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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

1st August 1878, No. 1,208.

Read the following paper :—

No. 1. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 24th May 1878, No. 1,408.

Read the following letters :—

From J. GROSE, Esq., Collector of Nellore, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 30th April 1878, No. 1,680.

THE Tahsildar of Rapur was ordered by his Divisional Officer, the Additional Sub-Collector, to appear before him once at Venkatagiri and on another occasion at Nellore to confer on certain public matters. He accordingly proceeded to those places and now submits bills for batta duly countersigned by the Additional Sub-Collector.

2. The places referred to are situated beyond the limits of the Tahsildar's range. As no order is forthcoming in this office sanctioning batta in such cases I submitted the question to the Accountant-General for orders. In reply, the Accountant-General states that the sanction of Government must be obtained before travelling allowance can be passed to the Tahsildar for proceeding beyond his jurisdiction on public duty.

3. I therefore request that the necessary sanction may be obtained for the disbursement of the travelling allowance in this case, and I take this opportunity to suggest that a general order may be obtained allowing payment of travelling allowances to Tahsildars, &c., when they proceed beyond the limits of their taluqs on public duty on the express order of their Divisional Officers.

From the same Officer, dated Nellore, 10th May 1878, No. 1,821.

M. RAGHAVULU NAIDU while Salt Superintendent of Gogulapalli was deputed by Mr. Sharp, the then Collector, to superintend the famine relief works in the Rapur Taluq. Subsequently to this return to salt duties, I found it necessary to direct him to attend the Additional Sub-Collector's Office to explain certain difficulties in the accounts rendered by him. He accordingly claims batta for travelling to and from his station. I have the honor therefore to request that the necessary sanction may be obtained for the payment of the batta (Rupees 12-12-0).

From D. BUICK, Esq., Acting Collector of Malabar, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Calicut, 3rd May 1878, No. 107.

I HAVE the honor to report, for the information of the Board of Revenue, that with the view to lessen, as far as possible, the risk of selling any of the abkari farms to unsuitable renters, I considered it advisable to call in for the sale on the 1st April last the Tahsildars of the various taluqs, and I now forward a bill for Rupees 79-12-0, being the expenses incurred by them on the occasion, and which I trust the Board will order to be paid. I considered it advisable to take this precaution because at the sale in 1875 the toddy farm of Calicut Taluq was sold to the highest bidder, a native, I am informed, of Negapatam, who had no property whatever in this district, and

taluk officials still denied batta, to equitable travelling allowances, or at the least to reimbursement of the *bona fide* expenses incurred by them when travelling on duty in Malabar. In other districts, Tahsildars may be able to travel through their taluqs at a trifling cost. It is otherwise in Malabar. In the Sub-division the rate of cart-hire which Tahsildars must pay equally with all other travellers is 4 Annas a mile; the rate for bearers is 1 Anna a man per mile, and the rate for ordinary coolies is 10 Pies per mile. In other districts a grateful peasantry are not unmindful of the bodily wants of Tahsildars, and are not neglectful of their comfort; but in Malabar the independent spirit of the people necessitates Tahsildars depending chiefly on their own arrangements. What a Tahsildar's expenses are I can best show by a case of frequent occurrence. If the Tahsildar of Kottayom visits the Teak plantation at Kanoth, sixteen miles from Tellicherry, it costs him Rupees 8 if he returns the same day; if he returns on the following day, he is out of pocket from Rupees 2 to Rupees 3 more; and, of course, if he halts for a longer time his expenses are still greater. In the southern portion of the district the cost of travelling is slightly less, but still comparatively high when compared with other districts. As a consequence few of the Tahsildars travel through their taluqs to any extent, and most of them make their increasing magisterial work and their loss by travelling their excuses for remaining almost entirely at their head-quarters. The office work of Tahsildars has so much increased of late years that they have not the leisure they once had for extended tours, but still more travelling might be done than is now attempted were they not certain it would be attended by heavy pecuniary sacrifices. The Board can do little at present, I fear, in the way of reducing the work, chiefly magisterial, which falls to Tahsildars, but they can remove the other obstacle to their itinerating by granting them a fair travelling allowance when on duty from head-quarters. And I trust the Board will be able to do so.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.--Bill.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government.

