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Revenue (1898) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS SERIES.

G.O., No. 1948

DATED 4th May

[Despatch Abstract.]

through the Govt. of India

Addressing the Govt. of India, regarding the rate of travelling allowance to be granted to Survey officers employed in Forest Settlement work

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

READ the following paper:—

From the Government of India, Department of Revenue and Agriculture (Forests), No. 887 / 239-Z F, dated 21st September 1897:-

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 660 (Financial) dated the 20th ultimo, in which it is proposed that the daily travelling allowance of the European officers of the Revenue Survey Department employed on forest-settlement work in the Madras Presidency should be fixed at Rs. 5, in place of the allowance of Rs. 4 a day admissible to Deputy Collectors engaged on similar work and also drawn by Assist--ant and Deputy Superintendents of Revenue Survey.

2. In reply I am to say that, before passing orders on the case, the Government of India will be glad if, with the per--mission of the Governor in Council, more detailed information than is contained in your letter were furnished to prove that the present rate of daily allowance is insufficient in practice to meet actual travelling expenses as defined and limited by articles 1086 and 1087 of the Civil Service Regulations. A daily travelling allowance of Rs. 4 seems to the Government of India a very fair rate for officers whose pay (like that of Assistant Superintendents in the Revenue Survey) ranges between Rs. 300 and 550 per mensem. It is possible that an officer of the Revenue Survey Department doing forest--settlement work may have heavier travelling expenses to incur than he had when employed on revenue-survey work; but this by itself is not a sufficient ground for increasing the

allowance

llowance in question,as the allowance must also be shown to
e insufficient to cover the travelling expenses of the officer
in the performance of his new duties.

O R D E R :-No.807,dated 29th September 1897.

Communicated to the Revenue Department with reference to its proceedings,No.4031 Mis.,dated 3rd August 1897.

(True Extract)

for Chief Secretary.

To

The Revenue Department.

Revenue (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 1781.

From

The Board of Revenue,Land Revenue
Madras

Order

Forest **No.** 115 Mis.

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SUBJECT.

Submitting to Government with remarks with reference to G.O.No 5359,dated 14-10-97 replies from the European Officers of the Revenue Sur Survey Department employed on F.S. duty on the question of increase of travelling allowance granted to them

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From

R. H. L. Lushington Esqre,

Forest Settlement Officer

Ganjam & Vizagapatam.



To

The Secretary to the

Commissioner of Land Revenue

Madras

Dated 11th
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} December 1897

No 182.

Enclosure one

Submitting list showing the detailed income and expenditure as required in Board's Proceedings Forest No 1097 Miscellaneous dated 23rd October 97

Forest Settlement Office,
Ganjam & Vizagapatam Districts,
Camp: Engelly,
Dated 11th December 1897.

From, R. H. L. Linthington Esqr,
Forest Settlement Officer,
Ganjam & Vizagapatam Districts,

To, The Secretary to the
Commissioners of,
Land Revenue,
Madras.

Ref: B.P. Forest No 1097 misc dated 23-10-97.

Sir,

I have the honor, with reference to the Proceedings quoted above, to submit a statement of my expenses in travelling for the months of March, April, June, July, August and October 1897.

I would further point out that I have the expense of conveying my two horses from District to District, to consider, for although under certain circumstances, the expense is refunded, i-e, when article 1093 of the Civil Service Regulations is complied with, it very frequently happens that to comply with the Regulations and March the horses from District to District is to run the risk of losing a horse or of such harm happening to it, as to prohibit this course being adopted. My last journey from Walkair to Berhampore is a case in point, I was in Head-quarters, before starting for camp, for 17 days, and so was not entitled to a refund for the conveyance of the horses by rail and as the distance by rail is 172 miles, I did not care to run the risk of entrusting my horses to a syce to march for 12 days at 15 miles a day. Whether such expenses as the above and also the batta for servants, warm clothing for servants, and the sums expended in repairing the damage done to furniture in travelling are covered by articles 1086 and 1087 or not, they are very real.

