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No. 224. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel R. H. BEDDOME, Conservator of Forests, to the Honorable D. F. CARMICHAEL, Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Ootacamund, 26th February 1876, No. 273 :—

I HAVE the honor to inform you that by a rule in force in this Presidency Deputy Conservators and Assistant Conservators, if Military men, draw 8 Annas per mile by road and 3 Annas by rail when travelling on duty beyond their ranges; but the same men, if Uncovenanted or engaged under special covenant, only draw 4 Annas a mile by road and $1\frac{1}{2}$ Annas by rail. In other parts of India, all officers of the controlling grade in the Forest Department draw the higher rates when travelling. This rule, however, does not appear to have been communicated to this Government, and I would suggest that the Supreme Government should be addressed on the subject.

2. I wish, at the same time, to request Government to again take into consideration the question of the Conservator's travelling allowance. It is now fixed* at 150

* G.O., 22nd February 1875, No. 275.

Rs. per mensem with mileage (exactly what is drawn by my most junior deputies)†, or

† *Vide* G.O., No. 1,673, 13th December 1872.

200 Rs. per mensem without mileage.

This is so inadequate, as Government have remarked in their Order, No. 399, of the 7th April 1873, and certain to put me so much out of pocket on my actual travelling expenses as it did at the end of 1873, just before I left on furlough, that I trust I may be excused for again bringing it forward.

The 200 per mensem may keep me up a travelling establishment, but it cannot cover my constant rail-journeys which have increased much lately owing to the fuel reserves and plantations which have been undertaken by my department in every district along the lines of railway.

3. For very many years the head of this department drew (like the heads of some other departments) an allowance of Rs. 10 per diem, *plus* mileage; but when my pay was raised to Rs. 1,200 from Rs. 1,000, the travelling allowance was reduced from Rs. 10 per diem to Rs. 200 per mensem, and subsequently the mileage was disallowed, so that I now find myself, as regards emoluments, in about exactly the same position as when I first took up the post of Conservator in 1860 as a Lieutenant. This is surely a very hard case when the Secretary of State authorised our being put on the same footing as our contemporaries in Bengal. All our deputies have had their pay raised to something approximating the Bengal rates, and this Government have supported‡ my claim to a rise which was

‡ *Vide* G.O., 15th January 1874, No. 63.

disallowed, partly because I was an

Inspector instead of Conservator, and partly because Lord Napier had, when in Bengal (and when probably quite unaware of all the facts of the case as explained in my letter recorded in G.O., No. 175, of the 10th February 1874) fixed my salary at Rs. 1,200.

4. I find that Captain Campbell Walker was put much out of pocket by the new order of no mileage, and that this Government passed some of his bills for mileage in addition to the fixed travelling allowance (*vide* G.O., No. 771, of 23rd June 1874.)

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

No. 225.

ORDER THEREON, 22nd June 1876, No. 832.

Forests, No. 10.

THE Government are not willing to re-open the question concerning the travelling allowance to the Conservator; the Government of India having fully considered and disposed of it.

2. In regard to Uncovenanted Deputy and Assistant Conservators, the Government consider that their travelling allowance, when on duty beyond their range, should be placed on the same footing as that of Military officers holding similar appointments. The Government of India will be addressed accordingly; and their sanction requested for granting the higher rates to all Deputy and Assistant Conservators in the same way as was done in the case of officers of the Survey Department similarly situated.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Conservator of Forests,
„ the Board of Revenue.

Govt. of 1876 Madras.
REVENUE.

To
The CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated June, 22nd.

Recd.

Encl.

G.O., 22nd June 1870, No. 532.

JUNE.

Nos. 224-225.

Travelling Allowance to the Conservator of Forests.—Expressing unwillingness to re-open the question concerning the — for the reason stated; considering that the travelling allowance to Uncommissioned Deputy and Assistant Conservators when on duty beyond their range should be placed on the same footing as that of Military officers holding similar appointments; and observing that the Government of India will be addressed accordingly.



REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No. 904

From

Cons. of Forests

Dated 26 February 1876.

FOR ORDERS.

I do not think I am unwilling to re-open the question concerning the matter in question again. 16/3 MS

care - but not up - the cases mentioned

in para 1

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I do not re-open the matter at present. 16/3

FOR ORDERS.

*Forest Officers
travelling allowance*

904

No. 273.

From

*Office of Conservator of Forests.
St. 2nd Cotacamund 26th February 1876.*

*Lth Colonel R. H. Beddome
Conservator of Forests.*

To,

*The Honorable L^g. F. Carmichael
Secretary to Government
R. L^g.*

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1875 No. 275.

* Vide G.O. 1673
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We have urged the hardship
often - is it any case re-opening
the case?

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Most Obedt. Servant,

Robert Anderson Esq. Colonel
Conservator of Forests.

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John H. Department

No 904

The Conservator of

Forest.

The Secretary to Govt.

P.O.

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No 273

Enclosed find

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with order

Submits certain suggestions

regarding travelling allowances

of the Rev. Mr. R. C. C. C.

Conservator of Forest and suggests

that he may be recd from you

bringing it forward for

consideration

No 10

No 822

The Government are not willing to
 reopen his question concerning the
 setting allowance for his Conservator;
 his Govt. have having "considered" it
 already.

In regard to his application for
 increase, his Govt. cannot give their
 travelling allowance when on duty he
 goes with his family as he has no other
 leave for his wife and children's expenses
 except during his absence from the
 Conservator's duties.

The Govt. of India with the approval
 accordingly; his Govt. have suggested
 for providing his higher rates will
 be paid to his family when he is
 absent from his duties.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
 Yours, Sir,
 22nd June 1876

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