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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, *22nd March* 1876.

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

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

No. 206. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 4th February 1876,
No. 350.

Read the following letter from A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 31st December 1875, No. 2.

Copy of Mr. Macgregor's letter No. 166, of 17th December 1875.

In reply to Official Memorandum No. 170, Revenue Department, forwarded to me with the Board's Miscellaneous Proceedings, No. 11,100, of 14th December 1875, I have the honor to state that Mr. A. M. MacGregor's head-quarters having been changed from Erode (Southern Division) to Sattiamungalum (Northern Division) in January last, 1875, he has not yet built any accommodation at the latter place, while at the former he rented the former travellers' bungalow as a residence at the usual charge, and drew office allowance at Rupees 60 for a small shed erected in the compound, the value of which I suppose was under Rupees 200.

2. The question now before Government is the office allowance to be drawn by Mr. MacGregor at Sattiamungalum until an office is built?

3. I understand he contemplates building a thatched hut, but intends asking leave to reside at Coimbatore from February till "burst of monsoon," *i.e.*, June or July; whether this will be allowed is for the Government consideration.

Revenue Board's Proceedings, No. 3,264, of 1st December 1875.

4. The allowance of Rupees 6 per diem for travelling and halts in the above ghaut, Collegal Taluq, has been passed by the Board of Revenue; the question is the allowance for residence at the head-quarters of the division at Sattiamungalum cusbah.

5. I presume that a temporary thatched shed will not exceed Rupees 500 to Rupees 700, and Rupees 60 per mensem office allowance will be Rupees 720 per annum.

6. There is a Local Fund bungalow which was occupied by a former Assistant Collector, Mr. C. A. Bird, when in charge of the division at Sattiamungalum, for which the charge is Annas 8 per diem for a single person, and Annas 12 for a married couple.

7. Mr. MacGregor requests that the allowance, whatever it may be, may be made a *personal* allowance, to be drawn, I presume, continuously, without reference to his residence in his division.

8. The Board of Revenue have not countenanced this proposition, and I do not think it, for the interest of the public service, that it should be drawn, except when residing within his division; it being a great inconvenience to the people to come distances from 100 to 50 miles to Coimbatore to attend his office when held there.

9. As regards Mr. MaGcregor's objections to the rental for the Erode bungalow*, which he valued at Rs. 1,500, —*vide* paragraph 3 of his letter printed with Revenue Board's Proceedings, No. 3,088, of 11th November 1875, which the Government have noticed in paragraph 2 of their memorandum now under reply, I have the honor to annex an extract of a letter from the Superintending Engineer, No. 203, of 21st December 1875.

"The value of the travellers' bungalow, &c., at Erode is Rs. 5,550,† and that the monthly rental chargeable thereon at 6 per cent. per annum is Rupees 27-12-0."

	RS.
† Bungalow	5,000
Cook-house	400
Stable	150
Total ...	5,550

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* *Note.*—This travellers' bungalow was sold to and re-purchased from the Railway Company for Rupees 1,500, but the value given by the Superintending Engineer is probably the estimated valuation of the structure.

Enclosure No. 1.

From A. MacGREGOR, Esq., Deputy Collector, Northern Division, Coimbatore, to A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, dated 17th December 1875, No. 166.

With reference to your endorsement, No. 1,380, dated 16th instant, on Official Memorandum, No. 170, dated 11th ultimo, from the Secretary to Government, I have the honor to point out that Government are evidently under the impression that my head-quarters are still at Erode, whereas I was transferred to Sattiamungalum on the 1st January last.

2. I presume, therefore, the information regarding Erode can scarcely now be necessary.

3. With regard, however, to Sattiamungalum, I may remark that as my office allowance has been withheld during the last six months, I thought it inadvisable to erect any building until the matter was settled.

4. My chief object in making the reference was to obtain a *personal allowance* instead of a daily one dependent on your countersignature.

5. Virtually, I only drew Rupees 30 per mensem at Erode, as the allowance of Rupees 60 was dependent on my paying Rupees 30 per mensem, house-rent, to Government. I merely mentioned the house-rent to show that my former allowance was a *monthly* one.

6. I think my fears of stoppages are well founded, for I may mention the fact of my double batta sanctioned by Government, having been withheld on account of your objections for nearly three months, though I had just had a most expensive trip to Collegal; and I should have been unable to draw it, had not the Board directed that the batta should be passed.

7. I have lately been dependent on my tents, as I did not wish to expend money till this matter was settled; but I shall certainly build, if an allowance be granted me; and I trust that Government will be pleased to grant me such fixed sum as they consider fair, and that they will kindly make it a personal allowance to be drawn monthly.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) A. H. T. MARTINDALE,
For Collector.

SUBMITTED to Government with reference to the Revenue Secretary's Official Memorandum, dated 29th November 1875, No. 170.

