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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
23rd July 1868.

No. 403. Read the following letter from the Director of Revenue Settlement, to the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 18th July 1868, No. 854-27 :—

1. In forwarding, for the consideration and orders of Government, the accompanying original letter, with enclosure, from the Collector of Tinnevelly. I have the honor to state that I have no objection to offer to the appointment of Mr. Symonds as an Assistant Director of Revenue Settlement of the 1st Grade, should the Government think fit to make it, on the understanding that he continues to be employed under Mr. Puckle in the Tinnevelly Settlement, as he is wanted there, and I have at present no occasion for his services elsewhere.

7th July 1868, No. 1,720.

2. Adverting to the concluding part of paragraph 4 of Mr. Symond's letter, I observe that in paragraph 7 of their Order of the 1st December 1860, No. 2,289, the Government declined to grant travelling allowances to Assistant Directors, their salaries being considered as consolidated; and that in their subsequent Order of the 3rd December 1860, No. 2,415, the Assistant Directors were placed on the same footing as Assistant Superintendents of Revenue Survey, the salaries being fixed at Rupees 425 and Rupees 325, or Rupees 350 and Rupees 250, *plus*, in each case, a travelling allowance of Rupees 75. If Mr. Symonds is, at his own request, permitted to rejoin the Settlement Department as an Assistant Director, it appears to me that he can only claim increased travelling allowances on a similar increase being granted to all other Assistant Directors and Assistant Superintendents.

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From the Collector of Tinnevelly, to the Director of Revenue Settlement, Madras, dated Tenkasi, 7th July 1868, No. 1,720.

I have the honor to forward an application from Mr. Symonds to be re-admitted into the Settlement Department. I can endorse his statements as to the fatiguing nature of his work and the amount of responsibility he had put on him early in life; he is hard-working and pains-taking, and is no longer guilty of the errors of judgment you have had occasionally to point out to him. I can safely say that few men in the Department have had more continuous exposure and labor in the field, and I think he has fairly earned promotion.

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From W. A. SYMONDS, Esq., First Uncovenanted Assistant for Settlement, to the Collector of Tinnevelly, dated Camp at Nanguneri, 30th June 1868, No. 36.

1. I have the honor to request that you will be pleased to lay this my application before Government to be permitted to withdraw from the Department of Deputy Collectors, and to be re-appointed to the Settlement Department which, I am informed, is about to be re-constructed.

2. You are aware that I was originally appointed to the Settlement Department in April 1861 as a Probationer on a salary of Rupees 200 per mensem. In April 1862, I was promoted to be an Assistant of the 2nd Grade on a salary of Rupees 325, on which salary I served till October 1866, during the greater part of which period, viz., from January 1863 to January 1866, I was in sole charge of the Tinnevelly Party, and really doing the duty of an Assistant of the 1st Grade. From January 1866 to October of the same year, I performed the duty of Special Assistant to the Collector of Tinnevelly, for the introduction of the new Settlement. During this last period, as there was apprehension that the Settlement Department might altogether be abolished, the Government were so good, in order to secure me from being cast adrift, to appoint me to the grade of Deputy Collector, but to continue to act as Special Assistant to the Collector of Tinnevelly. The salary assigned me

Duty

in this position was Rupees 350 per mensem, with an allowance of Rupees 2 a-day while actually engaged in travelling. On this salary I have served to the present time, and I need not inform you that, having to spend the greater part of the year in tents, the sum assigned me for travelling allowance is far from adequate, as, in addition to the expenses incidental to a Camp-life, in bandy hire, and the up-keep of servants, I am compelled to keep two horses for the discharge of my duties.

3. You are aware that my duties are such as to subject me to constant exposure to the sun during a considerable part of the day, and I trust that you will be able to testify that I have never flinched from my work, and that I have done my duty zealously and conscientiously.

4. Now that the Settlement Department is, I am told, about to be re-constructed, I would crave permission to be allowed to withdraw from the Department of Deputy Collectors, and to ask to be re-admitted to my former Department as an Assistant of the 1st Grade. Supposing it should please Government, in consideration of all the circumstances of the case, and of my having served for more than seven years, to comply with this request, and in the event of my being directed still to remain in Tinnevelly as your Special Assistant, I venture to ask that travelling allowance may be assigned me, adequate to the expenses to which I am necessarily subjected in the performance of my duties.

No. 404. ORDER THEREON, 23rd July 1868, No. 2,022.

Miscellaneous.