2. The Government have in their Order of 8th December 1871, No. 46, authorized Tahsildars to draw travelling allowance for journeys beyond their limits on duties connected with Local Fund Circles, and the Board are of opinion that the order may be extended to *all* journeys performed by Tahsildars, Deputy Tahsildars, Taluk Sheristadars, and Salt and Customs Superintendents beyond the limits of their taluqs or divisions whether on Local Fund or other duty. The allowance may be drawn in the shape of mileage at 4 Annas a mile or at the daily rates of batta allowed to officers of their class.

3. The Board are not prepared to recommend the grant of batta for journeys performed by Tahsildars and other taluk officers within their ranges as proposed by Mr. Buick, the amount of travelling involved in the appointments having been taken into consideration when the salaries were fixed.

(True Copies and Extract.)

J. Sturwell
Acting Sub-Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
Copy to all Collectors, with one enclosure, to be returned.

Exd. W. H. French.

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Proceedings of the Madras Govt

21 August 1878

Read Progs of the Board of Revenue dated 24 May 1878 No 1408 relative to the grant of travelling allowance to Tahsildars and certain other officials for journeys on duty performed by them, beyond their limits.

The Govt are of opinion that the proposal of the Board of Revenue in para 2 of the foregoing Proceedings is perfectly equitable, and they accordingly sanction it, on the understanding that the claim to travelling allowance is sanctioned by the order of

* The word here in the Board's order is "sanctioned". May this word be used, or may we say "claim to travelling allowance".

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BOARD OF REVENUE,
MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 24TH MAY 1878, No. 1408.

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No 1208-1 August 1878

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No. 1408.

Travelling Allowance.—Recommending that Tahsildars, Deputy Tahsildars, Taluk Sheristadars and Sult and Sea Customs Superintendents be allowed — for journeys performed by them beyond the limits of their taluqs or divisions whether on Local Fund or other duty.

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The divisional or superior officer, summoning the official beyond the limits of his taluk or division.

2. The application from Malabar, adverted to in para 3 of the Board's Profs, for the grant of travelling allowance for journeys within the taluk, ^{and} ~~which it is observed~~ ~~is not from the collector of the district,~~ is inadmissible.

Respectfully,
 J. P. M. S.

J. P. M. S.

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 & the Accountant General

W. M.

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Sanctioning grant of travelling
allowance to Tahsildars for journeys
beyond the limits of their
Taluk &c.

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The Sd. Officer has
ordered that Taluk should be
spelt so with a 'k' and
not Taluq with a 'q'.

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Dated 24 May

1878 No 1108.

FOR ORDERS.

On representations
made by the Collectors
of Villupuram and Malabar,
the Board suggest that
the order of 8 Decr 1877
No 46, which authorizes
Tahsildars to draw
travelling allowance for
journeys beyond their
limits in duties connected
with Local Fund affairs,
may be extended to all

I am inclined to
support the proposal.

25/7/77
General

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is perfectly right in
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The selection of Malabar also urges the right of Tahsildars, Deputy Tahsildars and Taluq Masters to travelling allowances, or to reimbursement of the bona fide expenses incurred by them; when travelling on duty in Malabar. He states that in other districts Tahsildars may be able to travel through their taluqs at a trifling cost, but that in Malabar it is otherwise; that as

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itinerating may be
removed, by granting them
a fair travelling allowance
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FOR ORDERS.

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Board do not recommend,
on the ground that the amount
of travelling involved in the
appointments had been taken
into consideration, when
the salaries were fixed.

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Respecting proposed fund
of travelling taken to take
for persons in duty
beyond the limits of their
stations &c.

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