I have the honor to request that my letter No 414 dated 16th May 1897, may be read in connection with this letter, in which I have mentioned other real expenses incurred in travelling.

I have the honor to state in conclusion that as I have been travelling in Ganjam and engaged in inspection and holding enquiries every day, I have not had time to send a report before this date.

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

N. H. L. Linthington.
Forest Settlement Officer
Ganjam & Vizagapatam Dts.

For C. No. 1781

MEMORANDUM.

Requested for reference the undermentioned papers:—

return of

Letter from the Govt of India &c: the increase of travelling allowance to European officers of the Revenue Survey Dept employed on Forest Settlement duty forwarded with G. O. no 5359 d/ 14-10-97

BOARD OF REVENUE, MADRAS.

Government Office,
Revenue Department,
9th March 1898.

Ag. Under Secretary to Govt
~~1st Assistant.~~

To The Board of Revenue, Land Revenue (Forest Branch)

Date	Particulars	Amount			Particulars	Amount		
					Tours in Kurwai District			
					March 1897.			
17	Railway fare	102	8	u	Bandy hire to Wallair Ry station	3	u	u
	Mileage	1	u	u	Coolg for Carrying Saman at Godavari North & South Stations & at Bezwada	1	u	u
					Tents ticket to Nandyal	23	15	u
					Goods Charges	9	6	u
					First Class ticket	32	u	u
					Luggage ticket	12	4	u
					5 Servants tickets	21	9	u
					Bandy hire at Nandyal	1	7	u
					Telegram sent to Station masters Godavari North	u	12	u
					Batta to Servants	u	12	u
	Total Receipts.	103	8	u	Total Expenditure	106	1	u
					Cart hire	6	4	u
20	Daily Allowance	4	u	u	Servants batta	u	5	u
	Total Receipts	4	u	u	Total Expenditure.	6	9	u
					Cart hire	5	u	u
22	Daily Allowance	4	u	u	Servants Batta	u	5	u
2	Total Receipts	4	u	u	Total Expenditure	5	5	u
					Cart hire	3	12	u
25	Daily allowance	4	u	u	Servants Batta	u	5	u
	Total Receipts	4	u	u	Total Expenditure	4	1	u
					Cart hire	2	8	u
30	Daily Allowance	4	u	u	Servants batta	u	5	u
	Total Receipts	4	u	u	Total Expenditure	2	13	u
					Cart hire	2	8	u
April 30	Daily allowance	4	u	u	Servants batta	u	5	u
					Bandymens batta	1	4	u
4	Total Receipts	4	u	u	Total Expenditure	4	1	u
					Cart hire	3	12	u
1	Daily allowance	4	u	u	Batta to Servants	u	5	u
8	Total Receipts	4	u	u	Total Expenditure	4	1	u
	Grand Total	127	8	u	Grand Total	132	15	u

Date	Particulars	Amount	Particulars	Amount
			April 1897	
2	Daily Allowance	4 - -	Cart hire	5 - -
			Batta to Servants	- 5 -
	Total Receipts.	4 - -	Total Expenditure	5 5 -
5	Daily Allowance	4 - -	Cart hire	4 6 -
			Batta to Servants	- 5 -
			Coolies	2 - -
	Total Receipts.	4 - -	Total Expenditure.	6 11 -
8	Daily Allowance	4 - -	Cart hire	3 2 -
			Batta	- 5 -
			Coolies	2 - -
	Total Receipts.	4 - -	Total Expenditure	5 7 -
9	Mileage	12 8 -	Cart hire	15 - -
			Batta	- 5 -
	Total Receipts.	12 8 -	Total Expenditure	15 5 -
11	Mileage	16 8 -	Cart hire	15 - -
			Jatka hire	4 - -
			Cooly	1 8 -
			Batta	- 5 -
	Total Receipts.	16 8 -	Total Expenditure	20 13 -
	Travelling in Godavari district.			
26	Railway fare	25 12 -	First Class ticket	9 11 -
			5 Servants' tickets	5 5 -
			Jentu's ticket	2 11 -
			Luggage	- 8 -
			Bandy Charges at Waltair	3 - -
			Do at Cocanada	1 4 -
			Cooly	- 4 -
			Batta	- 5 -
	Total Receipts.	25 12 -	Total Expenditure	23 - -
	Grand Total Receipts	66 12 -	Grand Total Expenditure	76 9 -
	From Kovvur to Waltair			71 11
	June 97			
9	Railway fare	33 8 -	Cooly at Godavari North	1 - -
	Mileage	1 - -	First Class ticket	11 13 -
			First Class ticket from Kovvur to Godavari North	- 15 -
			5 Servants' tickets do	- 7 -
			Coolies at Kovvur	- 8 -
			5 Servants' tickets to Waltair	5 8 -
	C/F	34 8 -	C/F	20 3 -

