

Revenue (1897) Department.

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G.O., No. 125

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Approving with certain modifications
the rules for the compulsory maintenance of
riding horses by certain classes of officers in
the Revenue Dept. who are required to travel

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Revenue (1897) Department.

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Order

No. 470

Dated 15-12-96.

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SUBJECT.

Submitting for the approval of Govt.
a draft of the rules regarding the
compulsory maintenance of
riding horses by certain travelling
officers in the Rev. Departt.

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BOARD OF REVENUE (LAND REVENUE), No. 470, 15TH DECEMBER 1896.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE (LAND REVENUE).

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Read—the following letter from G. STOKES, Esq., Collector of Tanjore, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue, dated 27th July 1896, Ref. on G. and B. No. 1026:—

With reference to the orders * sanctioning travelling allowance to Tahsildars instead of horse allowance, I have the honour to point out that one of the principal objects of the concession is likely to be lost sight of owing to the form in which the allowance has been sanctioned.

I think it is of the very first importance that Tahsildars should make their inspections on horseback and it was proposed to give them a horse allowance so that they might do so. But as the matter now stands they will draw the allowance and travel as of yore by night in a bullock-bandy. I find that in this district Tahsildars' inspection has been a pure farce, and I think that this opportunity should be taken to compel all Tahsildars to certify that they owned and used a riding horse and to pass to them the new travelling allowance only subject to such certificate.

Resolution—Mis. No. 4119, dated 8th September 1896.

Submitted for the orders of Government.

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3. The Board is of opinion that in the interests of the public service a rule should be laid down prescribing the *minimum* number of animals to be kept by every officer whose duties involve touring. The rule should, in the Board's opinion, be applied to every such officer from Collectors downwards. Board's Standing Order No. 238 indicates the *maximum* number of horses for the carriage of which travelling allowance can be claimed by Collectors and Divisional officers, but nothing is said about the *minimum* number of animals to be kept by them.

4. The Board is not in favour of imposing further restrictions upon itinerating officers by compelling them to certify that their journeys have been performed on horseback. The duties of a District officer can often be as well carried out by driving or walking as by riding, and the irritation likely to be caused by a rule involving too

close supervision would outweigh the advantages aimed at. The Board would however suggest that rules similar to those in force in the Separate Revenue Department (paragraphs 72 to 77 of Circular Order I of 1893) should be introduced on the Land Revenue side, being made applicable to all Tahsildars and Deputy Collectors. Collectors should also be required to submit a return every half-year of the horses owned by themselves and by their Covenanted Divisional officers, with remarks in the case of the latter regarding their capacity for using their animals. The Board believes that horses are at present kept by all Collectors and by their Covenanted Divisional officers.

5. If Government approves of the above proposal, the Board will draw up rules similar to those in force in the Separate Revenue Department and submit them for the approval of Government. The rules would not apply to officers holding the sedentary appointment of Treasury Deputy Collector.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) R. C. C. CARR,
Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with one letter in original (to be returned).

Order—No. 577, Revenue, dated 29th October 1896.

Miscellaneous.

The Board's proposals are approved. It is accordingly requested to draw up the necessary rules and submit them for the sanction of Government.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. STOKES,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, with enclosure.

RESOLUTION—No. 470, dated 15th December 1896.

The following rules regarding the maintenance of horses and saddlery by Revenue officers have been drafted on the model of those in force in the Separate Revenue Department and are submitted for the approval of Government:—

(i) Every Revenue officer who is required to spend a portion of the year in touring is expected to keep at least one serviceable horse or pony, with suitable saddlery.

Note 1.—Rules regarding the purchase of horses by members of the Indian Civil Service are given in the Civil Service Manual, paragraphs 7 and 8.

(ii) Every officer appointed to the grade of Deputy Collector (probationary or on general duty) or Tahsildar, either permanently or for a period not less than six months, should, within one month after joining his appointment, provide himself with a serviceable horse or pony and with suitable saddlery. The period of one month may, upon sufficient cause being shown, be extended by the Collector to three months. When six months have elapsed from the date of the officer's joining his appointment, if he is still unprovided with a horse, the fact should be reported for the orders of the Board.

(iii) If an officer's horse should die or become permanently unserviceable from any cause, he will be allowed one month (which may be extended as above to three months) for replacing it.

(iv) Collectors are required to see that these rules are properly observed and to verify by personal inspection during their tours or on other occasions the correctness of entries in the half-yearly return of horses and saddlery next referred to.

(v) Collectors should submit at the end of every half-year in the form given as an appendix to these Proceedings a descriptive return of the horses ridden by themselves and such of their subordinates as are required to keep horses, and also of the saddlery owned by every such officer.

2. These rules have been embodied* in the revised Public Servants' Chapter of the Board's Standing Orders, a draft of which has been submitted for the approval of Government with Board's Proceedings, Mis. No. 5464, of the 9th instant.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
Copy to all Collectors.