2. Mr. MacGregor's head-quarters are at Sattiamungalum. In their Order of the 5th August 1875, No. 1,177, Government sanctioned the grant of an office allowance of Rupees 60 per mensem similar to that sanctioned in G.O., dated 14th October 1873, No. 1,106, for the provision of office accommodation at Erode. At the latter place, Mr. MacGregor erected a shed estimated to cost not more than Rupees 200; at the former, he has not as yet made any provision for his office establishment. It is not stated how his office is accommodated, or in what building he lives. Mr. MacGregor now claims the office allowance as a personal allowance payable whether he is present at or absent from head-quarters, and it appears that he drew it continuously whilst he was stationed at Erode. The Board having disallowed the claim in their Proceedings of 20th September 1875, No. 2,629, Mr. MacGregor has appealed to Government; but during the periods of his absence from head-quarters, Mr. Macgregor draws travelling allowance at the rate of Rupees 3* per diem when travelling in that portion of his division which is situated below the ghauts, and Rs. 6† when travelling in the hill tracts. The Board do not consider that with his small establishment which probably accompanies him on his tours he is entitled to office allowance during his absence from head-quarters, and the claim is opposed to paragraph 11, Standing Order No. 379.

* G.O., dated 23rd August 1872, No. 1,246.

† G.O., dated 11th September 1875, No. 1,355.

3. Mr. MacGregor also wishes to be allowed to reside in Coimbatore from February till the burst of the south-west monsoon. The Board have already in their Proceedings of 1st December 1875, No. 3,264, informed the Collector that it rests with him to give or withhold his consent, but that Mr. MacGregor cannot be permitted to draw travelling allowance for halts at Coimbatore in excess of a fortnight's duration; the limit in regard to halts not applying to Deputy Collectors ordinarily. The Board are also of opinion that Mr. MacGregor should not be allowed to draw office allowance at Coimbatore, if his establishment can be accommodated in the Collector's Cutcherry.

(True Copies and Extract.)

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

No. 207. From A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to D. F. CARMICHAEL, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated 7th March 1876, No. 17.

How the Deputy Collector was accommodated.

IN reply to your memorandum, No. 28, of 29th February 1876, I have the honor to state that the former Deputy Collector's *Office* at Sattiamungalum consisted of an upper-room above the taluq cutcherry, but this is reported to be out of repair.

In what building he lived.

2. Mr. MacGregor has since left the district, but it is understood that while at Sattiamungalum he occupied the Local Fund bungalow there at a fee of 12 Annas per day.

Time spent at head-quarters.

3. He appears to have during twelve months passed forty-four days at the head-quarter of Sattiamungalum.

Whether a shed is the only satisfactory way of providing accommodation.

4. The satisfactory way of providing office-accommodation for the Deputy Collector, Northern Division, is to build an office for that purpose; but the preparation of an estimate is in abeyance, pending the modification of the standard plan, *vide* G.O., No. 1,976, of 9th September 1875, Judicial Department, communicated to me with Revenue Board's Proceedings, No. 9,290, of 13th October 1875. It is not a satisfactory arrangement to construct a temporary shed for such purpose.

Remarks.

5. It would be better for the people of the Northern Division that the Deputy Collector's head-quarters should be in the Sattiamungalum Taluq than at cusbah Collegal, which is at the extreme north-west end of that taluq, and would entail a long journey on the people of the most important taluq of the Northern Division. When a new office for the Deputy Collector, Northern Division, is sanctioned, it might be advisable to select a less hot and more healthy position in the Sattiamungalum Taluq than the cusbah itself; for instance, it might be advisable to build the office on the right bank rather than on the left bank of the Bhowany near Sattiamungalum, or the rising and important village of Gopichettypolliem, distance 16 miles therefrom, might be selected.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
22nd March 1876.

No. 208.

ORDER THEREON, 22nd March 1876, No. 402.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government concur in the Board's decision as regards Mr. MacGregor's office allowance. They consider that Sattiamungalum should be the head-quarters of the Northern Deputy Collector, Coimbatore, and that an office should be built there for the use of that officer. The Public Works Department will have plan and estimate prepared for the work.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Public Works Department.

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To

The BOARD OF REVENUE,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated March, 22nd.

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G.O., 22nd March 1876, No. 402.

MARCH.

Nos. 205—208.

Office Allowance of Deputy Collector Mr. MacGregor of Coimbatore.—Concurring in the decision of the Board of Revenue regarding the—; considering that Sattiamungalum should be the head-quarters of the Northern Deputy Collector of Coimbatore; and directing the preparation of a plan and estimate for an office there.

No. 2,629.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 20th September 1875.

Read the following letter from A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 27th August 1875, No. 261 :—

* Coming to [illegible] August 1875 [illegible] 1177

WITH reference to Revenue Board's Miscellaneous Proceedings, No. 7,316 of 12th and No. 7,606 of 20th August 1875, as Mr. MacGregor still requires a final order from the Board of Revenue regarding his office allowance, two letters written on the subject are forwarded.

2. I believe it is his view that this office allowance should be paid to him monthly irrespective of whether he is in his division or not or whether drawing other travelling allowance at the same time.

3. When residing at Coimbatore for his personal comfort I do not consider he has a claim to an allowance granted to him on account of not having a proper office in his division.

4. According to Rule 11, Circular Order, Board of Revenue, No. 379, officers not having offices provided for them continue to draw the allowance on return to their head quarters.

5. I do not appreciate the purport of the reference, but, as it has been made, forward it to the Board in view to the matter being set finally at rest.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From A. M. MACGREGOR, Esq., Deputy Collector, Northern Division, to A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, dated 20th August 1875, No. 101.

WITH reference to Board's Proceedings, No. 7,316, dated 12th instant, I respectfully submit a summary of the whole correspondence on the subject, and will feel obliged by your forwarding it to the Board.