Date	Particulars	Amount	Particulars	Amount
	B.O.	34 8 -	B.O.	20 3 -
			Luggage ticket	13 8 -
			Jentu	7 7 -
			Luggage from Kovvur	4 4 -
			Bandy hire at Waltair	3 - -
			Cooly at Do.	- 4 -
			Batta	- 4 -
	Total Receipts.	34 8 -	Total Expenditure	48 14 -
	Tours in Vizagapatam District.			
25	Railway fare	11 8 -	Bandy hire to Waltair Ry Station	3 10 -
	Mileage	1 - -	Jentu's tickets	2 13 -
			Cooly at Do	- 3 -
			Goods' Charges to Narsipatnam Road	1 10 -
			Cooly at Do	- 3 -
			Jentu Charges	2 - -
			First Class ticket	4 6 -
			Telegram Charges	1 - -
			Servants ticket from Narsipatnam Road to Waltair & back	1 4 -
	Total Receipts.	12 8 -	Total Expenditure	17 6 -
26	Daily allowance	4 - -	Bandy hire	3 6 -
			Extra Coolies	- 6 -
			Do Peys	- 6 -
			Batta	- 8 -
	Total Receipts.	4 - -	Total Expenditure	4 10 -
30	Daily Allowance	4 - -	Bandy hire	3 6 -
			Batta to Bandyman	1 8 -
			Servants' Batta	- 8 -
	Total Receipts.	4 - -	Total Expenditure	5 6 -
	Grand Total Receipts	55 - -	Grand Total Expenditure	75 15 -
	July 1897.			
4	Daily Allowance	4 - -	Bandy hire	3 12 -
			Servants Batta	- 8 -
	Total Receipts	4 - -	Total Expenditure	4 4 -
8	Daily Allowance	4 - -	Bandy hire	3 12 -
			Do	1 8 -
			Batta	- 8 -
			Cooly	- 11 -
	Total Receipts.	4 - -	Total Expenditure	6 7 -

Receipts

Expenditure

Date	Particulars	Amount			Particulars	Amount		
					July Continued			
10	Daily Allowance	4	u	u	Cart hire	3	12	u
					Batta	u	8	u
	Total Receipts.	4	u	u	Total Expenditure	4	4	
14	Daily Allowance	4	u	u	Cart hire	4	14	u
					Cooly	u	8	u
					Batta	u	8	u
	Total Receipts.	4	u	u	Total Expenditure	5	14	u
					From Jani to Waltair.			
15	Railway fare	15	u	u	Goods' Charge	2	8	u
	Mileage	1	u	u	Coolies	u	4	u
					First Class ticket	5	13	u
					6 Servants' tickets	4	2	u
					Bandy hire at Waltair	3	u	u
					Luggage ticket	2	11	u
					Goods' ticket	2	4	u
					Batta	u	6	u
	Total Receipts.	16	u	u	Total Expenditure	21	u	u
					Tour in Khurood District.			
21 & 22	Railway fare	92	u	u	Bandy hire at Waltair	3	u	u
	Mileage	1	u	u	First Class ticket to Goodalur	30	u	u
					Servants' tickets	19	6	u
					Luggage ticket	7	11	u
					Excess fare paid	2	u	u
					Tents' ticket	19	8	u
					Do Charges	1	5	u
					Cooly at Dyrawaretta.	u	5	u
					Batta to Servants	u	10	u
					Bandies at Goodalur	1	u	u
					Cooly paid at Bavasa, Godavari North & South	1	14	u
	Total Receipts.	93	u	u	Total Expenditure	86	1	u
26	Daily Allowance	4	u	u	Cart hire	5	u	u
					Cooly	u	8	u
					Batta	u	5	u
	Total Receipts.	4	u	u	Total Expenditure	5	13	u
31 & 2nd August	Railway fare	92	u	u	Bandy hire at Goodalur	1	u	u
	Mileage Batta	1	u	u	First Class ticket	30	u	u
					Servants' tickets	19	6	u
					Luggage	7	u	u
					Tents	25	u	u
	C/f	93	u	u	C/f	82	1	

