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G.O., No. 953

DATED 13th November

[Despatch Abstract.]

Coming to the Board of Revenue
and to the S.G. letter from the Govt. of
India forwarding copy of a despatch
from the Secy. of State sanctioning the
grant of a local allowance of Rs. 100 a
month to the District Forest officer
of North Malabar stationed in the
Kynad.

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SUBJECT.

Forwarding to the Govt of Madras
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for India sanctioning the grant
of a local allowance of Rs 100 a
month to the Dist. Forest Officer
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Forest Officer of North Malabar stationed in the Wynaad; and, in view of the principle indicated in paragraph 8 of our despatch No. 135 (Financial), dated the 13th May 1890, we support the Madras Government's proposal and beg to recommend it to Your Lordship's favourable consideration. The allowance, if sanctioned, will not have retrospective effect as suggested by the Madras Government, but will come into force as usual from the date of receipt of Your Lordship's sanction. The cost during the current year can be met from the existing budget provision.

We have the honour to be,

MY LORD,

Your Lordship's most obedient, humble Servants,

(Signed) ELGIN.

" G. S. WHITE.
 " J. WESTLAND.
 " J. WOODBURN.
 " M. D. CHALMERS.
 " E. H. H. COLLEN.
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Copy * forwarded to the Revenue and Agriculture Department for information.

By order,

R. M. DANE,

Depy. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
 FINANCE AND COMMERCE DEPARTMENT.

Enclosures to Despatch No. 228 of 1897.

No. 1900, dated 8th April 1897.

From—The HONOURABLE MR. G. STOKES, I.C.S., Acting Secretary to the Government of Madras, Revenue Department,
 To—The Secretary to the Government of India, Revenue and Agriculture Department.

With reference to an application received from Mr. H. Tireman, an Assistant Conservator of Forests in this Presidency, I am directed to recommend, for the favourable consideration of the Government of India, the question of granting to the District Forest Officer, for the time being, of North Malabar a Wynaad allowance of Rs. 100 per mensem.

2. The head-quarters of the District Forest Officer in question are located at Manantoddy in the centre of the Wynaad, and Mr. Tireman, who is the present incumbent of the office, represents—

- (1) that he is the only officer stationed in the Wynaad who does not draw any extra allowance;
- (2) that, besides the subordinate Provincial officers of the Revenue and Police Departments, who are on a somewhat different footing, officers of the Public Works Department, recruited from the same College (Cooper's Hill) as himself and drawing similar rates of salary to those admissible to Forest Officers, are granted a local allowance when stationed in the Wynaad, though their work is confined to localities in and near the public roads, while the District Forest Officer by the nature of his duties is required to spend most of his time in out-of-the-way tracts;
- (3) that Forest Officers stationed in the Garo Hills, Baluchistan and Burma get special local allowances; and
- (4) that living and travelling are very costly in the Wynaad, while the extra travelling allowance now granted is insufficient to meet the additional expenditure incurred.

3. From the correspondence ending with Mr. MacLagan's letter No. 1324-F., dated the 26th October 1892, it will be seen that a question similar to the present one was raised and submitted for the orders of the Government of India in 1892, but that it was eventually dropped because the pay of the officer concerned, Mr. Eber Hardie, was raised from Rs. 250 to Rs. 350 per mensem on the re-organization of the superior staff of the Forest Department. The equity of Mr. Eber Hardie's claim was, however, at the time recognized by the Government of India, which sanctioned the grant to him of an allowance of Rs. 100 per mensem for the period during which he was employed in the Wynaad on the lower rate of salary. His Excellency the Governor in Council has again considered the question in all its aspects and has come to the conclusion that the Wynaad is neither more healthy nor less costly than several other tracts in respect of which special allowances are now granted, and that Mr. Tireman's request is only reasonable in view of the fact that the present position of the District Forest Officer of North Malabar is unfair as compared with that of officers of other Departments whose head-quarters are in the Wynaad.

4. I am in these circumstances to recommend that the Secretary of State for India may be moved to grant, as a special case, an allowance of Rs. 100 per mensem to the District Forest Officer for the time being of North Malabar, with

effect from 2nd July 1896, the date on which Mr. Tireman assumed charge of that appointment. I am to add that under the present organization the North Malabar charge will always be held by an officer of the controlling staff of the Forest Department, and that the Board of Revenue has, in reply to a reference on the subject, reported that similar conditions of residence in unhealthy and costly tracts do not exist and are not likely to arise in the case of other superior appointments in the Madras Forest Department. The grant of Mr. Tireman's request is thus not likely to create an inconvenient precedent.

No. 461-F., dated 25th May 1897.