The Director of Revenue Settlement will be good enough to take Mr. Symond's application into consideration when he submits his reply to paragraph 40 of the G. O., under date 20th May 1868, No. 1,427.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Director of Revenue Settlement.

Ed. F. R. Bantleman.

Read again Proceedings of Government, Revenue Department, dated 23rd July 1868, No. 2,022.

No. 337. Read also the following letter from the Director of Revenue Settlement, to the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 9th October 1868, No. 1,222-38 :—

1. Referring to paragraph 40 of the Order of Government, dated 20th May last, No. 1,427, I have the honor to state that, before making the report therein called for, I deemed it advisable to communicate with the Superintendent of Revenue Survey, with the view of ascertaining the probable dates when the survey, now in progress in the several districts, will be sufficiently advanced to allow of settlement operations being commenced and continued without a check, it being obviously undesirable to organise settlement Parties prematurely, or to despatch them to districts where they would very soon run ahead of the survey, and have then to be either maintained in idleness or dispersed till a fresh field of work could be made ready for them.

2. Colonel Priestley informs me that in the Madras District, where Survey is in progress in two talooks only, the dates when field areas will probably be ready for settlement purposes cannot be fixed at present even approximately, and that in Coimbatore, though greater progress has been made, he is as yet unable to estimate the date when the areas will be available. The other district under operation is Ganjam, in the Government talooks of which a Survey Party is engaged in demarcation and survey, and here also the Superintendent states that the party having been but recently organised, it is at this early stage impossible to estimate the date for the delivery of the field areas.

3. Under these circumstances, I think it will be true economy to defer for the present any extensive increase to the strength of the department. A tract of country may indeed be classified, (though even this operation cannot be performed in anticipation of the demarcation,) before the completion of the survey, but no proposals for settlement or calculations of financial results can be made in the absence of the true survey areas, and from past experience I can testify to the

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loss which the department and ultimately the Government have sustained in some of the districts, hitherto under settlement from the assessment branch following too closely on the heels of the survey. It is true, as remarked by the Government, that with the exception of myself, the department has on its permanent staff, no member of the Covenanted Service, though it has the temporary services of one in the Kistna District. At the same time it must not be forgotten that the Cuddapah and Nellore Settlement Parties are presided over by Uncovenanted Officers of great energy and efficiency. In anticipation of final orders being passed on the settlement of Salem, provision for a Covenanted Deputy Director for that district, with the requisite establishment, has been made in the Budgets of both the current and coming official years, and a similar provision has been made for a portion of the official year 1869-70 for the Kistna District, the settlement of the Guntoor Division of which, will probably be carried out next season. As soon as I see my way to utilising more Officers and larger establishments, I will not fail to apply for the necessary sanction for their employment.

4. In their Order of the 23rd July last, No. 2,022, on my letter of the 18th idem, No. 854, forwarding Mr. Symonds's application for readmission to the Settlement Department as an Assistant Director, the Government desire me to take his case into consideration at the time of making the report which I am now submitting. I therefore take the opportunity to repeat the application made on behalf of the above gentleman in my former letter, *viz.*, that he be readmitted on the strength of the Settlement Department as a 1st Assistant Director, to which grade his service fairly entitles him, but that he continue attached to the Collector of Tinnevelly for employment as his Special Assistant, in connection with the settlement of that district now in progress. I leave for the consideration of Government, whether, having regard to his special employment and to the footing on which another Assistant Director when similarly engaged, was placed, some extra allowance may not appropriately be assigned to him, while so employed.

No. 338. ORDER THEREON, 19th November 1868, No. 2,900.

Miscellaneous.

1. The Government fully concur in the views expressed by the Director of Revenue Settlement in the 3rd paragraph of the second letter above recorded; but as the apparent progress of the survey in the districts of Madras, Coimbatore, and Ganjam, as referred to in paragraph 2 cannot be viewed as satisfactory, Colonel Priestley will be requested to submit a brief report showing precisely what amount of work has been performed in each district since work was commenced, what expenditure has been incurred, what work remains to be done, and when the required results may be expected at the present rate of progress.

2. With advertence to the Director's first letter recorded in G. O., under date 23rd July 1868, No. 2,022, and to paragraph 4 of his second letter, the Government observe that Mr. Symonds has for some time performed very responsible duties in connection with the settlement of the Tinnevelly District, and that while acting as Assistant to Mr. Puckle in this department, he has only drawn a salary of Rupees 350 with a travelling allowance of Rupees 2 per diem, whereas Mr. Rundall, who was in a similar position in Nellore, has drawn Rupees 600 per mensem with tentage.