2. In your letter, No. 114, dated 24th April last, you recommended my being allowed to draw office allowance as my office was unfit for use, and I have since informed you that part of it has fallen down.

3. When I requested to be permitted to draw this allowance when at Coimbatore, you considered that I was not entitled to do so; but, on a reference to the Board, they ruled that "extra tentage" could be drawn during my stay at Coimbatore if I was there on duty, which point the Collector must decide. To prevent any further correspondence on the subject, I have never since claimed *any* allowance while at Coimbatore, but it appears to me that the Board have been misled by calling the office allowance recommended both by yourself and the Board for the sanction of Government "extra tentage."

4. To lay it more clearly, therefore, before the Board I will call my actual travelling allowances "batta," and the allowance of Rupees 60 for provision of a temporary office "office allowance."

5. For the time I was travelling in my division I submitted one bill for batta and one for office allowance. My batta bill you passed, but you considered I was not entitled to draw office allowance also, and called this allowance "extra tentage."

6. I may remark that I drew this allowance uninterruptedly while at Erode, and no reference on any of these points was apparently then considered necessary.

7. I would respectfully submit for the consideration of the Board whether this office allowance is not a personal allowance, which cannot be stopped except when I am on leave.

8. If I am merely to draw "office allowance" while actually resident at the head quarters of my division and to have it stopped directly I travel about in my division, it will, of course, be impossible for me to provide temporary accommodation as it would be a dead loss to me.

9. Again, when I submitted my bill for office allowance, the Treasury Deputy Collector considered that I should sign a certificate declaring that I had been in my division the whole time I drew for.

10. It appears to me that this is tantamount to throwing doubts on the correctness of my bills, and I trust I have never yet given cause for any such doubts to exist.

11. In the Government Order it is distinctly asked whether this allowance is to be the same as that allowed to me at Erode, which the Board have answered in the affirmative, but at present it is not so, for it is so tied down that it is next to impossible for me to draw a pie of it.

12. I trust, therefore, that the Board will be pleased kindly to give a final order on the following points, for I believe the words "extra tentage" have misled them :—

1stly.—Can I draw the office allowance of Rupees 60 per mensem recommended for sanction anywhere and for any time that I may be on duty irrespective of my drawing batta, or am I only to draw for the number of days actually spent at the head quarters of my division?

2ndly.—Is my office allowance bill to be countersigned by the Collector?

3rdly.—Am I to be required to assert that I merely draw for the time actually spent in my division, or can my bill be taken on trust like all others and as heretofore has invariably been done?

13. I trust the Board will excuse me for thus trespassing on their time, but it appears to me that these points must be finally settled.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

From A. M. MACGREGOR, Esq., Deputy Collector, Northern Division, to A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, dated 25th August 1875, No. 105.

I HAVE just received Government Order, No. 1,177, dated 5th instant, which seems to me clearly to settle about my office allowance, nor is any condition mentioned; it is merely a continuation of the allowance made to me at Erode, which I drew monthly.

2. I think this is the more clear from the Board cancelling their idea of allowing me Rs. 2 per diem and requesting that allowance of Rupees 60 "per mensem" be granted me, and the Government Order distinctly sanctions the continuation of the allowance of Rupees 60 per mensem sanctioned for me while I was at Erode, and, as you never considered it necessary to raise any doubts as to how or when this allowance was to be drawn, I trust you will kindly allow me to draw the allowance as of old as sanctioned by Government.

3. Should you agree with me and you have not sent my letter, No. 101, dated 20th instant, to the Board, I beg that I may be permitted to withdraw it; but, should you still consider that I am not entitled to draw the allowance as sanctioned for me and drawn when at Erode, I shall feel obliged by your forwarding this letter with my letter, No. 101, dated 20th instant, to the Board for orders.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) A. WEDDERBURN,
Collector.

MR. MACGREGOR is not entitled to office allowance during absence from head quarters (*vide* paragraph 11, Standing Order No. 379), and the fact that he was permitted to draw it continuously during his residence at Erode merely shows that audit was defective probably owing to the office allowance and batta having been drawn on separate bills. During absence from head quarters on duty Mr. MacGregor is entitled to batta as already stated in Board's Miscellaneous Proceedings, dated 2nd July 1875, No. 5,996. The Board consider that an allowance at the rate of Rupees 60 per mensem for such periods as Mr. MacGregor resides at the head quarters of his division is sufficient to enable him to provide the requisite accommodation for his office.

2. The office allowance bill, like all other contingent bills, must be countersigned by the Collector, but the certificate stated to be required by the Treasury Deputy Collector is not necessary.

(True Copies and Extract.)

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

To the Collector of Coimbatore.

Exd. J. W. Fischer.

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Board of Revenue,

MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 20TH SEPTEMBER 1875, No. 2,629.

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SEPTEMBER.

No. 2,629.

Office Allowance.—Orders passed on letter from Collector of Coimbatore regarding claim of Mr. MacGregor, Deputy Collector of the district, to — during his absence from head quarters.

R.B. [illegible]

Read the following letter —

No. 3,088.

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Copy to the Collector of Coimbatore.

No. 402

Read also Colr's letter d/ 7 March/76 No 17

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G.O. 5 Aug/75 No. 39-40.

Exd. W. H. French.

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Board of Revenue,

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PROCEEDINGS, 11TH NOVEMBER 1875, No. 3,088.

