

Revenue Department

Minutes of Consultations.

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No. 6. From G. S. FORBES, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department; dated Fort Saint George 25th March 1858, No. 1073.

SIR,

With reference to Extract Minutes Consultation dated 12th February 1858, No. 187, Revenue Department, I am directed by the Board of Revenue to submit for the information of Government the correspondence entered in the margin, from which it will be seen after due consideration, the tentage allowance of Collectors in unsettled Districts was fixed at the rate of 25 Star Pagodas, and in settled Districts at 20 Pagodas a month. Subsequently, the tentage allowance of Collectors of settled and unsettled Districts was fixed at 87½ Rupees per month. It does not appear upon what data this sum was fixed, but the expenses incidental to keeping a set of tents in a state of efficiency and paying the establishment which this mode of travelling obliges a Collector to maintain at all times, form the Board think a sufficient basis for judging of the suitableness of the allowance. It has been generally admitted that the allowance does not cover the expenses incurred.

Pro. to Govt. 29th Sep. 1814.
From Do. 18th in Cons. 24th Oct. 1814, R. D.

From Govt. 20th March in Cons. 17th May 1849, R. D. No. 274.
Vide C. O. B. Vol. page 491.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue; dated the 29th September 1814.

To Govt. 29th Oct. 1812 in Cons. 29th do.
From Govt. 6th Nov. 1812 in Cons. 9th do.
To Govt. 18th Nov. 1812 in Dy. Cons. 19th do.
From Govt. 8th Dec. 1812 in Cons. 14th do.
To Govt. 24th May 1813 in Dy. Cons. 27th do.
From Govt. 8th June 1813 in Cons. 10th do.

The Board having experienced considerable difficulty in regulating the tent allowance to be drawn by Collectors and their Assistants, as authorized in the Proceedings noted in the margin and sanctioned by Government, have been induced to revise the instructions under which tent allowance is now drawn.

Under the existing rules tent allowance is drawn by Collectors in Districts of which the revenue is not permanently fixed at the rate of 69 Star Pagodas per month. In Districts of which the revenue is permanently settled at 50 Star Pagodas per month Assistant Collectors draw 25 Star Pagodas per month in the first mentioned Districts, and none in the latter unless when specially employed. The allowances of Collectors are drawn in arrear on a statement of the period which the Collector has actually resided in tents and the extent of the tours made in his District. The allowances to Assistants under recent orders is paid monthly.

It sometimes happens that Collectors from various causes are prevented making circuits of equal length or duration with those made by other Collectors, and instances have occurred where the Collector has not been absent from the Huzzoor Station at any period of the year. Although during the whole year he may have possessed tents and kept up some part of his travelling equipage.

The difficulty under these circumstances, has been to ascertain what amount of tent allowance would be an adequate remuneration for the expenses actually incurred by Collectors while residing in tents, and for the wear and tear of tents. With every desire on the part of the Board to decide impartially on the claims of individuals, the task has been rendered extremely embarrassing from the different view under which the several Collectors bring their claims before the Board.

It is satisfactory however to the Board to be enabled to state that the allowances granted for the last year or Fusly 1223, A. D. 1813-14, has not in any case been granted except to Collectors who have actually been resident in tents and moving about their District at some period of the year; but it being desirable that the Board should possess a more defined rule for their guidance, and that Collectors should receive a fair remuneration for the extra expenses incurred in supporting a travelling establishment, the Board resolve to recommend that the Right Honorable

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* மு. ப. எ. கைப்பாட்டம்
* கைப்பாட்டம்

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the Governor in Council will be pleased to sanction the following rates of tent allowance from the commencement of Fusly 1224 to be drawn under the annexed rules.

To Collectors of Districts of which the revenue is not permanently settled.

1. That all Collectors of Districts of which the revenue is not permanently settled shall receive twenty-five Star Pagodas per month for the wear and tear of tents and support of a tent establishment.

2. That Collectors of such Districts shall draw in addition to the above allowance at the rate of one and a half Pagoda per diem during the period such Collectors may be *actually residing in tents* employed on the public service.

3. That Assistants to Collectors of such Districts shall draw a fixed allowance of twelve Pagodas per month, and an extra allowance of three quarters of a Pagoda per day during the period they may actually reside in tents employed in the public service.

Collectors of Districts of which the revenue is permanently settled.

4. That Collectors of Districts of which the revenue is wholly or in part settled shall be allowed twenty Pagodas per month for the wear and tear of tents.

5. That a Collector of a District of which the revenue is wholly or in part settled shall be allowed to draw during the period he has actually resided in tents and moved about the District on the public service, the sum of one Pagoda per day.