From—F. G. SLY, Esq., C.S., Under Secretary to the Government of India,
Department of Revenue and Agriculture,

To—The Secretary to the Government of Madras, Revenue Department.

In reply to your letter No. 1900, dated the 8th ultimo, I am directed to say that, under the circumstances represented by the Government of Madras, the Government of India are prepared to recommend to Her Majesty's Secretary of State that, as a special case, a local allowance of Rs. 100 per mensem should be granted to the District Forest Officer (for the time being) of North Malabar. They are, however, unable to include in the recommendation a proposal that the allowance, if sanctioned, should be granted with retrospective effect, as it could not be sustained by considerations which would not equally apply to ordinary recommendations for new or increased allowances. The allowance in question would, therefore, if sanctioned by the Secretary of State, take effect as usual from the date on which sanction is received in this country.

2. Before, however, addressing the Secretary of State on the subject, the Government of India desire to know, with reference to paragraph 1 of the Finance Department's resolution No. 1360-A., dated the 21st March 1895 whether the proposed allowance, if sanctioned, can be met from the budget grant of the Forest Department in the Madras Presidency for 1897-98.

No. 3469, dated 8th July 1897.

From—The HONOURABLE MR. G. STOKES, I.C.S., Acting Secretary to the
Government of Madras, Revenue Department,

To—The Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Revenue and
Agriculture.

In reply to paragraph 2 of Mr. Sly's letter No. 461-F.—152-2, dated 25th May 1897, I am directed to state that the Conservator of Forests, Southern Circle, reports that the charge on account of the local allowance proposed to be granted to Mr. Tireman, District Forest Officer, North Malabar, can be met from the general savings of the Circle.

Schedule of Papers.

- (i) From Government of Madras, No. 1900, dated 8th April 1897.
- (ii) To Government of Madras, No. 461-F., dated 25th May 1897.
- (iii) From Government of Madras, No. 3469, dated 8th July 1897.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
FINANCE AND COMMERCE
DEPARTMENT.

SALARIES, ESTABLISHMENTS, ETC.
Local and other allowances.

FROM
THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,

TO
THE SECY. OF STATE FOR INDIA.

No. 228.

Dated Simla, the 18th August 1897.

Received

Proposed grant of a local allowance of Rs.
100 per mensem to the District Forest Officer
of North Malabar stationed in the Wynaad.

G. C. Press, Simla.—No. 675 C. F.—12-3-97.—70

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FINANCIAL,

No. 162.

INDIA OFFICE,

LONDON. 30th September 1897.

To His Excellency the Right Honourable the Governor
General of India in Council.

My Lord,

Having considered in Council your letter No.
228, of the 18th of August, I sanction the grant of a local
allowance of Rupees 100 a month to the District Forest Of-
ficer of North Malabar stationed in the Wynaad.

I have, &c.,

(Signed.) George Hamilton.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND AGRICULTURE.

(Forests.)

Simla dated the 3rd November 1897.

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Forwarded to the Government of Madras, for information and guidance, in continuation of the letter from this Department No. 823 F., dated the 28th August 1897, and with the remark that the allowance in question will come into force with effect from the 19th October 1897.

By order,

[Signature]

[Signature] Under-Secretary to the Government of India.

List of Papers forwarded.

- (i) Copy of Despatch to Her Majesty's Secretary of State,
No. 228, dated the 18th August 1897.
- (ii) Copy of Despatch from Her Majesty's Secretary of State,
No. 162 (Financial), dated the 30th September 1897.

Government (1897) of Madras.
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G.O., No. 953, 13th November 1897.

NOVEMBER.

Local Allowance.

Communicating to the Board of Revenue and to the Accountant-General letter from the Government of India forwarding copy of a despatch from the Secretary of State for India sanctioning the grant of a — of Rs. 100 a month to the District Forest-officer of North Malabar stationed in the Wynaad.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—again G.O., Mis. No. 4700, Revenue, dated 7th September 1897.

ABSTRACT.—Communicating to the Board of Revenue letter from the Government of India intimating that the Secretary of State has been addressed on the subject of the proposed grant of a local allowance of Rs. 100 to the District Forest-officer, North Malabar.

READ—the following letter from F. G. SLY, Esq., C.S., Under Secretary to the Government of India (Department of Revenue and Agriculture—Forests), to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Revenue Department, dated Simla, the 3rd November 1897, No. 998-F.—152-6:—

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(By order)

(Signed) R. M. DANE,
Depy. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

ENCLOSURES.

