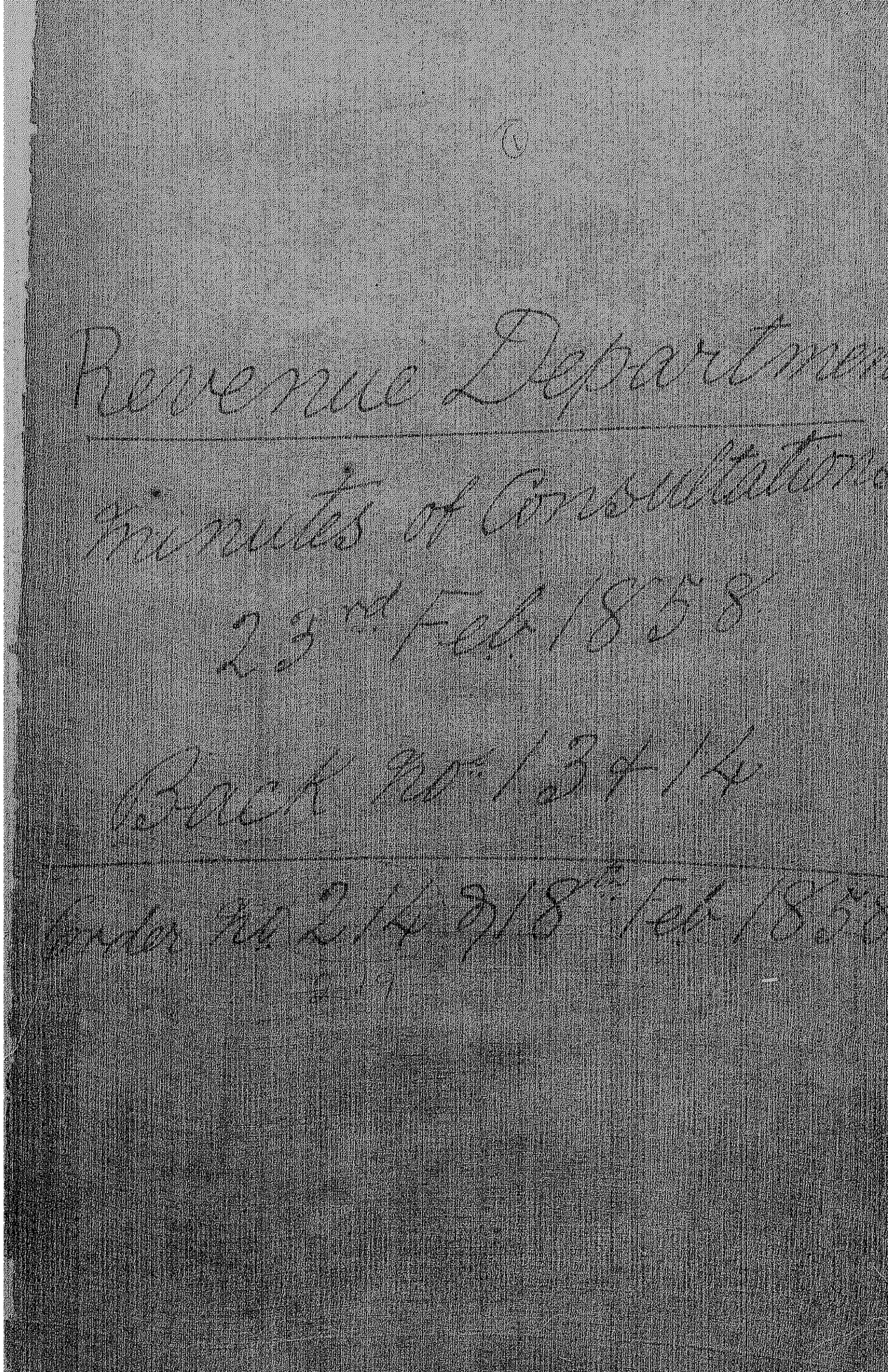


Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 23d February 1858.

No. 13. Read the following letter from H. CLEGHORN, Esq., M. D. Conservator of Forests; to the Secretary to Government Revenue Department Fort St. George; dated Madras 23rd January 1858, No. 268.

