

Revenue . (100 /) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS SERIES.

G.O., No. 4772

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Stating that under the authority delegated to the Board of Rev in G.O. 1048 & 17th September 1884, it is competent to dispose of applications for grant of office rent.

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Reporting to Government on the inadequacy of the allowance now made for office rent in preventive circles, and requesting sanction to increase the present lump grant of Rs. 110 per mensem to Rs. 250.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE
(SEPARATE REVENUE).

READ—Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Separate Revenue), Mis. No. 4266, dated 9th October 1896.

ABSTRACT.—Recording, with remarks, letter from the Deputy Commissioner, Southern Division, stating that the High School building at Erode has been vacated and the Circle office removed to another building on a monthly rental of Rs. 10.

READ—letter from the Ag. Deputy Commissioner of Salt, Abkari and Customs Department, Central Division, dated 6th June 1897, No. 3064.

ABSTRACT.—Reporting that there are no Government buildings available for the location of the office at the head-quarters of the newly proposed Hospet and Penukonda Circles, and forwarding certain certificates furnished by the Executive Engineer, Bellary.

RESOLUTION—No. 266, dated 5th July 1897.

The Board begs to bring to the notice of Government the inadequacy of the allowance now made for office rent in preventive circles. The question of granting office rent was first raised in 1888. There were then 24 preventive circles in existence, in one of which a Government building was available for the Inspector's office and it was under contemplation to build an office in another. In the remaining 22 circles, Inspectors provided accommodation for their offices in their own houses, but as it was unreasonable to require them to do so at their own expense, the sanction of Government was solicited to the grant of Rs. 5 per mensem in each case. The Government of India was accordingly addressed and, in its letter communicated with G.O., No. 14, Revenue, dated 26th July 1888, it approved of the proposal and sanctioned a lump grant of Rs. 110 a month. Since that date, an allowance in accordance with these orders has been given to such of the Inspectors as cannot find accommodation for their offices in Government buildings.

* Including the two sanctioned in G.O., No. 336, Revenue, dated 15th May 1897. Twenty-three new circles* have, however, been created on account of the changes introduced from time to time in connection with the administration of the abkari revenue, and, by a judicious distribution with reference to requirements, the Board has hitherto managed with difficulty to keep expenditure under this head within the original grant. It regrets to say, however, that it finds it impossible to continue to meet the fair requirements of the department from the scanty allowance available. Of the 47* preventive circles now in existence, the Inspectors of 19 are provided with Government buildings for their

offices, 6 are provided with accommodation for their residences and offices and 18 are drawing office rent. Rent at Rs. 5 per mensem each has been allowed to the T.T. Assistant Inspectors of the Kuttanguli, Vinukonda, Chittoor and Bobbili Circles who are stationed away from the circle head-quarters. The lump grant of Rs. 110 sanctioned by the Government of India is thus fully utilized by the 22 officers above referred to who are drawing office rent at present. Five more officers have still to be provided for—the Inspectors of Atmakur, Nandyal, Hospet and Penukonda and the Assistant Inspector, Madanapalli Circle. The Deputy Commissioner, Central Division, reports that, for want of Government buildings, the Inspectors of the Atmakur and Nandyal Circles and the Assistant Inspector, Madanapalle, have been holding their offices in rented buildings and that, when the newly sanctioned offices of Hospet and Penukonda are opened, the Inspectors of those two circles also will have to adopt the same course. In these circumstances, the Board feels compelled to apply to Government for sanction for an additional allotment.