Receipts

Expenditure

Date	Particulars	Amount			Particulars	Amount		
	B/o	93	u	u	B/o.	82	6	u
					Cooly paid at Bisvada, Godavari North & South Stations	1	14	u
					Bandy hire at Waltair	3	u	u
					Batta to Servants	u	15	u
	Total Receipts.	93	u	u	Total Expenditure	87	9	u
	Grand Total Receipts	222	u	u	Grand Total Expenditure	221	4	u
					Amended 1897			
					Waltair to Palkonda.			
11	Railway fare	20	4	u	Bandy hire at Waltair	3	u	u
	Mileage	1	u	u	Tents' Charges	6	15	u
					Cooly	u	4	u
					First Class ticket	7	13	u
					Servants' tickets	5	10	u
					Goods' ticket	3	10	u
					Bandy hire at Chicacole Road	1	8	u
					Batta	u	6	u
	Total Receipts.	21	4	u	Total Expenditure	29	2	u
12	Daily allowance	4	u	u	Cart hire	6	u	u
					Batta	u	6	u
					Charges for bearers	u	10	u
					Cooly	u	1	u
	Total Receipts.	4	u	u	Total Expenditure	7	1	u
16	Daily allowance	4	u	u	Bandy hire	3	u	u
					Tolls	u	14	u
					Batta	u	6	u
	Total Receipts.	4	u	u	Total Expenditure	4	4	u
19	Daily allowance	4	u	u	Bandy hire	3	u	u
					Batta	u	6	u
	Total Receipts.	4	u	u	Total Expenditure	3	6	u
23	Daily allowance	4	u	u	Cart hire	3	u	u
					Batta	u	6	u
	Total Receipts.	4	u	u	Total Expenditure	3	6	u
26	Daily allowance	4	u	u	Cart hire	5	6	u
					Batta	u	6	u
					Ferry Charges	u	12	u
					Tolls	u	14	u
	Total Receipts	4	u	u	Total Expenditure	6	6	u

Date	Receipts Particulars	Amount	Expenditure Particulars	Amount
			August Continued	
27	Daily Allowance	4 - -	Cart hire	4 2 -
			Batta	- 6 -
			Train fare	- 4 -
			Telegram Charges	1 - -
			Bearers	4 - -
	Total Receipts	4 - -	Total Expenditure	9 12 -
			From Palkonda to Waltair.	
28	Railway fare	14 4 -	First Class ticket	5 7 -
			Servants ticket	4 2 -
			Goods Ticket	2 12 -
			Bandies at Waltair	3 - -
			Batta	- 6 -
	Total Receipts.	14 4 -	Total Expenditure	15 11 -
	Grand Total Receipts.	59 8 -	Grand Total Expenditure.	80 - -
			From Waltair to Berhampore.	
			October 1897	
18	Railway fare	43 - -	Bandies at Waltair	3 - -
	Mileage	1 - -	Tolls	15 - -
			First Class ticket	16 3 -
			Servants ticket	11 4 -
			Luggage ticket	10 - -
			Coolies at Berhampore	1 8 -
			Batta	1 - -
	Total Receipts.	44 - -	Total Expenditure	57 15 -
24 & 25	Daily allowance	8 - -	Bandy hire	8 8 6
			Batta	- 6 -
			Tolls	- 2 -
	Total Receipts.	8 - -	Total Expenditure	9 - 6
27	Mileage	10 - -	Cart hire	8 6 -
			Batta	- 6 -
			Coolie	- 2 -
			Tolls	- 2 -
	Total Receipts	10 - -	Total Expenditure	9 - -
29 & 31	Daily allowance	8 - -	Cart hire & tolls	9 2 13 -
			Coolie	1 - -
			Batta	- 6 -
	Total Receipts	8 - -	Total Expenditure	10 8 -
		70 - -		86 7 6