3. The Government are of opinion that, considering the position which Mr. Symonds has occupied as Mr. Puckle's Special Assistant, he may with propriety be granted a salary of Rupees 500 per mensem in addition to the travelling allowance hitherto drawn, from the date of his nomination to that post, and for so long as he may be retained in his present position. His allowances, from the date of his nomination to the post of Special Assistant, will accordingly be adjusted in accordance with this order.

4. As it is possible that alterations may shortly be made in the arrangements under which the settlement of the Tinnevelly District is now being carried out, the consideration of Mr. Symonds's permanent transfer to the Settlement Department will be deferred for the present.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Director of Revenue Settlement.
,, the Superintendent of Revenue Survey.
,, the Accountant General.
,, the Board of Revenue.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
9th January 1869.

No. 122. Read the following letter from the Accountant General, Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Fort St. George, 27th November 1868, No. 235:—

With reference to Government Order, No. 2,900, dated 19th instant, I have the honor to point out that, as the increase of pay therein sanctioned to Mr. Symonds will raise his salary above 5,000 Rupees per annum, the sanction of the Home Government will have to be obtained before such increase can take effect, in accordance with the orders laid down in the Despatch of the Secretary of State to the Government of India, No. 63, dated 17th March 1864, published in the Second Appendix to the *Gazette of India*, dated 14th May 1864.

No. 123. ORDER THEREON, 9th January 1869, No. 59.

Miscellaneous.

1. The Right Honorable the Governor in Council observes, that no new appointment has been created, nor has the salary of an office been increased in the manner contemplated in the Despatch to which the Accountant General refers. Mr. Symonds has, in fact, been merely authorized to draw the salary of a Deputy Collector of the 2nd Class, instead of that of a Deputy Collector of the 4th Class, during his special duty. Similarly, Mr. Rundall, while Acting as Special Assistant, in the Settlement Department, to the Collector of Nellore, was authorized to draw the salary of a Deputy Collector of the 1st Class while so employed, in G. O., under date 12th December 1864, No. 2,243.

2. Under these circumstances, and adverting to the fact that under the arrangements made a considerable saving to the State has been effected, owing to the non-appointment of Deputy Directors of Settlement, to the Nellore and Tinnevelly Settlement Parties, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council authorizes the Accountant General to pass Mr. Symonds' salary at the rate sanctioned in the order to which he refers.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Accountant General.
,, the Director of Revenue Settlement.
,, the Superintendent of Revenue Survey.
,, the Board of Revenue.

Exd. G. A. Turton.

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Col. WILSON, C.B.
Insp. Gen. of Jails.

REVENUE.

To

THE ACCOUNTANT-GENERAL,
&c. &c. &c.

Dated January, 1872.

Read

G. O. 30th January 1872, No. 69.

JANUARY.

Nos. 122-123.

Salary of Mr. Symonds of the Settlement Department.—Accountant General authorized for reasons stated, to pass the increased rate.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 17th June 1871.

No. 224. Read the following memorandum from the Inspector-General of Jails, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Ootacamund, 3rd June 1871, No. 97:—

THE undersigned has the honour to submit, for the orders of Government, the within representation from Mr. Symonds, Acting Superintendent, Trichinopoly Central Jail, with reference to the nature of the appointment recently held by him in Tinnevelly.

(Signed) W. J. WILSON, Colonel,
Inspector-General of Jails.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From the Acting Superintendent of Central Jail, Trichinopoly, to the Inspector-General of Jails, Ootacamund, dated Trichinopoly, 1st June 1871, No. 109.

I HAVE the honour to enclose a letter from the Officiating Deputy-Accountant-General to the Collector of Trichinopoly, and with reference thereto to request that you will submit, for the favourable consideration of His Excellency the Governor in Council, this my application that my appointment in Tinnevelly, which was created purely for the convenience of the State, may not be regarded as a temporary, but as a substantive, appointment. In making this application I would venture to point out that I did duty as the Collector's Personal Assistant while I was an Assistant Director Revenue Settlement, and that during Mr. Puckle's recent absence in England, I virtually did the duty of a Deputy-Director Revenue Settlement. If my application be granted, I shall be entitled to the pay of my Tinnevelly appointment at Rs. 500, *plus* a deputation allowance of Rs. 140 per mensem. It may perhaps not be deemed irrelevant to remark that, being in charge of two jails nearly four miles apart, I am obliged to keep two horses for the performance of my duties, having to visit both jails daily, and more often than not one or other of them twice in the same day.