APPENDIX.
Report on Horses and Saddlery owned by officers in the
district for the half-year ended 31st December 189 , (due in Board's office on
1st February 189 .
1st August

Designation.	Name of officer.	Horses.				Saddlery.				Remarks as to fitness of horse and saddlery and as to capacity of officer to ride.
		No.	Description.	Height.	Condition.	Portion of half-year for which maintained.	No.	Description.	Condition.	Portion of half-year for which in use.
Collector										
Sub-Collector										
Head Assistant Collector										
Assistant Collector										
Deputy Collector										
Deputy Collector (Probationary)										
Tahsildar of—										
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Dated _____ Office, }
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Collector.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

1896.

Board of Revenue

(Land Revenue),

MADRAS.

Printed January 12th, 1897.

Proceedings, No. 470, 15th Dec. 1896.

Submitting, for the approval of Government, a draft of the rules regarding the compulsory maintenance of riding horses by certain travelling officers in the Revenue Department.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

C No. 387 of 1897.

From the Board L.R.

Dated

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FOR ORDERS.

The Hon Mr. G. S. C. E.
The Hon Mr. P. S. C. E.

This only reached me today
though it passed the Hon
Mr. G. S. C. E. on the 13th.

The Rules should some-
where distinctly provide that
C. S. are responsible that
the animals are serviceable &
the saddles suitable.

I think all C. S. Div. officers -
certainly all C. S. ones - and
all C. S. should be required
to keep at least one serviceable
horse plus at least one service-
able pony. The question of
the necessity of horses was con-
sidered, I think, in regard to the
Police & the argument then used
will apply here. A knight on
a pony would be lost sight of
in a crowd & so, thus be
useless in suppressing a riot.

AS
17/2/97

c. 10/2/97
29/2/97

The draft rule
for the maintenance
of horses and saddles
by Revenue officers sub-
mitted by the Board of
Revenue seem to be
generally unobjection-
able. The following

points however call
for notice.
2. Rule (i) as it stands
is very comprehensive
in that it would in-
clude officers of the
Revenue Dept other
than those who are
employed on the
Land Revenue side
and that even among
the latter it would
apply to Revenue Insps
also. But from para 4 of

of the B.P. disposed of in G.O. No 577 dt 29-10-96 and the form of the statement appended to the current, it is clear that the rules are intended to be applied to ~~the~~ Land Revenue officers of and above the rank of Tahsildars alone and not to Revenue Inspectors who are expected to be almost always on tour. Submitted that for the words "every Revenue officer" occurring in rule, the words "Every officer of the Land Revenue Dept of and above the rank of Tahs" may be substituted. The figure '1' affixed to the note under the rule may be omitted.

3. Rule (ii)

The last sentence of this rule says that

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Yes
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Yes
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Why? The N. will
ask his pay in travelling
allowance
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X how does it work under
the rule?
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that "where six months have elapsed from the date of ^{the officer's} joining his appointment, if he is still unprovided with a horse; the fact should be reported for the orders of the Board". This practically allows six months time to each officer to provide himself with a suitable horse or pony &c. But under the first sentence, each officer is expected to provide himself with a horse within one month of his appointment and under the second sentence the collector has power to extend the time only to three months. It is not clear who is to have the further power of extending the time to six months.

It is submitted that

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that either 'six months' should be substituted for 'three months' in line 5 or 'three months' should be substituted for 'six months' in line 6 of the rule.

4. Rule (iv)

As the half yearly return referred to in rule (iv) has to be submitted by the collectors themselves, it would perhaps be better if, for the word "in the half yearly return of horses and saddlery next referred to", occurring in rule (iv) the following be substituted: "in any periodical returns which they may require from their subordinates for compilation of the general return next referred to"

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not necessary I think. The report which is made perhaps if this office has not found it necessary with a view at this time 3 months allowed by the

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"Three months" and the substituted for 6 months in line 6 of the rule
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Yes

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Mr. Mr. Enns - C.S.

This note which is in abundance with the

Bliss's rule refers to be provided by two

The Mr. Mr. Enns has not

been the material addition made by Mr. Mr. Bliss.

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Read C. No. 387 of 1897.

ORDER No 125d/25-2-97 Feb 1897.

The draft rules submitted by the Board of Revenue are approved subject to the following remarks and modifications:-

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Other officers :- One horse or pony.

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Rule 2. As the maximum period up to

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(from orders)

To

The Board of Rev L.R.

Copy to the Public Deptt.

This has been inserted as directed but does not appear to be quite necessary - vide the last form of the return referred to in rule V.

Government {1897} of Madras. REVENUE.

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1897.

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G.O., No. 125, 25th February 1897.

FEBRUARY.

Riding Horses.

Approving, as modified by Government, the rules for the compulsory maintenance of by certain classes of officers in the Revenue Department who are required to travel.

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Deputy Collector (Probationary)										
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Collector.

Dated _____ Office, }
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ORDER—No. 125, Revenue, dated 25th February 1897.

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For modification vide Act 2183 of 1.5.97, 672 and 4728 of 4.8.97
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To the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue).
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