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4. I am in these circumstances to recommend that the Secretary of State for India may be moved to grant, as a special case, an allowance of Rs. 100 per mensem to the District Forest-officer, for the time being, of North Malabar, with effect from 2nd July 1896, the date on which Mr. Tireman assumed charge of that appointment. I am to add that, under the present organization, the North Malabar charge will always be held by an officer of the controlling staff of the Forest department, and that the Board of Revenue has, in reply to a reference on the subject, reported that similar conditions of residence in unhealthy and costly tracts do not exist, and are not likely to arise in the case of other superior appointments in the Madras Forest-department. The grant of Mr. Tireman's request is thus not likely to create an inconvenient precedent.

Letter from F. G. SLY, Esq., C.S., Under Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Revenue and Agriculture, to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Revenue Department, dated 25th May 1897, No. 461-F.

In reply to your letter, No. 1900, dated the 8th ultimo, I am directed to say that, under the circumstances represented by the Government of Madras, the Government of India are prepared to recommend to Her Majesty's Secretary of State that, as a special case, a local allowance of Rs. 100 per mensem should be granted to the District Forest-officer (for the time being) of North Malabar. They are, however, unable to include in the recommendation a proposal that the allowance, if sanctioned, should be granted with retrospective effect, as it could not be sustained by considerations which would not equally apply to ordinary recommendations for new or increased allowances. The allowance in question would, therefore, if sanctioned by the Secretary of State, take effect, as usual, from the date on which sanction is received in this country.

2. Before, however, addressing the Secretary of State on the subject, the Government of India desire to know, with reference to paragraph 1 of the Finance Department's Resolution No. 1360-A., dated the 21st March 1895, whether the proposed allowance, if sanctioned, can be met from the budget grant of the Forest department in the Madras Presidency for 1897-98.

Letter from the Acting Secretary to the Government of Madras, Revenue Department, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Revenue and Agriculture, dated 8th July 1897, No. 3469.

In reply to paragraph 2 of Mr. Sly's letter No. 461-F.—152-2, dated 25th May 1897, I am directed to state that the Conservator of Forests, Southern Circle, reports that the charge on account of the local allowance proposed to be granted to Mr. Tireman, District Forest-officer, North Malabar, can be met from the general savings of the Circle.

Letter from the Government of India, Finance and Commerce Department, (Salaries, Establishments, &c.,—Local and other allowances), to Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India, dated Simla, the 18th August 1897, No. 228.

In 1891 the Madras Government recommended that a monthly allowance of Rs. 100 should be granted to any Sub-Assistant Conservator who might be performing the duties of District Forest-officer of North Malabar, on the ground that the cost of living and travelling in the Wynaad (within which the Government forests of the district almost entirely lie) is exceptionally great. Eventually a charge allowance of Rs. 100 per mensem was allowed to the Sub-Assistant Conservator in charge of North Malabar and continued for the period of 22 months during which he held the post in question.

2. The Madras Government again propose that the District Forest-officer (for the time being) of North Malabar should be granted a Wynaad allowance of Rs. 100 per mensem. It is

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urged that living and travelling are very costly in the Wynaad, and that the District Forest-officer is the only officer there stationed who does not draw any extra allowance. All superior officers of the Public Works Department (not to mention other departments), holding a corresponding position and drawing similar salary, i.e., from Assistant Engineer to Superintending Engineer, 3rd class, receive a local allowance of Rs. 100 per mensem while serving in the Wynaad. The District Forest-officer thus occupies an unfavourable position in respect of emoluments as compared with other officers in the same locality. A copy of our correspondence * on the subject with the Madras Government is enclosed for Your Lordship's information.

* (i) From Madras Government, No. 1900, dated 8th April 1897.

(ii) To Madras Government, No. 461-F., dated 25th May 1897.

(iii) From Madras Government, No. 3469, dated 8th July 1897.

3. We consider that a good case has been made out by the Government of Madras for granting a local allowance of Rs. 100 per mensem to the District Forest-officer of North Malabar stationed in the Wynaad; and, in view of the principle indicated in paragraph 8 of our despatch No. 135 (Financial), dated the 13th May 1890, we support the Madras Government's proposal and beg to recommend it to Your Lordship's favourable consideration. The allowance, if sanctioned, will not have retrospective effect as suggested by the Madras Government, but will come into force as usual from the date of receipt of Your Lordship's sanction. The cost during the current year can be met from the existing budget provision.

Letter from Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India, to His Excellency the Right Honourable the Governor-General of India in Council, dated India Office, London, 30th September 1897, No. 162, Financial.

Having considered in Council your letter No. 228, of the 18th of August, I sanction the grant of a local allowance of Rs. 100 a month to the District Forest-officer of North Malabar stationed in the Wynaad.

ORDER—No. 953, Revenue, dated 13th November 1897.

Forest No. 213.

Communicated to the Board of Revenue and to the Accountant-General.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. STOKES,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue).
" Accountant-General.
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