From the Officiating Deputy-Accountant-General, Madras, to the Collector of Trichinopoly, dated Fort Saint George, 9th May 1871, No. 810.

Vide your Treasury Deputy's letter, No. 213, dated 28th ultimo.

THE undersigned has the honour to state that Mr. Symonds's appointment in the Settlement Department is considered by this Office to be a temporary one; he is therefore entitled, while acting as Superintendent of Central Jail, Trichinopoly, to the pay of his substantive appointment of 4th-class Deputy-Collector at Rs. 250, in addition to a deputation allowance, calculated under the rules for the Covenanted Civil Service, of Rs. 316-10-8 per mensem, being two-thirds of the difference between his pay as Deputy-Collector and the mean salary of Superintendent, Central Jail, Trichinopoly, after deducting Rs. 100 a-month, the amount paid to the officer affording medical aid to the Central Jail at that station, or in all to Rs. 566-10-8 per mensem.

2. Mr. Symonds will be entitled to pay only as 4th-class Deputy-Collector from the date of making over charge in Tinnevelly to that of taking charge at Trichinopoly.

(Signed) G. FITZGERALD,
Officiating Deputy-Accountant-General.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
17th June 1871.

No. 225. ORDER THEREON, 17th June 1871, No. 1,079.

Miscellaneous.

The Government observe that Mr. Symonds draws all the Rules allow of, and that they are unable to treat his case as a special one.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Inspector-General of Jails.
,, the Accountant-General.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

No 395

Salem Central Jail
30th August 1877.

T.E. TENNANT
10 SEP 77
INSPR GENL OF JAILS

From,

W. A. Symonds, Esq
Acting Superintendent Central Jail
Salem.

To,

The Inspector General of Jails
Madras.

Sir,

I have the honor to request that you will be pleased to lay this letter before Government.

2. I was originally appointed to the Revenue Settlement Department in April 1861, as a Probationary Assistant Director, on a Salary of Rs 200 per mensem.

3. In April 1862 I was promoted to be an Assistant of the Second Grade on a Salary of Rs 325. On this Salary I served till October 1866, during the greater part of which period, namely, from January 1863 to January 1866, I was in sole charge of the Tinnevelly Settlement Party, and really doing the duty

duty of an Assistant of the First Grade. I do not think a similar amount of responsibility has ever been put upon any other officer occupying the same position.

4. From October 1866 to April 1841 I performed the duty of Special Assistant to the Collector of Tinnevelly for the introduction of the new Settlement. The Salary assigned me in this position was Rs 500 per mensem, with an allowance of Rs 2 per diem while actually engaged in travelling. The latter was far from adequate, as I had to spend the greater part of the year in tents, and, as, in addition to the heavy expenses incidental to a Camp-life, in bandy hire and Servants wages, I was compelled to keep two horses for the discharge of my duties. Mr Rundall, while acting as Special Assistant for Settlement purposes to the Collector of Nellore, drew a salary of Rs 600 per mensem, with the travelling allowance of a Sub Collector. Moreover, for two out of the five years I was Special Assistant I really did the duty of a Deputy Director of Revenue Settlement. I allude to the period when Mr

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Mr Puckle was absent on leave in England, and Mr Longley acted for him.

5. In April 1841 I was appointed to act as Superintendent of the Central Jail at Trichinopoly. This post I held, till the end of May 1844, on a Salary of Rs 566.10.8, with the exception of a few months (I think six) when I drew Rs 600, being the minimum pay of the appointment, which was passed to me during the short period that Major Walters was allowed to draw the full pay of his then acting appointment as Superintendent of Family Pensions in Madras.

6. At the end of May 1844 I was transferred to the Central Jail at Salem. Since then I have drawn only Rs 450 per mensem.

7. I must now go back a little.

8. In the year 1866, as there was considerable apprehension the Revenue Settlement Department might altogether be abolished, the Government were good enough, in order to secure me from being cast adrift, to appoint me as a

as Deputy Collector of the Fourth Class, but to continue to act as Special Assistant to the Collector of Tinnevelly. This act of Kindness bids fair to effect my official ruin, unless I can induce the Government to recall their Gift. The Settlement Department not having been abolished, and my Fourth Class Deputy Collectorship having been, in consequence, regarded as merely a nominal appointment, I have not been promoted from that day to this. Yet my Fourth Class Deputy Collectorship is still regarded as my substantive appointment, notwithstanding my having now put in Sixteen years Service. This is more than a hard case.

