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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

16th December 1878, No. 2,014.

Read the following paper :—

No. 167. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 29th November 1878, No. 3,204.

Read the following letter from L. C. PROBYN, Esq., Accountant-General, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Fort St. George, 12th November 1878, No. 6,244 :—

With reference to letter from Mr. Logan, Collector of Malabar (copy herewith), No. 1,477, dated the 30th ultimo, I have the honor to request that I may be supplied with a copy of the orders under which the system recognized as existing in Malabar and South Canara as per G.Os., 15th September 1859, No. 2,232, and 5th January 1876, No. 10, Revenue, has, as regards Malabar, been altered.

2. It appears to me that if any change was sanctioned—and the Collector of Malabar without the knowledge of the Board should not have altered the old established usage—this office should have been informed thereof; for up to the date of receipt of Mr. Logan's letter it was understood that the Revenue officers in Malabar were granted tentage, fixed and extra, without being required to certify that they maintained tents, on the ground that the district bungalows were kept in repair by them.

3. As circumstances have changed it is necessary that fresh orders be obtained from Government to guide this office in dealing with the claims to tentage preferred by Malabar Revenue officers.

4. I do not admit that Mr. Logan has authority for saying that under the Government Order of 29th June last it does not seem necessary that the Malabar Revenue officers should continue to maintain tents; but this is a point in which the Board will instruct Mr. Logan.

5. I beg the favor of a very early reply to this letter.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From W. LOGAN, Esq., Collector of Malabar, to L. C. PROBYN, Esq., Accountant-General, Madras, dated Calicut, 30th October 1878, No. 1,477.

With reference to your letter, No. 5,966, dated 24th October 1878, I have the honor to inform you that Revenue officers in this district do keep tents. It is true that the Government Order recently received (No. 990, dated 29th June 1878) does not seem to make it necessary to do so any longer; but under the previous G.O., No. 333, dated 16th February 1865, they were obliged to maintain a Subaltern's equipment at least. And this, in fact, I did do while on privilege leave recently.

2. The District Officer's Bungalow Fund is not now kept up.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) H. S. GROVES,
Asst. to the Accountant-General.

MR. LOGAN'S view that the recent Order of Government, dated 29th June 1878, No. 990, makes any change in the practice as regards maintenance by Revenue officers in Malabar and Canara of an equipment of tents is not correct. The orders on the subject are distinct, viz., that each officer shall provide himself with and maintain at least the minimum supply of tents prescribed by Government for Assistant Collectors, namely, a single-pole tent not less than 14 feet square, a Bechoba not less than 10 feet square, and an ordinary baggage tent. This decision was arrived at after some correspondence with the Collector of Malabar embodied in Board's Proceedings, dated 11th May 1865, No. 2,402, 12th June 1865, and 22nd December 1865, No. 8,294, copies of which will be furnished to the Accountant-General. This point escaped attention in prescribing the equipment to be maintained by Revenue officers (Proceedings, dated 20th August 1878, No. 2,344). A Standing Order will now be issued in which it will be distinctly laid down that it will suffice if each Revenue officer in Malabar and Canara, of whatever grade, maintains the equipment of tents prescribed for Assistant Collectors to entitle him to fixed tentage.

2. As regards *extra* tentage the Board think that the ordinary rules as recently revised under G.O., dated 5th January 1876, No. 10, suffice; where tents are not carried or sent out mileage for the march should be drawn in Canara and Malabar as elsewhere. There seems no reason why the condition of subscribing for the upkeep of bungalows should any longer be maintained as regards officers serving in Malabar and Canara under the altered terms of the travelling allowance rules.

3. A copy of these Proceedings will be submitted for the approval of Government.

(True Copies and Extract.)

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

No. 168. ORDER THEREON, 16th December 1878, No. 2,014.

Miscellaneous.

THE Board's Proceedings are approved; but as hill tents are likely to be those of most use in these districts,

the terms of the prescribed equipment should be altered so as to admit of one being kept in place of the 14 feet tent now ordered.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) L. A. CAMPBELL,
Under Secretary to Government.

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

Exd. A. F. Goodall.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

From A. C. BURNELL, Esq., Acting Head Assistant Collector, to G. A. BALLARD, Esq.,
Collector of Malabar, dated Palghat, 5th April 1865, No. 93.

1. With reference to your Memorandum of the 29th ultimo, No. 965, I beg to state that I have no tents. I am here allowed permanently extra tentage money, (on the average about 80 Rupees per mensem,) as I have to find a Cutcherry, and rent a Bungalow for that purpose. When I am about the Sub-Division on circuit, I either occupy a vacant Travellers' Bungalow, have huts built, or make arrangements to use what is called a Kalam, i. e., a sort of large barn, three or four of which at least are to be found in every square mile in this Sub-Division.
2. I have long desired to purchase tents, and have spared no trouble in endeavouring to find one, but hitherto without success. The only ones I have met with were quite worn out, and most of the travelling expenses were added to the cost. I have not been able to hear of new tents.
3. If it is necessary to keep tents in this District, (which I have always heard is not the case,) I beg to be allowed to purchase the necessary ones direct from the Government Stores.
4. I trust you will represent the great difficulty of keeping tents in this most destructive climate, and their uselessness for about nine months of the year.

The Board do not understand how fixed and extra tentage can ever be drawn by the Collector of Malabar and his Assistants under the circumstances stated. His proposals will, however, be taken into consideration when the replies to the Board's Circular have been received from other Districts.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Sub-Secretary.