Date	Receipts Particulars	Amount	Expenditure Particulars	Amount
	Grand total Receipts	500 12 -	Grand total Expenditure	673 2 6
			Forest Settlement Officers	
			Ganjam & Vizagapatam	

Proceedings No 4616

Forest Settlement Office,
Trichinopoly, &c., Districts.

Ref. on No. 1615

Camp, Kumulur
Dated, 8th November 1897

From J. Gompertz Esquire.
~~M.E.Ry., P.S. SINGARAVELU PILLAI Avergal,~~
Forest Settlement Officer,
Trichinopoly, &c., Districts.

To

The Secretary to the
Commissioner of Land Revenue
Madras.

Sir,

I have the honour to state with reference to Boards Proceedings No 6097 dated 23rd October 1897, Forest - Miscellaneous that my travelling expenses as a Forest Settlement officer are heavier than those incurred as a survey officer, as in the former capacity I have to move camp much more frequently. The allowance of Rs 4 per diem while ordinarily sufficient to cover my expenses does not meet them when I have to settle small blocks scattered over a large area or when I have travel in a locality

where bandies cannot be obtained and Coolies have to be employed to carry baggage &c. &c.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant

H. Thompson
Asst Settlement Officer

Chief
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Registered No 469

Ref on Cur No. 620/7.S. of 97.

FOREST SETTLEMENT OFFICE,
Malabar and South Canara Districts,
Address Calicut, Camp Makki, dated the 2nd November 1897.

From

Harry. S. Mullins ESQ.,
SPECIAL FOREST SETTLEMENT OFFICER,
MALABAR AND SOUTH CANARA DISTRICTS,

To THE Secretary to the Commissioners of
Land Revenue (Forests)
Madras.

Reference :- Board's Proceedings Forest No. 1097 misc dated 23-10-1897

SIR,

I have the honor to point out that in Malabar, where I am generally travelling on roads, the charge for a bandy from Tellicherry to Manantody* is Rs. 25 and the bandies are small even when procured at this rate and even travelling with light allowance of tents and using Travellers Bungalows I require three bandies at least. The general mileage rate asked in North Malabar is annas six per mile above the Ghats and annas four below whilst in most Districts the rates are 1½ annas per mile and less.

2. In South Canara I have to carry my full complement of tents and one extra to accommodate my office as bungalows are seldom conveniently situated for Forest Settlement work. The rate of bandy hire when marching towards Reserves is

annas

* Distance 50 miles.

annas two per mile in fine weather and I require four to five bandies, the carts being small and the bullocks very light. When on Reserve Boundary work, roads are generally not available and I have to use coolies and I find that the latter mode of travel costs me just about double the cost of travelling by cart.

3. Taking into account the cost of travelling in the Districts I am in charge of and the numerous incidental charges such as coolie for stores and supplies, tolls, ferries and such charges, hire of bungalows on the march when to pitch tents would be a cause of delay, breakages etc., high pay of servants renewal of tents, capital invested in horse flesh and camp establishment, it is clear that Rs 4 per diem is not sufficient to cover the expenses of travelling. I think it is in the interest of Government that Officers employed on unhealthy work should try to make their camp life as comfortable as possible and comfort means expense. I consider one of the expenses necessitated by a camp life viz the necessity of a large expenditure on stores. Provisions of any kind are often very difficult to procure and a man cannot do good work and keep on doing it on chicken in different forms, and this item may fairly be considered when considering what is a sufficient batta for an European Officer employed on Forest Settlement work.

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

Special Forest Settlement Officer,
Malabar and S. Canara.