SIR,

With reference to the enclosed Petition of the Head Clerk of this office soliciting the disbursement of travelling allowance, I venture again to bring the matter before Government, and to solicit a reconsideration of the decision, recorded in Extract Minutes of Consultation No. 290, of 25th March 1857.

In my late tour, I afforded every assistance to Mr. Spring by giving him a seat in my conveyance, but in places where travelling was difficult, and my movements rapid, both the Clerk and Draughtsman were left several days behind. I would respectfully urge that the prayer of the petition seems to be reasonable, and I hope that a sum of (say) 4 annas per mile may be allowed to the Clerk and Draughtsman for the distance actually travelled, it being desirable that they should be in attendance. My own duties will be greatly impeded by their being left behind, and Government will lose their services.

In my original sketch of the requirements of the department, it did not occur to me to make this recommendation, but the experience gained in my late tour convinces me that to retain the services of efficient subordinates, it is necessary that their actual expenses should be defrayed.

To the Right Honorable GEORGE FRANCIS ROBERT Lord HARRIS, Governor in Council &c. &c. &c. Fort St. George.

The humble Memorial of Thomas Spring, Head Clerk of the office of the Conservator of Forests.

MOST RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH.

That your Memorialist was in March last directed to accompany the Conservator of Forests on his tour of inspection of the Forests in the Western portion of this Presidency. That your Memorialist was accordingly absent from the Presidency for eight months from 14th March to 13th November last, and has traversed a distance in all of 1,897 miles. He proceeded from this to Bangalore, thence to Mangalore on the Western Coast and Northerly to Sedasheger and Dharwar. Your Memorialist then journeyed Southerly to Toomkoor and Bangalore, to Mysore, Neilgherries, the Anamallay Forests, Palghaut and Calicut. Retraced his course to the Neilgherries and thence through Mysore and Bangalore to the Presidency.

In his journeys your Memorialist endured a more than usually heavy share of the perils, hardships and privations incident to travel in this country, from the rapidity of his passage, as your Lordship will perceive from the space traversed in the short period mentioned, and from his route having lain in directions not only not usually frequented but specially avoided by travellers, penetrating through dismal pestiferous jungly tracts.

Your Memorialist was in consequence put to great expense. His family having remained behind, the ordinary expenses of his household were hence still incurred, the great expense of travelling therefore was additional to his usual outlay when remaining at the Presidency. Your Memorialist has not received any allowance to cover the necessary expences of travelling, and thus the salary of Rupees 100 per mensem assigned to him for the performance of the ordinary duties of his office, has been all that he has received during the whole period of his absence on tour.

Your Memorialist begs respectfully to represent that in every department of the administration of the Government, public officers receive compensation for the expense and inconvenience they are subjected to when required to move from station to station in the discharge of their public duties.

Your Lordship will perceive from the distance, time and tract of country traversed as stated above, that the expense and discomfort of travelling are greater in your Memorialist's case than in that of any other public establishment under Government. Your Memorialist therefore respectfully solicits that Your Lordship in Council will be pleased to direct his receiving such suitable travelling allowance as to Your Lordship might seem fit, and your Memorialist as in duty bound will ever pray.

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No. 14. Dated, ditto, No. 219; dated 18th February 1858.

The Conservator of forests submits, and supports with his recommendation, a memorial from his head Writer, praying for the grant of travelling allowance, in compensation for the expense incurred by him in accompanying his superior in his recent tour through the western provinces of the Presidency. The Conservator however asks for travelling allowance, not only for his head writer but for his draughtsman also; and he recommends a mileage of 4 annas for the distance actually traversed, but he does not state what that distance was. In a previous communication, he recommended that such portions of paras. 4 and 5 of General Orders dated 3d February 1857, No. 39, to apply to Executive Engineers and Overseers in the D. P. W. should be extended to the Assistant Conservators and Overseers in the Forest Department, inclusive of the head writer; but the Government disallowed the application on the ground that it was not contemplated by Dr. Cleghorn himself, in proposing his establishment, that these officers should receive compensation for travelling; his expressed opinion being that "no travelling allowance should be given on the ground that the appointments were necessarily not of a stationary character."