To G. A. Ballard, Esq., Collector of Malabar,
with two original enclosures returned.

Exd. J. Wright.

Stating that the Collector's proposal to purchase tents from the Government Stores will be taken into consideration when replies have been received from other Districts to Board's Circular dated 27th February 1865, No. 1167.

No. 2,402

Dated 11th May 1865.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

No.

1865.

Department.

No. 2,165.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 12th June 1865.

Read the following letter from G. A. BALLARD, Esq., Collector of Malabar, to R. A. DALYELL, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Calicut, 16th May 1865, No. 85:—

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt this day of the Board's Proceedings noted.

Dated 11th May 1865, No. 2,402.

The impression may have been a mistaken one, but it has certainly been very general that it

was not incumbent on Officers in Malabar to keep tents; the tentage allowances being of the nature of travelling allowances, and certainly less than proportionate to the peculiar expenses of travelling in this District.

2. In their Proceedings under acknowledgment, the Board observe "that they do not understand how fixed and extra tentage can ever be drawn by the Collector of Malabar and his Assistants under the circumstances noted," and propose taking the matter into consideration hereafter; but I venture to point out that in the meantime my Assistants and myself will be in the unpleasant predicament of being without these allowances, or drawing them under doubtful pretensions.

3. I would, therefore, venture to request the submission of the question to Government, and I trust that the Board will not lose sight of, or fail to point out, the peculiar circumstances of Malabar, and recommend that if tentage allowances under that name are not sanctioned, adequate allowances will be sanctioned to meet the peculiar difficulties and expenses of travelling, which are certainly very much greater in this District than in any other in which I have served.

1. The Board do not see the necessity of submitting the question to Government at present. In their Order, dated 15th September 1859, No. 2,232, communicated to the Collectors of Malabar and Canara, it was ruled that Officers in the Department Public Works should be allowed the same latitude in regard to travelling allowance as was allowed in regard to tent allowance in the Revenue Department, viz., that "the actual use of tents may be dispensed with." Although the correspondence upon which that Order was passed went to show that all Revenue Officers both in Malabar and Canara were in the habit of keeping up a set of tents, though they were not often able to use them, the wording of it is, in the Board's opinion, sufficient to justify the Revenue Officer of these two Districts in dispensing with tents altogether.

2. As, however, at certain seasons of the year tents may be used with advantage, and as it is desirable that a Revenue Officer should have the means of visiting every portion of his Division without occupying the houses of private persons, the Board resolve to direct each of their nominated Revenue Officers of Malabar and South Canara to supply himself with a small Hill Tent if he does not possess any tents at present. The fixed and extra tentage will be passed as heretofore.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

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

To G. A. Ballard, Esq., Collector of Malabar.

Copy to W. M. Cadell, Esq., Collector of South Canara,
with copy of Board's Proceedings, 11th May 1865, No. 2,402.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

No. 3204.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.
Dated 29th November 1878.
Read the following:-

No. 6244.

From The Accountant General
to the Government of Madras.

To The Secretary to the
Board of Revenue.

Sir,
With reference to letter from Mr. Logan
Collector of Malabar (copy herewith) No. 4477 dated
the 30th ultimo I have the honor to request that
I may be supplied with a copy of the order under
which the system recognized as existing in Malabar
& South Canara as per G.O. 15th September 1859 No.
2232 and 5th January 1876 No. 10 Revenue. has, as
regards Malabar been altered.

2.
It appears to me that if any change
was sanctioned, (and the Collector of Malabar
thinks the knowledge of the Board should
not have altered the old established usage,)
this office should have been ^{informed} thereof for up to
the date of receipt of Mr. Logan's letter it was

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated 12th June 1865.

No. 3,165.

Stating that there is no necessity for sub-
mitting to Government the question raised re-
specting the use of tents in Malabar, directing
each of the Covenanted Revenue Officers in that
District and South Canara to procure at least
a small Hill Tent, and observing that fixed and
extra tentage will be passed as heretofore.

understand that the Revenue Officers in Malabar were granted Tentage fixed and extra without being required to certify that they maintained Tents on the ground that the District Bungalows were kept in repair by them.

3. As circumstances have changed it is necessary that fresh orders be obtained from Government to guide this Office in dealing with the claims to Tentage prepared by Malabar Revenue Officers.

4. I do not admit that Mr. Logan has authority for saying that under the G.O. of 29th June last it does not seem necessary that the Malabar Revenue Officers should continue to maintain Tents; but this is a point in which the Board will instruct Mr. Logan.

5. I beg the favor of a very early reply to this letter.

For Mr. Logan,
Secty. Chuli Office
12th Novr. 1878

I have &c
(Sd) L. C. Probyn
Accountant General

No. 1477.

From
To
W. Logan Esquire
Collector of Malabar, Calicut.

L. C. Probyn Esquire
Accountant General, Madras.

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5966 dated 24th October 1878 I have the honor to inform you that Revenue Officers in this District do keep tents. It is true that the G.O. recently received (No. 990 dated 29th June 1878) does not seem to make it necessary to do so any longer, but under the previous G.O. No. 338 dated 16th February 1865, they were obliged to maintain a subaltern's equipment at least. And this in fact I did do while on privilege leave recently.

The District Officer's bungalow fund is not now kept up.

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Calicut 30th October 1878 } (Sd) W. Logan
Collector

(True Cpy)

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Asstt. to the Asstt. Comr.

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/ True Copies & Extract /

C. L. C. M.
As Secretary

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1865 N^o 2402 & 12th June 1865 N^o 3165.

W. L. C. M.
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