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From

R.H. L Lushington Esquire,
Forest Settlement Officer
Ganjam &c &c

To

The Secretary to the
Commissioners of
Land Revenue
Madras

No 274.

Dated 23rd
Despd 23rd } February 1898
Received

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Subject

Reporting that why the Forest Settlement Officer Ganjam &c &c Districts has not taken Credit for talking Allowance drawn on days when no marches were made.

Forest Settlement Officer,
Ganjam &c Districts.
Camp Wallair.
Dated 23rd February 98.

From

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R. N. L. Lushington Esquire,
Forest Settlement Officer,
Ganjam &c Districts.

To

The Secretary to the
Commissioners of Land Revenue,
Madras.

Ref: Board's Proceedings on Forest Register
No. 3749 of 1898.

Sir,

I have the honor, in reply to the Board's Proceedings quoted above, to report that in the statement accompanying my letter No 182 of 11-12-97, I did not take credit for halting allowance as I intended to show that while travelling my allowance did not cover my actual expenses. I have in my letters Nos 114 and 182 mentioned other expenses than rail fares and Cart hire which are not covered by the halting allowance drawn on days on which I do not travel. It would be difficult to give these expenses in detail but every officer would admit their existence.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant,

R.N.L. Lushington

Forest Settlement Officer,
Ganjam &c Districts.

Paper taken out of the Records from th...

Read

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

(Land Revenue)

Forest No 115 His, dated 1st March 1898

Read again Board's Proceedings Forest No.1097 His, dated 23rd October 1897 comg to Messrs. Lushington, Mullins & Gompertz for early report the Government of India letter requesting to be furnished with detailed information on the proposal to fix at Rs.5, the daily allowance of European Officers of the Revenue Survey Department employed on Forest Settlement work.

~~Read letter~~ ----------

Read letter from the Forest Settlement Officer, Malabar and South Canara Districts, dated 2nd November 1897, R.C. No. 620.

Read letter from the Forest Settlement Officer, Trichinopoly &c Districts, dated 8th November 1897, Ref. No. 1615.

Read letter from the Forest Settlement Officer, Ganjam &c Districts, dated 11th December 1897, No. 182 and reference thereon

No. 55, dated 14th February 1898.

Read also letter from the Forest Settlement Officer, Ganjam &c Districts, dated 23rd February 1898, No. 274.

Resolution.

In its Order No. 5559 dated 14th October 1897 the Government referred to the Board for report a letter from the Government of India asking that more detailed information might be furnished to prove that the rate of daily travelling allowance admissible to Survey Officers serving as Forest Settlement Officers was insufficient. The Board directed the Officers in question to supply the information required by the Government of India, and their replies are now submitted to Government.

2 It will be seen that Messrs. Mullins and Gompertz do not furnish any detailed statement of their actual travelling expenses as compared with the travelling allowance drawn by them. The latter officer admits that the daily rate of travelling allowance of Rs.4 is ordinarily sufficient to cover his travelling expenses, except in cases where he has to settle small blocks scattered over a large area, or when he has to ... in localities in which carts cannot be obtained and

coolies have to be employed instead.The drift of Mr.Mullins' reply is that the rate of cart hire paid by him is in excess of the mileage allowance to which he is entitled and he states that taking into account this item and numerous incidental charges connected with touring,the rate of Rs.4 allowed is clearly insufficient. Mr.Mullins,however includes under the category of incidental charges several items which are excluded from the definition of actual travelling expenses (art.15 of the C.S.Regulations).

3 Mr.Lushington submits with his letter a statement giving item by item the details of travelling allowance drawn and the expenses incurred by him during the six months of March,April,June,July, August and October 1897.The statement shows that he ~~is~~ drew - Rs.600-13-0 as travelling allowance during the above period while he actually spent Rs.675-2-6.The calculation is however vitiated by the fact that Mr.Lushington has not taken credit in the column of receipts for all the daily allowance drawn for halts and if this latter amount is included throughout as it should be,the comparison will certainly not favor his contention,the more so,as the rule limiting the allowance to 10 days' halt at a station does not apply to Forest Settlement Officers (vide G.O.No.No 4444 Rev, dated 12-10-92).On a reference made to him by the Board,Mr.Lushington explains that his intention was to show "that while travelling his allowance did not cover his actual expenses"This is,ofcourse, erroneous,for the daily allowance for halts is so fixed as to compensate an officer for loss on days when he is on the move.