2. The Board in this connection begs further to state that the present rate of Rs. 5 sanctioned as the maximum grant for each Inspector has, in several instances, been found to be altogether inadequate for providing suitable accommodation for an office. When the application for office rent was first made, circumstances were very different from what they are now. Inspectors of Preventive Circles had comparatively few records and were allowed in most cases only one clerk each and it was in consequence easy to procure a single room, which was all that was required for the office, for the allowance sanctioned by Government. But now that the work and records in Inspectors' offices have increased considerably, consequent on the development and improvement of the abkari administration, and almost all the offices have been allowed twice and some thrice and even five times the number of clerks they formerly had and taking into consideration the fact that clothing paint and other valuable stores for the whole circle have also to be guarded from destruction, none of which were required in 1888, it will be obvious that an ordinary hut such as can be obtained were required in 1888, it will be obvious that an ordinary hut such as can be obtained for Rs. 5 per mensem would be altogether unsuited for the purposes of an office. If work is to be carried on efficiently, one room for the Inspector, another for his clerks, and a third for the records, stores, clothing and stationery are absolutely necessary, and, as such accommodation cannot be secured for the scanty allowance now made by Government, the Board considers it essential, if the officers are not to be subjected to loss on account of the public service, that an allowance not exceeding Rs. 10 per mensem should be granted to each of them. The necessity for granting an increased allowance has already been prominently brought to notice in the case of the Atmakur and Erode Circles. In the Atmakur Circle it is reported that the Inspector experienced considerable difficulty in procuring a suitable building for his office for Rs. 8 per mensem. As regards Erode, the Inspector's office was, for some time, located in the Normal school building, but, when the Director of Public Instruction gave notice that it was urgently required for re-opening a school there, the Inspector was compelled to vacate it and secure a building elsewhere, and it was with very great difficulty that he succeeded in engaging a house at a monthly rent of Rs. 10.

3. The Board therefore requests that the sanction of the Government of India may be obtained to increase the present lump grant of Rs. 110 to Rs. 250 and that, to save frequent reference to Government and the Government of India, it may be empowered generally to grant office rent, up to a maximum of Rs. 10 in each case, to Inspectors of Preventive Circles and T.T. Assistant Inspectors without limit of number, subject to the condition that the total grant is not exceeded. It will, of course, take care that the allowance is given only in cases where offices have not been constructed or where other Government buildings are not available, that only the actual amount within Rs. 10 that may be required to procure a reasonably suitable building is allowed and that the maximum of Rs. 10 is given only in those cases where it may be absolutely necessary to do so.

4. It will, no doubt, be more economical in the long run to build offices, but, in view of the uncertainty which now exists in regard to the head-quarters of circles consequent on the administrative changes introduced annually, the Board considers it advisable in the meanwhile to rent buildings.

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Hospet & Penukonda

5. It is requested that the sanction now applied for may be accorded with retrospective effect so as to cover the allowance drawn by the officers noted in the margin from the dates noted against each, and the increased rates drawn by the Inspectors, Erode and Atmakur.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) N. S. BRODIE,
Acting Secretary.

(True Copies.)

Assistant Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
Deputy Commissioners of Salt, Abkari and Customs Department.

Exd. Md. Pahlavan

The Hon. Sir Henry Bliss K.C.J.E

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Kuttanguli
Vinukonda
Chittoor &
Bobbili.

... 1762 of 1897 ...
... In the paper read
above, the Board of Rev. (Sep. Rev.)
brings to the notice of Govt.
the inadequacy of the allowance
of Rs. 5 ^{granted on account of} now made for office
rent to the Inspectors of Pre-
ventive Circles who have pro-
vided accommodation for their
offices in their own houses. It
accordingly proposes that the
allowance may be raised to
a maximum of Rs. 10 per mensem.
The present grant viz.
Rs. 100 which was sanctioned
by the Govt. of India for 22
Inspectors is now fully utilized
for 18 Inspectors and the 4
Assistant Inspectors of
the Circles noted on the margin.
The Board now states that 4
more Inspectors (of which 2 are
at Erode and Hospet & 2 at Vinukonda
and Chittoor) and the Assistant In-
spector, Madanapalle Circle, have
yet to be provided for, bringing
the

the total number of men who
will get the allowance to 27.
The reason for the grant of the
allowance to the Assistant Ins-
pectors noted above is stated
to be that they are stationed
away from the Circle head-
quarters. Calculating at the
present rate, the total grant
for the 27 officers will come
to Rs 135. But the Board
argues that the present rate is
altogether inadequate, and that
if the work is to be carried
on efficiently, greater accom-
modation than can be got
for Rs 135 is absolutely necessary.
Saying that there has been a
considerable increase in the
quantity of records as well as
in the establishments and
that room has to be provided
for keeping valuable things
in. Included: Clothing, paint,
stationery, etc. none of which were
required in 1887. When the present
rate of allowance was sanctioned.
The Board therefore considers
it essential that if the officers
are