9. In June 1868 I applied to be permitted to withdraw from the list of Deputy Collectors, and to be reappointed to the Revenue Settlement Department which, there was then reason to believe, was about to be reconstructed. In their order upon this application the Government said:- "As it is possible "that alterations may shortly be made "in the arrangements under which the "Settlement of the Tinnevelly District is "now being carried out, the consideration "of Mr. Symonds' permanent transfer "to the Settlement Department will be "deferred for the present". It will thus be seen that even so far back as 1868 I was fully alive to the disadvantage of holding so poor a substantive appointment as a Fourth Class Deputy Collectorship, notwithstanding the circumstance that this fact did not then affect my position or pay.

Vide Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, dated 19th November 1868 No. 2,990 para 4

10. In June 1871 I asked the Government to treat my appointment as Special Assistant to the Collector of Tinnevelly as my substantive appointment. The application was not granted, as the then Accountant General said he "regarded this appointment as a temporary one". He assigned no reason for this opinion, but the Government accepted it. The consequences have been most disastrous to me. As the pay of my substantive appointment plus deputation allowance did not equal the minimum pay of my acting appointment at Trichinopoly I never drew a single annual increment during the whole of the six years

Vide Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, dated 17th June 1871, No. 1079.

years I was there. Again, were I to have the good fortune to be confirmed in the Jail Department, it would actually take me six years, from date of confirmation, to work up to the maximum pay of a Superintend-ent of a Central Jail. This is anything but a bright prospect after a service of sixteen years during which I have never taken a single day's leave other than privilege leave. Besides (as the Government may learn from the Accountant General, to whom I particularly beg the favor of their referring), the rejection of my application, if upheld, must deprive me of the advantages of admission into Schedule A, and very seriously affect my pension. Looking to the fact that (as admitted by Government) my Tinnevelly appointment "effected a considerable saving to the State," I respectfully submit that I ought not in fairness to be made such a Sufferer by it.

Vide Proceedings of Madras Government Revenue Department dated 9th January 18 No 59, Paras 2.

11. Subsequently to the rejection (I forget when) of the above application, the Government filled up my Tinnevelly appointment, thus depriving me (an unprecedented thing) of any lien upon my own proper appointment, and leaving me with nothing better than a Fourth Class Deputy Collectorship to fall back upon in the event of my quitting the Jail Department.

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12. At this point I would respectfully enquire whether my Tinnevelly successor's appointment is regarded by the Accountant General as substantive or temporary, as also how Mr. Rundall's appointment as Special Assistant to the Collector of Nellore is regarded by that officer.

13. The mode in which my pay was calculated at Trichinopoly was as follows:— as a Deputy Collector of the Fourth Class I drew Rs 250; in addition to a deputation allowance of Rs 316. 10. 8, being two thirds of the difference between my pay as Deputy Collector and the mean Salary of Superintendent First Class Central Jail, after

after deducting Rs 100 a month, the amount paid to the Medical officer of the Jail. The deputation allowance was calculated under the Rules for the Covenanted Civil Service.

14. The mode in which my pay is calculated at Salem is similar to the above in so far as the pay of my substantive appointment is concerned, but differs as to the deputation allowance. I still draw Rs 250 as Deputy Collector, but my deputation allowance is calculated under the revised provisions of the Acting Allowance Code, And I consequently only draw Rs 200 under this head, that being the least I can draw so long as the said sum, added to my permanent pay, does not exceed the minimum pay of my acting appointment.

15. Under these provisions, so long as I am Fourth Class Deputy Collector and Acting Superintendent Second Class Central Jail, I can never draw more than Rs 450, while, if I were to be promoted to the Third Class, and continued to act, I could rise, by annual increments of Rs 50, to

to Rs 550 per mensem, but no more.

16. Again, if I were to return to Trichinopoly, as Fourth Class Deputy Collector and Acting Superintendent First Class Central Jail, I should only draw Rs 483.5.4, while, even if I went back as Third Class Deputy Collector, I should still draw but Rs 550, or 16.10.8 less than I drew during the six years I acted there.

17. The reason assigned for calculating my present deputation allowance under the revised provisions of the Acting Allowance Code, instead of, as at Trichinopoly, under the Rules for the Covenanted Civil Service, well, I presume, be that I have vacated that appointment and taken up a fresh one.

18. I have not deserved the official mischances that have befallen me. Upon the last occasion of my earning promotion under Mr Puckle, that gentleman reported that

that I was "hardworking and pains-
-taking." When Colonel Wilson, the
late Inspector General of Jails, retired,
he left it upon record that I was
"a very efficient officer." I now
trust, Sir, that you, in your turn,
will be able to testify that I have
never flinched from my work,
and have done my duty zealously
and conscientiously.