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No. 402 - 22 March 1876

NOVEMBER.

No. 3,088.

Office Allowance.—Submitting to Government letter from Mr. MacGregor, Deputy Collector of Coimbatore, requesting that the 60 Rupees sanctioned in G.O., 5th August 1875, No. 1,177, as — may be granted to him as personal allowance irrespective of his remaining at head-quarters.

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No. 3,264.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 1st December 1875.

Read the following letter from A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 28th October 1875, No. 362:—

1 Letter from Mr. MacGregor, No. 136, of 19th October 1875.
1 Extra Tentage Bill.
1 Memorandum, No 1,128, of 15th October 1875.

I HAVE the honor to forward a letter from Mr. A. M. MacGregor, Deputy-Collector, Northern Division, No. 136, of 19th October 1875, requesting that the special travelling rate recommended by me for marching over the hilly tract between the two towns of his division should be continued to him when residing in the town of Collegal.

Vide G.O., No. 1,355, of 11th September 1875, Revenue Department, with Board's Miscellaneous No. 8,801, of 28th September 1875.

2. I recommended the double marching batta on account of the expense of travelling *on the jungle road*; but the town of Collegal is in the plain country, and no special marching expenses are incurred while there residing, and in receipt of the ordinary batta.

3. I doubt whether a Deputy-Collector can be entitled to draw a travelling allowance equal to a Sub-Collector when residing at one of the towns of his division. The late division officer drew no such allowance.

4. Mr. MacGregor will be entitled to the double batta when really travelling through the hilly tracts of Collegal between the stations as per paragraph 2, G.O., 19th January 1875, No. 109, Revenue Department, but it was never meant to recommend that such an allowance should be continued during the whole of his residence in the Collegal Town, and when not marching.

Vide G.O., No. 237, of 13th February 1875, R. D., with Board's Miscellaneous No. 57-1,420, of 22nd February 1875.

5. As regards the point whether Rupees 6 per day covers expenses when marching, the Collector, who must take a large establishment with him, gets Rupees 7 per diem, and the increased allowance when travelling in hilly tracts was refused by the Board and Government.

6. So it appears that actual charges are not defrayed, but an allowance is given for providing an office when absent from head-quarters.

7. As regards Collegal being an out-of-the-way and neglected taluq, I have visited it and travelled all through it several times, and the late Deputy-Collector did not neglect it, but resided the whole year within his division.

8. In reference to my permission to Mr. MacGregor to reside for his own comfort for five and-a-half months out of nine (January to September 1875) at Coimbatore, I am not aware how such indulgence can be construed into a claim to charge travelling batta for that object.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to A. M. MACGREGOR, Esq., Deputy-Collector, Northern Division, dated Coimbatore, 15th October 1875, No. 1,128.

His travelling allowance bill for September last for Rupees 138, dated 9th October 1875.

As Mr. MacGregor was not on duty at Coimbatore his bill for rejoining his division seems invalid. The double batta is for *travelling* in the hilly country between Suttiamungalum and

Collegal, and not for *residence* at Collegal; nine days will be passed; a revised bill should be sent.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) A. WEDDERBURN,
Collector.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

From A. M. MACGREGOR, Esq., Deputy-Collector, Northern Division, to A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, dated Camp Collegal, 19th October 1875, No. 136.

I HAVE the honor to request you will be good enough to forward to Government copy of your memorandum, No. 1,128, dated 15th instant, and this appeal.

Batta Bill for September enclosed.

2. You state that Government Order, No. 1,355, dated 11th September, merely allows me to draw double batta while "travelling in the hilly country between Suttiamungalum and Collegal," but this is not stated in the order.

3. The Board mention the "hill tracts of this division," and I believe Collegal Taluq has hithertofore been considered part of the hill tract.

4. I moreover distinctly mentioned Collegal Taluq in my application; you did not disapprove of it, nor did the Board, and I feel convinced that Government intended Collegal Taluq to be included in the hill tracts of my division.

5. Travelling in Collegal Taluq, which is three parts jungle and hills, is just as expensive and difficult as on the hills you mention.

6. Again, you evidently define the march "travelling" to mean actual marches, not halts; but I cannot think that such a meaning was intended, as at this rate *no travelling* allowance could be drawn for halts.

7. That I am here on duty cannot, I presume, be denied. Cholera broke out, and you placed money at my disposal to make sanitary arrangements, and cholera has not yet left the town.

8. You have placed roads under my charge, and only the other day by memorandum requested me to see that the money was expended and the roads kept in good order. I am doing so and have also been to Sivanasamoodram for the same purpose; and, as the Tahsildar here declares he has never made or repaired a road in his life, I am obliged personally to supervise the work.

9. You will, I think, scarcely say that living in a town where cholera is rife, and being constantly out supervising road-making, can be deemed pleasure.

10. It cannot be imagined that Rupees 6 per diem for marches only could cover expenses, and it is only by means of halts of course within the limit of time allowed in Board's Proceedings, No. 379-4,* dated 14th October 1867, that the difference can be made up; the full time allowed for halting is, of course, rarely availed of.

Standing Order No. 42-67.

11. I merely mention these facts to show that I am here *on duty*, let alone the advisability of the division officer remaining some time in an out-of-the-way and neglected taluq like this.

12. You also state that as I was not on duty at Coimbatore, you decline to pay me batta for the journey back to my division.