4 In these circumstances the Board,as at present constituted considers that no case has been made out for increasing the daily allowance of the Forest Settlement Officers in question and - requests that the Government of India may be informed accordingly.

(True Extract)

Secretary

To the Secretary to Government R.D with F.S.Os' letters and one enclo in original to be retd.

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
L.R. For. No 115 misc dy 1-3-98 (C. No. 1781)

Note.

With its Proceedings in G.O. No 4031 dy 3-8-97, the Board of Revenue submitted an application from Mr. R. H. Lushington, Forest Settlement Officer, Ganjam &c, Districts, in which he represented that the daily allowance of Rs 4 was insufficient to cover his actual travelling expenses and that it might be raised from Rs 4 to Rs 5. The Board of Revenue in supporting Mr. Lushington's request point

(a) that when the rate of Rs 4 was fixed for Forest Settlement officers the officers of this class were recruited from the class of D. Collectors and that as these were mostly natives of India, the allowance was considered sufficient to cover their travelling expenses;

(b) that these Dy. Collectors

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were now lewis replaced by European Officers of the Revenue Survey Department and the rate fixed for the former was quite insufficient for the latter; and

(c) that Assistant and Deputy Superintendents of Revenue Survey were entitled to a daily allowance of Rs 4 though their work was ordinarily confined to a single district, while the officers of the Revenue Survey Dept. employed on Forest Settlement work would have to travel over several districts and in remote and inaccessible localities.

2. The Accountant General, however, considered that Mr. Cushington's request could not be complied with without the sanction of the Government of India and ~~And~~ this Govt. after a careful consideration of the facts ~~case~~ came to the conclusion that a case had been made out for the grant of the concession and addressed the Supreme Government accordingly.

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In reply, the latter Government in its letter no 897 7 / 239-2 dated

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dated 21-9-97, desired to be furnished with more detailed information than was contained in letter No 660 (Fin) dated 20th August 1897 to prove that the present rate of daily allowance would be insufficient in practice to meet actual travelling expenses as defined and limited by Arts. 1086 and 1087 of the Civil Service Regulations. ~~The Government of India~~ It said that a daily travelling allowance of Rs 4 was a very fair rate for officers whose pay (like that of Assistant Superintendents in the Revenue Survey) ranged between Rs 300 and Rs 500 per mensem and that though it was possible for an officer of the Revenue Survey Dept doing Forest Settlement work to incur heavier travelling expenses than he had been incurring when employed on Revenue Survey work this by itself was not a sufficient ground for increasing the allowance in question until it was shown to be insufficient to cover the travelling expenses of the officer in the performance of his new duties. The letter was referred

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to the Board of Revenue for report in October last and the Board's report which it has drawn up in consultation with Messrs Mullins, Gompertz and Cushington is now submitted for orders.

3. Mr Mullins (7 S.O. Malabar and South Canara Districts) reports that, in Malabar, what he actually pays for Cart hire is in excess of what he receives as mileage allowance and, in South Canara, bangalows being seldom conveniently situated for forest settlement work he has to carry either in bandies or by means of coolies, the full complement of tents and one extra to accommodate his Office. He, therefore, considers that, taking into account the cost of travelling in the districts he is in charge of and the numerous incidental charges (such as coolies for stores and supplies, tolls, &c) the present rate is insufficient to lead a camp life in unhealthy parts. Government revenue is, however, of opinion that Mr Mullins has put in it the category of

of incidental charges, several items of which are excluded from the term by actual travelling expenses as defined in Art. 15 C.S.R.

4. Mr Gompertz states that as a Forest Settlement Officer he has to settle small blocks scattered over large areas and to travel in localities where bandies cannot be obtained, that he has consequently to move camp much more frequently than as a Survey officer and engage coolies for carrying his luggage and that the result is his travelling expenses now are much heavier than when he was in the Survey department. He, however, admits that the present rate is ordinarily sufficient.