19. During my special
duty in Tinnevelly, the Government
authorized me to draw the salary
of a Deputy Collector of the Second
Class, instead of that of a Deputy
Collector of the Fourth Class. Simi-
-larly, if it so pleased them, the
Government might now authorize
the Accountant General to pass
my salary since then at the same
rate. Whether this humble suggestion
finds favor with Government
or they choose to help me in some
other way, I feel sure I shall
receive at their hands not merely

justice,

It could not be done. He must have a permanent appointment first.
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justice but consideration.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servant

Wedmond

Acting Superintendent Salem
Central Jail

P.S. I enclose the papers to which I have referred, and request the favor of their return to Mr Grigg direct, when Government have done with them. Mr Grigg kindly lent them to me for the purposes of this appli-
-cation.

Wtd.

From, W. A. Symonds, Esq.
Acting Supt. Central Jail
Salem.

10 SEP 71

Do,

The Inspector General of Jails
Madras.

Dated 30th August 1871.
Received
No 395
Subject.

Forwards letter regarding
pay and allowances to be
submitted to Government
for consideration.

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No. 231 Office of Insp^r. Genl. of Jails
Ootacamund 13th September/71

From Lieut. Colonel J. C. Jennant
Inspector General of Jails
Ootacamund

To The Hon^ble P. T. Carmichael
Chief Secretary to Government
Fort Saint George

Sir

I have the honor to submit for the favorable consideration of Go. =vernment the accompanying re= =presentation from M^r. W. A. Symonds Acting Superintendent of the Central Jail at Salem regarding his pay and allowances.

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your Most Obedient Servant

J. Jennant

Inspector General of Jails

Audit Department,

No. 770

Fort Saint George,
Accountant General's Office,
4th October 1877.

From The Accountant General
to the Government of Madras,

To The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department
Fort Saint George.

Sir,

I have the honor to return your endorsement dated September 20th on letter No. 231 dated September 13th 1877 from the Inspector General of Jails, forwarding a representation from Mr W. A. Symonds Acting Superintendent of the Central Jail at Salem, regarding his pay and allowances, and, as a report from me upon that representation is requested, to offer the following remarks thereupon.

2 Mr W. A. Symonds was appointed to save him from losing his hold on Government service, a Deputy Collector of the 4th class on the 13th March 1866, and the pay of this his present substantive appointment is Rupees 250 a month. From the 1st April 1871 to the 21st May 1877, when he was displaced by Major Walters, the permanent incumbent

No 1769

Referred to the Revenue Department for consideration.

Fort Saint George
18 September 1877

Chief Secretary

To
The Revenue Department

From
The Inspr. General of Jails

No 231

Submits for consideration of Government a representation from Mr. W. A. Symonds Acting Supt. of the Central Jail, Salem.

Fort St. George
20 Sept. 1877

Chief Secretary to Govt.

Forwarded to the Accountant General for his remarks.

Fort St. George
20 Sept. 1877

Chief Secretary to Govt.

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incumbent, he acted as Superintendent of the (First-Class) Central Jail at Trichinopoly, and during this period he drew under Sections 20 (a) & 6 of the Acting Allowance Code an acting allowance of Rs. 316-10-8, or two thirds of the difference between the pay of his substantive appointment and the mean pay fixed by the orders marginally noted for the appointment of Superintendent of a first-class Central Jail, which rule by a non-medical officer. From the 30th of May 1877 he has acted as Superintendent of the Salem Central Jail, which is a second class Central Jail, and under the same Sections he now draws an acting allowance of Rupees 200 per month, the two thirds difference between the pay of the two appointments in this instance falling short of that minimum.

{ Govt. of India Fin. Dept. No. 4427 December 18th 1871
{ ——— Do. ——— 1831 March 21st 1871

3 Previous to his appointment to act as Superintendent of the Trichinopoly Central Jail, Mr. W.A. Symonds was temporarily employed as Special Assistant to the Collector of Tinnevelly for the introduction of the new settlement, and a special salary of Rs. 500 a month was granted to him by name in G.O. Revenue Department No. 2900, dated November 19th 1868, Commencement, confirmed by the Government of India in Financial letter, No. 2154, dated July 21st 1869, expressly for and during his performance of the duties attached to that extraordinary position. It is impossible to recognize this appointment as one of an ordinary or permanent nature, and my predecessor was therefore, I think right in deciding that Mr. Symonds, on vacating that appointment for an acting situation in the Jail department, reverted to the substantive appointment of Deputy Collector 4th Class, to which he stood gazetted. Regarding the position occupied in respect to salary by T. Venkata Charri, who succeeded Mr. W.A. Symonds as Special Assistant to the Collector of Tinnevelly, and who is drawing the salary allowed to Mr. Symonds but never formally sanctioned to his successor, I shall address you separately.