13. I now beg to lay this case before Government, and trust I may receive a favorable reply.

14. In January last when I was transferred from my division at Erode you advised me to reside at Coimbatore, as it was impossible for me to live at Suttiamungalum, where it was impossible to get a house, and the place was excessively feverish during certain months.

15. In March when I returned to Coimbatore for a few days after a bout of fever you disallowed my railway fare, because you said I did not come in on duty; and on this representation the Board concurred in your retrenchment.

16. I do not think it can be said I have abused your kindness. January I had charge of the Treasury. February and March I spent in my division, and returned with a bad attack of fever. In June I went to Collegal and returned in July. September I left for my divison where I am still, and intend remaining, if health permits, till February next.

17. In order, therefore, to set this question at rest, I must now throw myself on the mercy of Government, and request that they will be plased to allow me to reside at Coimbatore from March till the burst of the south-west monsoon, as these months are most unhealthy in this division; moreover, it is impossible to get a house to live in during these intensely hot months.

18. I have never asked for such a privilege before. I was some years at Erode and scarcely ever went to Coimbatore; but this division during those months is certain to prostrate me again with fever.

19. To sum up the whole, therefore, of this lengthy epistle, I respectfully beg that Government will be pleased to define whether "travelling" includes halts as well as marches, whether Collegal Taluq is included in the hill tracts of this division referred to in G. O., No. 1,355, dated 11th September 1875, in which I am to draw double batta, and whether I may be permitted to reside during the very unhealthy months, *viz.*, from March to the burst of the south-west monsoon at Coimbatore. I have never attempted to draw batta while at Coimbatore, but merely for my ordinary travelling allowance to and fro.

20. In conclusion, I trust Government will not consider that I have made this reference in a spirit of opposition, but merely with a view of obtaining these matters finally set at rest. It is most unpleasant to me, but I have no other means of redress against what I cannot help feeling an injustice.

ENCLOSURE No. 3.—Extra Tentage Bill.

THE Board consider it unnecessary to refer this matter for the decision of Government. Collegal is above the ghaut and comes fairly within the designation of hill tract. When recommending the increased rate of travelling allowance it was the Board's intention to include travelling within the Collegal Taluq. The limit in regard to halts does not apply to Deputy-Collectors who under G.O., dated 3rd March 1860, No. 340, are entitled to draw travelling allowance for the whole period of their absence from their head-quarters on duty.

2. As regards Mr. MacGregor's request to be allowed to reside for certain months in the year at Coimbatore, it must rest with the Collector to give or withhold his consent at his discretion. If Mr. MacGregor was allowed to remain at Coimbatore on duty, the Board consider that he is entitled to charge travelling batta for rejoining his head-quarters, but in future Mr. MacGregor cannot be permitted to draw travelling allowance for halts at Coimbatore in excess of a fortnight's duration, the concession being for his own comfort and convenience.

(True Copies and Extract.)

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

To the Collector of Coimbatore, with extra Tentage Bill,
and Deputy Collector's original letter returned.

Exd. W. J. Lewis.

1875.

Board of Revenue,

MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 1ST DECEMBER 1875, No. 3,264.

Encl.

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Received

DECEMBER.

No. 3,264.

MacGregor, Mr.—Deputy-Collector of Coin batore.—Passing orders on application of ~ requesting that certain special travelling ra recommended to be granted to him may e continued to him when residing in Collegal Tow, and that he be allowed to reside at Coimbatoe for certain months in the year.

No. 350.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 4th February 1876.

Read the following letter from A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 31st December 1875, No. 2 :—

Copy of Mr. Macgregor's letter No. 166, of 17th December 1875.

IN reply to Official Memorandum No. 170, Revenue Department, forwarded to me with the Board's Miscellaneous Proceedings, No. 11,100, of 14th December 1875, I have the honor to state that Mr. A. M. Macgregor's head-quarters having been changed from Erode (Southern Division) to Sattimungalum (Northern Division) in January last, 1875, he has not yet built any accommodation at the latter place, while at the former he rented the former travellers' bungalow as a residence at the usual charge, and drew office allowance at Rupees 60 for a small shed erected in the compound, the value of which I suppose was under Rupees 200.

2. The question now before Government, is the office allowance to be drawn by Mr. Macgregor at Sattimungalum until an office is built?

3. I understand he contemplates building a thatched hut, but intends asking leave to reside at Coimbatore from February till "burst of monsoon," *i.e.*, June or July; whether this will be allowed, is for the Government consideration.

Revenue Board's Proceedings, No. 3,264, of 1st December 1875.

4. The allowance of Rupees 6 per diem for travelling and halts in the above ghaut, Collegal Taluq, has been passed by the Board of Revenue; the question is the allowance for residence at the head-quarters of the division at Sattimungalum cusbah.

5. I presume that a temporary thatched shed will not exceed Rupees 500 to Rupees 700, and Rupees 60 per mensem office allowance will be Rupees 720 per annum.

6. There is a Local Fund bungalow which was occupied by a former Assistant Collector, Mr. C. A. Bird, when in charge of the division at Sattimungalum, for which the charge is Annas 8 per diem for a single person, and Annas 12 for a married couple.

7. Mr. Macgregor requests that the allowance, whatever it may be, may be made a *personal* allowance, to be drawn, I presume, continuously, without reference to his residence in his division.