6. That Assistants to Collectors of the settled Districts shall draw the same tent allowance as Assistants to Collectors of unsettled Districts under the same conditions, provided it shall be considered that their services in the Districts are necessary, and a special reference be made to the Board before the allowance is drawn.

7. That all Collectors drawing tent allowance shall furnish quarterly a certificate of the number and size of tents which they possess fit for use.

8. That as cases have occurred, and may again occur where the duties of Collector in Districts of which the revenue is partly permanently settled and partly under leases or otherwise may require a much longer residence in tents, and more tents than in other permanently settled Districts, a discretionary authority be vested in the Board to grant the superior allowances to Collectors so situated, but in such cases only.

The Board have reason to believe that these proposed rules for regulating the tent allowance to Collectors and Assistants so far from increasing, the past charges under this head will have the effect of reducing the actual expense while security will be afforded that the allowance shall not lapse into a sinecure or actual addition to the fixed emoluments of office.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. HANBARY, *Secretary.*

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

To the President and Members of the Board of Revenue.

GENTLEMEN,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your Secretary's letter of the 7th Instant, with its enclosures, and to inform you that the Right Honorable the Governor in Council approves of the rules therein submitted, respecting the tent allowance of Collectors and their Assistants, but conceives that under the orders of the Court of Directors the sanction of Government will be necessary, when the Board of Revenue shall consider the Collector of a settled District to be entitled to the superior rate of tent allowance, which the present general sanction enables Collectors of unsettled Districts only to draw. The new mode of regulating tent allowance will take effect from the commencement of the present Fusly.

FORT SAINT GEORGE, }
18th October 1814. }

(Signed) D. HILL,

Secretary to Government.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) G. S. FORBES, *Secretary.*

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Ordered in consequence that the following letter be despatched.

No. 7. From H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George; to H. RICKETTS, Esq., Commissioner for the Revision of Civil Salaries and Establishments throughout India; dated Fort St. George 14th April 1858, No. 482.

SIR,

With reference to your letter of the 2d December last, No. 1349, I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to forward the accompanying copy of a letter from the Board of Revenue, together with its enclosure, relative to the tentage allowance drawn by the Collectors of this Presidency.

2. The Government remark that the allowance now in question was doubtless intended to reimburse the Revenue officers for the original cost of, as well as for keeping up, their tents.

(Signed) H. FORBES,

Acting Secretary to Government.

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From G. S. FORBES, Esq.,
Secretary to the Board of Revenue.
To H. FORBES, Esq.,
Acting Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department.

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REVENUE BOARD OFFICE,
Fort Saint George,
25th March 1853.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Handwritten signature

Handwritten signature
Secretary.

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue Dated the 29th September 1812

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as authorized in the Proceedings noted in the Margin and sanctioned by Government, have been induced to revise the instructions under which Tent allowance is now drawn.

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In Com. 10th Dec. 1813

To Govt. 10th January 1814
In Com. 20th Dec. 1813
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From the Secretary to the Board of Revenue
To the Secretary to the Government
Revenue Department

Dated 25th March 1813
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Submitting with the Board's remarks for the information of Government. An enclosure on the subject of the Tentage at Bangalore by Collector.

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It is satisfactory however to the Board to be enabled to state that the allowances granted for the last year or July 1223 A.D. 1813/14 has not

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6. That Assistants to Collectors of the Settled Districts shall draw the same Tent allowance as assistants to Collectors of unsettled Districts under the same conditions provided it shall be considered that their -

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their services in the Districts are necessary and a special reference be made to the Board before the allowance is drawn.

7. That all Collectors drawing Tent allowance shall furnish Quarterly a certificate of the number and size of Tents which they possess fit for use.

8. That no cases have occurred, and may again occur where the duties of Collector in Districts of which the revenue is partly permanently settled and partly under Leases or otherwise may require a much longer residence in Tents and more Tents than in other permanently settled Districts a discretionary authority be vested in

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True Extract

Signed J. Hanbury
Secretary

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A. B. Boyle

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Revenue Department
To The President and Members
of the
Board of Revenue
Gentlemen,

I am directed to acknow-
ledge the receipt of your Secretary's letter
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to inform you that the Right Honourable
the Governor in Council approves of the rules
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For Mr. George }
18th October. }
1844. }

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen,
Your most obedient servant,
Squire D. Hill
Secretary to the

True Copy.

G. D. Hill
Secretary

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Enclosure. On a letter
from the Church to the
Board of Missions to the
Apostles to the
Mount Pleasant Baptist
Church dated 25th March
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For St George

14 March 1848

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G. H. H. H.

To H. Forbes Esq

H. Pickett Esq

Commissioner for the revision of Civil
Salaries and Establishments

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I With reference

to your letter of the 2. Decem-
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the accompanying Copy
of a letter from the
Board of Revenue, to-
gether with its en-
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