 1st of Nov. 1849
requested that order may
be rendered on the papers
whether "in case" in the
matter of the property
employed in various offices
or not on the property
of the members of Council
on the point are shown

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Revenue Lenses Left

Answer
On Board Proc. F. No. 5717 of 1877. Grant of Board
Said allowance to Revenue Officers on Salt Duties

In this paper
are two sets of questions raised
general and particular. The
general questions are
1st Whether the allowance
is to be ^{the proportion of} ~~paid~~ to the proportionately
employed Revenue Relief Officers
2nd Whether a provision made
for the benefit of such officers
is to be ^{made} ~~provided~~ in them

The particular questions
raised are whether the Board of
the Survey & Department, em-
ployed in the duties of Relief
Work, is entitled under Act
of February 1854 to a provision
at a ^{rate of} ~~allowance~~ equal to the
salary of an Assistant
Collector, or whether the rate is
the ordinary rate at that rate
This

employed in public duty
 I find that in
 charge of duties & travelling
 on various expeditions at
 the same time day with
 the day both and the latter

at a day
 I find that under the
 stated in the May last
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 to pay, ranging from 2 Rs
 to 4 Rs for day on
 which a receipt is made
 at least for miles, and
 it is intended to be
 for the purpose of those
 who have officers have no
 holding allowance no extra
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 officers to grant holding
 allowance on all cases for
 rapid travelling works hard

The more deserving has
 than 50 Rs a month of the
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class get no travelling allowance
 at all. The rates are
 For the mounted ~~for the~~
 for servants on horses ~~for the~~
 Above 50 Rs to 100 - 100 - 100

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 100 a month of the ~~for the~~
 5 miles he gets in a month
 on the same ~~for the~~ officer
 the same ~~for the~~ officer
 or he gets the same as a ~~for the~~
 an officer on 100 Rs a month
 but the comparison of some ~~for the~~
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with another under another yield
no sound conclusion.

The rate granted by Lt
5th May 1877 to Mr. Baker of some
unusually sufficient however to
place three servants on the
road with Mr.
accounted servants of a some
large grade.

The 2nd question raised
by Mr. Baker's allowance
which it seems to be suggested
has nothing whatever in com-
mon with the general question
raised by the Board is one
of construction of C.B. 6th

February 1854 the Board
recommended that Mr. Baker
of the Survey Department should
be put in charge of the Relief
Works in India and allowed
in addition to his pay the
extra tentage of an assistant.

Mr. Baker was
appointed 1st July 1854
and it is that there is a per-
sonal allowance of 4 Rs per
month.

Now the question is
whether the Board had
the right to grant
this allowance.

day to him. In this contra-
tion there is at any rate no
mistake because 3 Rs not
4 Rs is the extra tentage of
an Asst. Collector the latter
rate being that allowed as
that Asst. Collector's
it was intended to grant
Mr. Baker a personal allow-
ance or merely to grant him
a higher rate of travelling al-
lowance in consideration of
increased travelling.

Orders are requested.

28.7.77.

I submit that since
open, the Asst. Col.
employed, but temporarily
taken on for famine employ-
ment, paid some which
they accept, but would
shelter. Below anything
more. As an Asst. Col.
recommended the Govt.
sanction is certain allowance
for them then they actually
made a much - 4 Rs per

* in order to help to cover the
cost of moving their camp to the
short distance of 12 miles to the
to travel at all.