8. The Board of Revenue have not countenanced this proposition, and I do not think it for the interest of the public service that it should be drawn, except when esiding within his division; it being a great inconvenience to the people to come distances from 100 to 50 miles to Coimbatore to attend his office when held there.

9. As regards Mr. Macgregor's objections to the rental for the Erode bungalow*, which he valued at Rs. 1,500, —*vide* paragraph 3 of his letter printed with Revenue Board's Proceedings, No. 3,08[illegible], of 11th November 1875, which the Government have noticed in para-

Note.—This travellers' bungalow was sold to, and re-purchased from, the Railway Company for Rupees 1,500, but the value given by the Superintending Engineer is probably the estimated valuation of the structure.

graph 2 of their memorandum now under reply, I have the honor to annex an extract of a letter from the Superintending Engineer, No. 203, of 21st December 1875.

	RS.
*Bungalow	
Cook-house	5,000
Stable	400
	150
Total ...	5,550

"The value of the travellers' bungalow, &c., at Erode is Rs. 5,550,* and that the monthly rental chargeable thereon at 6 per cent. per annum is Rupees 27-12-0."

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From A. MACGREGOR, Esq., Deputy Collector, Northern Division, Coimbatore, to A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, dated 17th December 1875, No. 166.

WITH reference to your endorsement, No. 1,380, dated 16th instant, on Official Memorandum, No. 170, dated 11th ultimo, from the Secretary to Government, I have the honor to point out that Government are evidently under the impression that my head-quarters are still at Erode, whereas I was transferred to Sattiamungalum on the 1st January last.

2. I presume, therefore, the information regarding Erode can scarcely now be necessary.

3. With regard, however, to Sattiamungalum, I may remark that as my office allowance has been withheld during the last six months, I thought it inadvisable to erect any building until the matter was settled.

4. My chief object in making the reference was to obtain a *personal allowance* instead of a daily one dependent on your countersignature.

5. Virtually, I only drew Rupees 30 per mensem at Erode, as the allowance of Rupees 60 was dependent on my paying Rupees 30 per mensem, house-rent, to Government. I merely mentioned the house-rent to show that my former allowance was a *monthly* one.

6. I think my fears of stoppages are well founded, for I may mention the fact of my double batta sanctioned by Government, having been withheld on account of your objections for nearly three months, though I had just had a most expensive trip to Collegal; and I should have been unable to draw it, had not the Board directed that the batta should be passed.

7. I have lately been dependant on my tents, as I did not wish to expend money till this matter was settled; but I shall certainly build, if an allowance be granted me; and I trust that Government will be pleased to grant me such fixed sum as they consider fair, and that they will kindly make it a personal allowance to be drawn monthly.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) A. H. T. MARTINDALE,
for Collector.

SUBMITTED to Government with reference to the Revenue Secretary's Official Memorandum, dated 29th November 1875, No. 170.

2. Mr. Macgregor's head-quarters are at Sattiamungalum. In their Order of the 5th August 1875, No. 1,177, Government sanctioned the grant of an office allowance of Rupees 60 per mensem similar to that sanctioned in G.O., dated 14th October 1873, No. 1,106, for the provision of office accommodation at Erode. At the latter place, Mr. Macgregor erected a shed estimated to cost not more than Rupees 200; at the former, he has not as yet made any provision for his office establishment. It is not stated how his office is accommodated, or in what building he lives. Mr. Macgregor now claims the office allowance as a personal allowance payable whether he is present at or absent from head-quarters, and it appears that he drew it continuously whilst he was stationed at Erode. The

Board having disallowed the claim in their Proceedings of 20th September 1875, No. 2,629, Mr. Macgregor has appealed to Government; but during the periods of his absence from head-quarters, Mr. Macgregor draws travelling allowance at the rate of Rupees 3* per diem when travelling in that portion of his division which is situated below the ghauts, and Rs. 6† when travelling in the hill tracts. The Board do not consider that with his small establishment which probably accompanies him on his tours he is entitled to office allowance during his absence from head-quarters, and the claim is opposed to paragraph 11, Standing Order No. 379.

* G.O., dated 23rd August 1872, No. 1,2[illegible]6.

† G.O., dated 11th September 1875, No. 1,355.

3. Mr. Macgregor also wishes to be allowed to reside in Coimbatore from February till the burst of the south-west monsoon. The Board have already in their Proceedings of 1st December 1875, No. 3,264, informed the Collector that it rests with him to give or withhold his consent, but that Mr. Macgregor cannot be permitted to draw travelling allowance for halts at Coimbatore in excess of a fortnight's duration; the limit in regard to halts not applying to Deputy Collectors ordinarily. The Board are also of opinion that Mr. Macgregor should not be allowed to draw office allowance at Coimbatore, if his establishment can be accommodated in the Collector's Cutcherry.

(True Copies and Extract.)

Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with copy of Board's Proceedings, dated 1st December 1875, No. [illegible]

Copy to the Collector of Coimbatore.

Exd. W. H. French.

20 23 Aug/72 Rs 200 - 201
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14 Oct/73 - 115 - 40
5 Aug/75 - 39 - 108
11 Sep/75 - 107 -

No 650

Revenue 1876. Depts

Board of Revenue,
MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 4TH FEBRUARY 1876, No. 350

Depts 14 Feby/76

Encl.

G.O. No. 402 - 22 March 1876

Received 15th Feby/76

FEBRUARY.
No. 350.