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to the Government of India
favorable considerations
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and the record of the Board,
an allowance not exceeding
Rs 10 per annum should be
granted to each of them
at the maximum allowance
may not be required in
each case. The Board pro-
posed to fix the total grant
at Rs 250 for the 27 officers.
If this amount be sanctioned,
the Board promises to utilize
it with great care and to
the extent that is absolutely
necessary (vide conditions specified at end
of para 3 of the Memo)
para 3. in whole. According to sanc-
tions for the present grant of
Rs 110 the Govt of India
observed that the practice of
keeping public records any-
where but in a public
office was open to objection,
and that the sanction should
therefore
have effect only for such time
as the Govt. should find it
necessary to continue this
arrangement for the custody
of the records. The Govt was
then of opinion that to erect
buildings for these officers
would

Para 2 of G.O. ⁵¹⁴
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The Board now states that
though it would be more
economical in the long run
to build offices, yet in view
of the uncertainty which
now exists in regard to the
headquarters of circles, con-
sequent on the administra-
tive changes introduced an-
nually, it is advisable to
rent buildings for the
present ^{Twenty five} ~~at least~~ out
of 47 Circle Officers have been
located separately in Govt
buildings, and buildings will
have to be created for ²² ~~28~~ Circle
Officers. ^{for 5 Asst Inspectors' offices.}
Govt will ^{be} ~~be~~ ⁱⁿ ~~in~~ ^{con-}
sider the Board's view ^{is correct} in regard
to the construction of new
offices. So far, no practical
evil seems to have resulted
from the records being kept
in the Inspectors' houses.
In order as to whether
in these circumstances, the
Board's proposal to raise the
grant to Rs. 250 per mensem
may be accepted and forwarded

to the Government for
favorable consideration.
Please see para 6 infra
and A.M.S. dated 26-7-88
reference to Govt and that
Govt of India, the Board
proposes that it may be
empowered generally to grant
office rent allowance up
to a maximum of Rs. 250 in
each case to Inspectors of
Provincial Circles and to
Assistant Inspectors within
limit as to number, sub-
ject, of course, to the condi-
tion that the total grant
is not exceeded. This ar-
rangement would seem to
have the advantage of
(lessening the) correspondence
without any possible risk
and in order as to whether
the Board's proposal may be
supported by the Govt,
and the sanction of the G.O. of 3
dated for a place, see para 6 infra
and 5. Owing to the scarcity
of suitable buildings in
Circles and Assistant Circles,
the Inspectors were obliged

Please see G.O. No 104 ^{Revenue} & D/17th Sept 1884 which delegates the power of sanctioning office rent to the Board. That G.O. emanated on a reference from the then Salt Commr regarding grant of office rent at Rs 30 per mensem for the portion of the house occupied by ^{late} Walthair ~~commr~~ by the D/ Commr of Salt Dist N. Dist in which his office was accommodated. The G.O. runs as follows:—

"The Pr of Munne are authorised to dispose, applications for office rent, whether office ~~rent~~ accommodation is provided in separate buildings hired for the purpose or by the head of the office in his own quarters &c."

Now that the Comr is himself
a member of the Board, he need ^{not} come up
to Govt at all but can sanction office
run himself.

Very well 'till the 15th Fe.

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Under the authority delegated
to it in G. O. No 1048 of 17th Sept/87
the Board is ~~entirely~~ competent to dis-
pose of applications for grant of office
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To the Board of Revenue, Sep: 1997
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