4 It will thus be seen that Mr. Symonds has, since April 1st 1871, drawn, and is now drawing

drawing, all the allowances to which the rules entitle him; and, until the Government give him either the occurrence of a vacancy permanent promotion either to one of the first three classes among which the Deputy Collectors are distributed, or to a Superintendentship of a Central Jail, or to some other appointment carrying higher pay than his present appointment, he cannot under existing rule draw any higher emoluments.

5 I beg to correct the misapprehension under which Mr Symonds seems from the latter portion of para 10 of his letter under remark, to be labouring. His position as regards the Leave rules contained in the Civil Leave Code cannot be affected by the decision of Government in the present case, inasmuch as one of the conditions precedent to the special admission of an Officer to the benefit of the more favourable leave rules is under section 1 (b) note 2 of the Civil Leave Code that he must have held substantively on the 3d January 1872 one of the Offices detailed in Schedule A

and

(Mr Symonds)

and this condition cannot in accordance with the views expressed in para 3 above be now fulfilled in Mr Symonds's case.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obedt Servant

W. Dowell

Offg Accountant General

Comptroller

Revenue 1877 Departt.

From No 4262.

The Accountt General

To The Secretary to Government Revenue Departt.

Dated 6th Octr 1877

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Date 29-11-77 No 6439.

Remarking on the representation of all Sygnands regarding his appointment as Head Assistant at Trincomalee and stating allowances as Superintendent of Sirutoe Lands.

Answered

Recd 29/11/77 Reply 30/11/77

Audit Department.

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No. 887

Fort Saint George,
Accountant General's Office,
31st October 1877.

From The ACCOUNTANT GENERAL
to the GOVERNMENT of MADRAS,

To The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department

Sir,

I have the honor to state that the Statement of Mr Symonds as regards Salaries in paragraphs 15 and 16 of his letter extract of which was received with your Memo etc 455 dated 26th October 1877 are correct & that the annual increment will under the rules now in force be Rupees 30 and not Rs 50 as stated by him.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your obedient Servant

L.R.P.G.
Accountant General.

Compd Audit

ACCT. GENL'S OFFICE MADRAS

Revenue 1877 Department.

No. 881

From The Accountant General, Madras,

To The Rev. Secy. to Govt.

Dated 31 Octr 77

Recd. 3/11

No. of answer.

Subject.

Stating that Mr. Symonds' statements ...

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Rev: Dept.

Memo. for Orders.

On letters from Inspector Genl. of Jails, dated 13th September 1877 No. 231, and from Accountant General, 31st October 1877 No. 881, } forwarding a letter from Mr. Symonds regarding Mr. Symonds pay & allowances.

There have been continuous efforts made to improve Mr. Symonds position & my impression is that his appt. as a D. Colr. was in order to give him a higher permanent post. When he was appt. acting in the Jail Dept. his post in the Settl. Dept. being temporary was practically vacated by him when he joined the Jail Dept.

I do not consider that the previously appt. was favourable to him.

The accompanying letter from Mr. Symonds, 4th Class Deputy Collector and Acting Superintendent Salem Jail is occupied with

(1) A history of certain "official mischances that have befallen" him.

(2) Suggestions as to how these may be remedied.

2. (1) The appointments held by Mr. Symonds since he entered the service of Government are shewn concisely in the following statement

Statement.

Office	Date of Appointment	Salary	
Revenue Settlement Department Probationary Asstt Director	April 1861	Rs 200	
Assistant of the 2nd Grade.	April 1862.	325.	
Special Asstt to the Collector of Tinnevelly.	January 1866	(a) 500	(a) With an allowance of Rs 2 per diem when actually engaged in travelling.
Deputy Collector of the 4th Class.	13th March 1866	250	
Ag: Supt. of the Central Jail at Trichinopoly	April 1871	(b) 366-10-8	(b) For 6 months the drew at the rate of Rs 600.
—Do— Central Jail at Salem.	May 1877	450.	

It will be seen that Mr. Symonds is now drawing Rs 50 per mensem less than he drew from January 1866 to April 1871 before he acted in the Jail Department. This arises from Mr. Symonds permanent appointment being that of a Deputy Collector of the 4th Class on a salary of only Rs 250.