Macgregor Mr.—Deputy Collector, Coimb tore District.—Submitting to Government, wit Board's remarks, Collector's letter reportin on the claim of — to office allowance wheth he is present at or absent from head-quarters.

No 206

c 10 March/76 No 13

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

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No. 991

From Coll. of Coimbatore Dated 7 March 1876.

FOR ORDERS.

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Mr Macgregor has not earned the special al low. claimed. I think the Bd's decision right. Sattyamangalam [illegible] the right head quarters of the Northern Dept Coll but he will [illegible]

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FOR ORDERS.

Dy. Collr. Mr. MacGregor
Office Allowance

Memorandum.

Board's Pro: d/ 4 Feby/76 No 350
also do do. 11 Novr/75 No 3085

Mr. MacGregor, Deputy Collr. Coimbatore when in charge of the Erode division was allowed a fixed monthly allowance of Rs 60 for providing office accommodation* at Erode on the condition of his paying Rs 30 monthly for occupying the Travellers Bungalow which is a Govt. building. Vide G.O. 14 October 1875 No 1106. On Mr. MacGregor's transfer to the Sattiamangalam Division, Govt. ordered the continuance of the allowance vide G.O. 5 August 1875 No 1177. Subsequently in their Pro: 12 Augt/75 The Board of Revenue at the instance of the Collector ruled with reference to their Standing order No 379 ⊗ para 11. that the Office allowance was payable

* This accommodation was valued at Rs 200.

at 12 as a day he paid
Rs 22/8.0 a month

Vide also further Proceedings 20 Sept 1875

⊗ Para 11
"Sub-Collectors & other subordinate officers in separate charge who are not provided with public accommodation for their Cutcherries, shall also draw extra.

only when the Officer resided at the chief station of the Division. Thus the fixed allowance of Rs 60 per mensem has been reduced to a daily rate of 2 Rs per diem for days the Deputy Collr remained at Sattiamungalum — Mr. Macgregor appeals against this decision & seeks to have the office allowance treated as a personal allowance to be drawn permanently wherever he may be. He relies on the indulgence granted when he was at Erode; the office allowance having been then treated as a fixed allowance although there was a partial set off against it to the extent of Rs 20* the rent paid for the Govt. Bungalow —

Mr Macgregor enjoys already certain special advantages

1. The higher rate of travelling allowance at Rs 3 instead of Rs 2 as per G.O. 23rd Augt 1872 No 1246.
2. The exceptional rate of Rs 6 per diem when travelling in the hill tracts as per G.O. 11 Sept. 1875

in cases when they are residing at the chief station of their divisions if they provide suitable accommodation for their establishment in their own or in a convenient building"

Note. The standing ord No 379 seems to relate only to covenanted civil officers —

*Note. This rent was not far in excess of that chargeable on the valuation made by the D.P.W. —

3 Permission to reside in Coimbatore from February till the burst of the S.W. monsoon in June or July, if the Collector approves of his doing so — vide para 3 of Bd's Pro: of 4 Feby 1876 No 350 —

On the whole the stay of the Deputy Collector at Sattiamungalam cannot exceed three or four months in the year if the last named arrangement is to hold good. Under these circumstances it has to be decided whether a fixed personal allowance can be granted as claimed — The Collector proposes the construction of a temporary shed (thatched) at a cost not exceeding Rs 700 & ~~[illegible]~~ states that there is a local Bungalow at Sattiamangalam occupied formerly by the Assistant Collr in charge of the division. It is not stated how the Deputy Collector's office is now accommodated or in what building he lives —

He is now reported to reside here only 44 days in the year

The Collector now wants a pucka building —

We must know this before we can decide — also how long Mr McG passes the year at Satty

Mr C — [illegible]

SR. 19-2-76

Mr Macgregor Deputy Collector — his office attendance

Vide Off. Demi Off. d. 28 &
29 Feb 1876

C 28 Feb/76. Rd 29 Feb/76.

Revenue Department

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Miscellaneous No. 5996

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
Dated 2d July 1875

Read the following:—

No. 55

From
A. M. MacGregor Esquire
Deputy Collector
Northern Division

To
A. Wedderburn Esquire
Collector of
Coimbatore

Sir,

With reference to your Demi Official letter of yesterday stating that you do not consider that the Board will sanction my drawing the Extra tentage sanctioned in Board's Proceedings No. 4764 dated 31st May 1875 when out

out of my division, I have the honor to request you will be good enough to refer the matter for the orders of the Board, as they certainly do not say that I am not to do so, in their Proceedings, and I cannot think it was their intention thus virtually to fine me Rs 2 for every day I may be at Coimbatore. I may come to Coimbatore for a Local Fund meeting or as must shortly happen, I may have to proceed via Bangalore to Collegal for Jamabundy, on account of the Extreme unhealthiness of the Hassanoor Hills at this time of the year

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year, and for this through no fault of mine my allowance, you consider, must be stopped.

2. I am further led to suppose that your view is incorrect, because though I drew this allowance while at Erode, no such proviso was made, and why this should now be considered necessary I cannot see.

3. I beg therefore you will kindly forward this letter to the Board, who, I trust, will consider this very hard proviso unnecessary and allow me to draw it as I did before

before my transfer to this division.

I have &c.