Ex. Mint. Cons. 3rd March 1857, No. 30, to *Ex. Mint. Cons.* 23rd idem, No. 750.

2. In the case of the head writer and draughtsman, as now brought before them, the Government however see special grounds for giving compensation for the expense to which they must have been put, in accompanying the Conservator, contrary perhaps to the terms on which they took office; for it is to be observed that Dr. Cleghorn, in proposing the establishment of the forest conservancy, appears to have contemplated the retention of the head writer and draughtsman at Head quarters; for to the former, he stated, that the records, library, and herbarium, were to be entrusted during his own absence, and he specially asked for the services of a second writer and draughtsman to accompany him in his tours. The Government would call the attention of the Conservator to his letter of the 9th August 1856.

4. From Mr. Spring's statements, he appears to have travelled for a period of eight months, through several Districts, and over very nearly nineteen hundred miles. It is to be presumed that the draughtsman did the same, and that both incurred *expense*. The Government believe that these servants are, as a special case, entitled to compensation; but they cannot *grant it at* the rate allowed to the *subordinate* executives of the P. W. D. viz. Rupees 1-8-0 per diem. The head writer and draughtsman more properly come under the rule applicable to the Office establishments of the P. W. D.; and as it has been recently* ordered that servants of this class should draw travelling allowance, when on circuit, to the extent of three-tenths of their salaries, the Government authorize the Civil Auditor to pass to the head writer and draughtsman of the Conservator of Forests, a travelling allowance to the extent of three-tenths the salary of each, for the period they were actually absent on duty from Madras.

* *Ex. Mint. Cons.* 30th July 1857, No. 1480.

(Signed) H. FORBES,
Acting Secretary to Government.

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I have the honor to be,

Your Most Obedient Servant

J. Clerk

Commander of Troops

An Act

for the Relief of Thomas
George Farmer Robert
Lord Thomas
Governor in Council
Geo Geo Geo
Lord Lord Lord

for the Remedy of Thomas
Lord Lord of the
Office of the Conservator of Forests

Most respectfully Sheweth

That from a Memorandum sent
in March last directed to accompany the
Conservator of Forests on his tour of inspection
of the Forests on the Western portion of that
Presidency - That from Memorandum dated
accordingly absent from the Presidency for
eight months from 15th March to 15th November
last, and that traveled a distance of
all of 1892 miles - After proceeding from
this to Bangalore, thence to Mangalore
on the Western Coast and proceeding to
Tellicherry and Cannanore - from thence
proceeded

Justices of the Peace for the County of Lancaster to be
appointed Coroners for the said County of Lancaster
in the room and stead of the said Coroners
so removed from their Offices and Qualified
as by Law required and that the said
Justices of the Peace for the said County
of Lancaster may be empowered and
required to hold Inquests upon the Bodies
of persons dying suddenly or by violence
within the said County of Lancaster
and to do all other matters and things
which to the Office of Coroner do
appertain and belong

And your Memorialists further
represent to your Honourable Body that
the County of Lancaster is very large
and extensive and that many persons
do travel on the Public Roads in the
said County from the remote parts
of the same to the Town of Lancaster
and that your Memorialists humbly
conceive that the Office of Coroner
for the said County cannot be duly
executed unless the Coroner for the
time being shall reside in the Town
of Lancaster or within a short
distance thereof and that the Coroner
for the time being cannot reside
there unless he receive a Salary
adequate to the support of himself
and family in that Town and that
the Fees of Office are not sufficient
for that purpose

And your Memorialists further
represent to your Honourable Body that
the Office of Coroner for the said County
of Lancaster has been vacant for
upwards of Six months and that
no Coroner has been appointed during the whole period
of the above mentioned time

Your Memorialists therefore humbly pray that
your Honourable Body will be pleased
to direct that a Salary adequate to the
support of the Coroner for the time being
of the County of Lancaster may be
granted to the Coroner for the said County
and that your Honourable Body will be pleased
to direct the necessary steps to be taken
for the appointment of a Coroner for the said
County of Lancaster

And your Memorialists as in duty bound
will ever pray &c

Henry Shippen Jr. Esq. Clerk
Assistant to the Speaker of the

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