5. Messrs Mullins and Gompertz have not furnished any detailed statement of their actual travelling expenses as compared with the travelling allowance drawn by them. Mr Cushington, on the other hand, submits a statement giving item by item the debits of ~~travelling~~ allowance drawn and the expenses incurred by

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for a period of six months. He states that he drew Rs 600-12-0 during the above period while he actually spent Rs 673-2-6. The Board of Revenue points out that Mr Rushington has not taken credit in the column of receipt for all the daily allowance drawn for halts and if this amount is included throughout, the comparison will not favour his contention, the more so, as the rules limiting the allowance to 10 days' halt at a station does not apply to Forest Settlement officers" (vide G.O. mis. No. 4444 Rev. d/ 12-10-92). On a reference made to him by the Board of Revenue, Mr Rushington explains in his subsequent letter Ref. in Jan Regr. No 3749 of 1898 dated 23rd February last, "that while travelling his allowance did not cover his expenses". This is, the Board considers, erroneous for the daily allowance for halts is so fixed as to compensate officer for loss on days when is on the move. The Board above Revenue under the circumstances, now

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now thinks "that no case has been made out for increasing the daily allowance of Forest Settlement Offrs and requests that the Government of India may be informed accordingly".

Orders are solicited

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A.A. Collectors & Sub Collectors get only Rs 4 a day.

If F.S.Os have to travel long distances (i.e. over 20 miles or ½ mile they will get mileage at 8 as a mile for road journeys & double if can for railway journeys.

I submit that the Boards present view is correct & may be accepted.

JG 4/4/98

Hlls 30/3/98

Hon. I think the Board is right

8/4/98 P. T.O

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a draft G.O. and letter to India are submitted below. They may be sent to the F.D. for concurrence.

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To Fin. Dept for concurrence

Fin Dept

Read again G.O. misc No. 6359 Rev: dy 14th Oct 1897.

2 .. also B.P. Ltr. No 115 misc dy 1st March 1898 (Cir. 581/98)

Order misc. No. 1948 dy 4.5.98.

In the circumstances now reported, the Govt agrees in the view expressed by the Board of Rev: in para 4 of its Procs read above. The Govt of India will accordingly be informed in the Financial Dept that Ho. the C. in C. withdraws the recommendation ~~made by him~~ conveyed in letter no 600 Fin dy 20th August 1897

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To the Financial Dept Proc

.. Board of Rev: Ltr. (2. 4. 01)

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To

The Secy to the Govt of India

Rev: and Genl Dept

Sir,

In reply to your letter

897 F/239-2 dy 21st Sept

am directed to state that

In pursuance of the wishes

~~for certain further detail~~

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of the Govt of India, further
~~since furnished by the Board of~~
detailed Enquiries has been instituted
~~Rev.~~ regarding the actual travelling
~~allowances~~ Expenses of Survey Officers em-
ployed on Forest Settlement work in this Prov.

~~H.E. the C in C. has found~~
that our R.A. Lushington on
whose application the recom-
mendation contained in my
letter No 660, Fin!, dy 20th Aug!
1897 was made, had not taken
credit, in the figures furnished
by him, for the daily allowance
drawn during halts. He now
explains that his intention
was merely to show that, while
travelling, his allowance did
not cover his actual expenses.
He was not aware that the
daily allowance of an Officer
was so fixed as to compensate
him
any officer for loss on days when
he was on the move. H.E. in C.
does not in these circumstances
consider that a case has been
made out for the ~~not~~ grant of
extra allowance to Survey
~~employed on Forest Settl work~~

Therefore
I am to request that the
recommen- ation
circum-
stances

The result of this enquiries has been to satisfy H.E. the C in C that the present daily rate of Rs 4 is on the whole sufficient to cover such expenses.

recommendation contained in my letter No 660 of the 20th August 1897 ~~already referred to~~ above may be considered to be withdrawn.

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Read in Fin! 29/4/98.

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