Northern Division
Dy Collector's Office
Coimbatore
7th June 1875 } (Sigd) A. M. MacGregor
Dy Collector

(True Copy)

Forwarded as requested to the Board of Revenue with the Correspondence referred to.

2. The Extra tent allowance which was sanctioned at Erode, was in consequence of the Deputy Collector not having an office at his head quarters and the same when transferred to Sattiamangalam.

3. It seems to be applicable to an officer living within his division, and not out of it.

Coimbatore
Collector's Office
10th June 1875 } (Sigd) A. Wedderburn
Collector

To
The Ag Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Madras

When an Officer is absent from his Head Quarters para 11 of Standing Order No. 379 does not apply. Deputy Collectors are, however, entitled to travelling allowance when absent from their divisions on duty without restriction as to the duration of their halts, and it has been ruled that officers are entitled to Extra tentage even when they halt at the Collectors Head Quarters on on duty. It follows that Mr MacGregor is entitled to the allowance during his stay at Coimbatore provided he is there on duty, a point which the Collector must decide.

(True Copy & Extract)

(Sigd) C. A. Galton
Ag Sub Secretary

To The Collector of
Coimbatore

(True Copy)

C A Galton
Ag Sub Secretary

Enclosure in Bd's
Pro: dated 11th November
1875 No. 3088 to the
Secretary to Govern-
-ment Revenue
Department.

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Copy of Bd's
Pro: dated 27
July 1875 Mis:
No. 5996.

22/3/76 – No. 402

Revenue Department

23A

Miscellaneous No. 7316

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
Dated 12th August 1875

Read the following:–

No. 233

From,
A. Wedderburn Esquire
Collector of
Coimbatore

To,
H. E. Stokes Esquire
Acting Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Madras

Sir,

A claim having been made by Mr Deputy Collector A. M. MacGregor for "office" as well as "travel-ling allowance" when in his division I beg the Board will decide whether this is permissible

So

To my view the one or other, may be drawn but not both together.

I have &c

Coimbatore
Collector's Office
28th July 1875

(Sigd) A. Wedderburn
Collector

The Collector is referred to para 11 Standing Order No. 379 under which allowances for the provision of office accommodation are payable only when the officers are residing at the Chief Station of their Division.

(True Copy & Extract)

(Sigd) C. A. Galton
Ag Sub Secretary

To The Collector of Coimbatore

(True Copy)

C A Galton
Ag Sub Secretary

Enclosure in Bd's
Pro: dated 14th
November 1875
No. 3088 to the
Secretary to Govt
Revenue Deptt.

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Copy of Bd's
Pro: dated 12th August
1875 Mis: No. 7316.

G.O. 22 March/76 No. 402

22/3/76 - No. 402

No. 17. Coimbatore Collector's Office
Coimbatore 7th March 1876

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From,

A. Wedderburn Esqre.,
Collector of Coimbatore—

To,

D. F. Carmichael Esqre.,
Secretary to Government, Revenue
Department, Fort Saint George—

Sir,

How the Dy. Collector was accommodated—

In reply to your Memo No. 28 of 29th February 1876, I have the honor to state that the former Deputy Collector's Office at Suttyamungalum consisted of an upper room above the Taluq Cutcherry, but this is reported to be out of repair—

In what building he lived—

2. Mr. Mac-Gregor has since left the district—but it is understood that while at Suttyamungalum, he occupied the Local Fund Bungalow there at a fee of 12 annas per day—

= 22.8.0 pm

Time spent at Head quarters

3. He appears to have during

12 months, passed 44 days at the Head Quarter of Suttyamungalum -

[illegible] near

4 The satisfactory way of providing office accommodation for the Deputy Collector, Northern Division, is to build an office for that purpose, but the preparation of an estimate is in abeyance pending the modification of the standard plan, Vide G. O. No. 1976 of 9th September 1875, J. D. communicated to me with Revenue Boards Proceedings No. 9,290 of 13th October 1875 - It is not a satisfactory arrangement to construct a temporary shed for such purpose -

Whether a shed is the only satisfactory way of providing accommodation

5 It would be better for the people of the Northern Division that the Deputy Collector's Head quarters should be in the Suttyamungalum Talug than at cusbah Collegal, which is at the extreme North west end of that Talug, and would entail a long journey on the people of the most important Talug of the Northern Division. When a new office for the Deputy Collector, Northern Division, is sanctioned, it might be advisable to select a less hot and more healthy position, in the Suttyamungalum Talug, than the cusbah itself -, for instance it might be advisable to build the office on the right bank, rather than on the left bank, of the Bhowany near Suttyamungalum, or the rising and important Village of Gopichetty pollium distance 16 miles therefrom might be selected -

Remarks

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant

Collector -

29th September/75 No 1974 Mis
G.O. No 650/76
G.O. 4503/75

No 207

10 March/76 No 18

[illegible] 1876 [illegible]

From No 991
The Collector
of Coimbatore

To The Secretary to Govern-
-ment
Revenue Department

Dated 7th } March 1876.
Recd 8th }

No 17.

Submitting the information called for in Memo No 78 of 29th Feby 1876, as to the Collr's Office at Sathyamangalam.

For orders. J.

G.O. No 402 - 22 March 1876

Note. The Collector [illegible] the replies to the enquiries [illegible] by the Hon'ble Sir W. Robinson [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] jail at Coimbatore [illegible] [illegible] required as to [illegible] allowance [illegible] [illegible]