There

Para 4 G.O. 19th Nov. 1868 No 2900.

Since writing the above I have had an opportunity of discussing the matter personally with the Major Collector now acting for his absence on leave. He is of opinion that Mr. Symonds is not fitted for Jail work and would be glad to get rid of him in the Settlement Department. Before doing so however the Council would like to have the opinion of the Inspector General of Jails.

G.O. 23rd Dec. 1868 No 3022.

There is nothing on record as to this appointment, but Mr. Symonds explains it was made to provide for him at a time when the abolition of the Settlement Department to which he belonged was contemplated.

In 1868 he applied to be readmitted to the Settlement Department. He was told that the consideration of this matter would be deferred for the present, as alterations might shortly be made in the working of the Settlement in Tinnevelly.

3. At that time this Order caused Mr. Symonds no inconvenience for he was granted pay at the rate of Rs 500 per

quarem

G.O. 17th June 1871, No 1079.

This is the question

I confess that I think the Accts Genl's argument that the appt was personal & individual has considerable force. I was not treated as a gazetted appt at the time & back pay was Recently Disallowed and Govt evidently contemplates to leave which we cannot do at present - again he went elsewhere (jail) the appt was not filled up as of a substantive Vacancy - On fact the nominal appt & A.C. Def Collr with actually don duty as Special asstt Revenue Dept - Seems to show the view the Govt entertained of the appt - The Ruling of 1871 was correct

amount (in arrears) for holding the post of Special Assistant to the Collector of Tinnevelly for Settlement purposes, but though his appointment was specially sanctioned by the Govt of India, he was never gazetted to it, and his substantive permanent post remained that of 4th Class Deputy Collector. Accordingly, when he was transferred to act in the Jail Departt his allowances were calculated with reference to the pay of his substantive post and not with reference to his last salary.

When Mr Symonds found this to be the case, he applied to have his account as permanent treated as permanent, but the Govt refused to make his case a special one.

4. Now when made an Deputy Collector on Rs 250 Mr Symonds actually held a substantive appointment in the Settlement Department on Rs pcs 325, so that owing to his not being retransferred to the Settlement Department, and owing to his post as Special Assistant being treated as temporary, he is now a district lower by the Depy Collr appointment which was apparently

apparently meant as a kind-
ness.

5. (2) To remedy his position
Mr. Symonds first suggests
that his application of 1871
to have his special Assistant
appointment treated as
permanent may now be
granted retrospectively. He
argues that this would ad-
mit him to the benefit of
the special leave rules and
improve his pension, but
as he himself notes the Spec-
al Assistants' appointment
has been filled up.

Moreover, Venkatachari
the present holder was
appointed to the appointment
and

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Short list of 4 pass
cases - the remedy lies
in promg Mr. S. to a 2d
Cl. Dep Coll. till he
can be transferred to
the Jail Dept. per contra
The case is hard &
merits deserve
Successive Govts.
The Solution sug-
gested by the Acct. Genl
the only possible one
Letter from Govt in
dep Cl. Class or
Dep Collr. Subs Appt
Still Pend

and Mr. Symonds never was.

6. Mr. Symonds then points out that promotion to the 3rd class of Deputy Collectors will be of little pecuniary advantage, and ends by suggesting that the Govt. should authorise the Accountant General to pass salary to him at the rate of a 2nd Class Deputy Collector the to do so in arrears. This is quite impossible without a special reference to the Govt. of India.

It may be considered that on the whole Mr. Symonds has received a fair average salary, but where the low salary of his permanent appointment will tell will be

be in his pension, for this will be calculated on his "average emoluments," and these words do not include Acting allowances.

Mr. Symonds has already served more than sixteen years, and unless he soon gets a confirmed appointment on a good salary, his pension will no doubt be seriously affected. Indeed, should he have to retire before he has held a higher paid post substantively for 5 years, he will now obtain a much smaller pension than the pay and position of the offices he has held would ordinarily entitle him to.

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8. The Accountant General has, on this letter, raised a question regarding Venkatachari's appointment, which he wants confirmed by the Govt of India on the ground that the salary drawn by him and hitherto passed was "specially and temporarily sanctioned to Mr. Symonds." There are grounds for contesting this view, and as the appointment can only last a few months longer, a draft order on the Accountant General's separate letter is prepared and circulated with this.

L.C.

E.C.

Memo for Orders
Mr. Symmes' pay
and allowances

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