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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper:—

From T. HESKETH BIGGS, Esq., Accountant-General, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Fort St. George, 8th July 1898, No. 3539.

I have the honour to forward Proceedings, Mis. No. 3761, dated 21st June 1898, of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, &c., Department) regarding the travelling allowance of minor irrigation overseers and to report that the sanction of the Government of India is necessary for the inclusion of these officers in Appendix 22 of the Civil Service Regulations under the head "Minor Works and Navigation."

2. Their claim to travelling allowance will then be subject to the provisions of articles 1133 (*a*) and 1133 (*b*) of the Regulations.

ENCLOSURE.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), Mis. No. 3761, dated 21st June 1898.

Read—again the following papers:—

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), No. 491, dated 22nd November 1894.

Read—again Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), Mis. No. 3207, dated 28th May 1894.

ABSTRACT.—Sanctioning the revised proposition statement of Minor Irrigation establishment in Trichinopoly during 1894-95.

Read—again the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), Mis. No. 6581, dated 26th October 1894:—

Read—the following letter from R. MORRIS, Esq., Officiating Accountant-General to the Government of Madras, to the Secretary to the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement and Director of the Department of Land Records and Agriculture, dated Fort St. George, 5th September 1894, No. 2678:—

In the proposition statement of Minor Irrigation Works establishment of Trichinopoly district received with Board's Proceedings, Mis. No. 3207, dated 28th May 1894, provision was made for horse allowance at ten rupees each to two overseers.

2. I have the honour to observe that under article 1181 of the Civil Service Regulations any addition to the list of permanent conveyance or horse allowance can be made only with the sanction of the Government of India; and to request that the Board will move Government to address the Government of India in view to the inclusion in Appendix 26 of the Civil Service Regulations of Minor Irrigation Works overseers if they are to draw horse allowance.

Resolution—Mis. No. 6581, dated 26th October 1894.

The Board observes that the Minor Irrigation Works establishment is a temporary staff entertained from year to year and paid out of the annual lump sum grant for the maintenance and repair of minor irrigation works. No separate provision is made in the budget for this establishment, and its strength and pay vary with the amount of work to be done from time to time, the only restriction imposed by Government being that the total expenditure on such establishments shall not exceed 15 per cent. of the outlay on works. The Board doubts if article 1181 of the Civil Service Regulations can have been intended to apply to officers appointed under such circumstances.

2. The minor irrigation overseers are itinerating officers whose salary it is advisable to fix so as to include the expenses of travelling; and in determining their salary the Board thought it desirable to define the portion intended to cover the travelling allowances so that the object for which it was granted might not be lost sight of. If the Accountant-General considers that this course is objectionable as beyond the competence of the Board, it is prepared to grant the minor irrigation overseers a consolidated pay without specifying the horse allowance separately.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) P. RAJARATNA MUDALIYAR,
Secretary.

To the Accountant-General.

Read—also the following letter from T. W. RAWLINS, Esq., Accountant-General to the Government of Madras, to the Secretary to the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement and Director of the Department of Land Records and Agriculture, dated Fort St. George, 6th November 1894, No. 3370:—

With reference to Proceedings of the Board, Mis. No. 6581, dated the 26th October 1894, I have the honour to state that the circumstances connected with the appointment of Minor Irrigation Works overseers were not overlooked when I raised an objection to the horse allowance proposed for them in my letter to the Board No. 2678, dated 5th September 1894.

2. The Civil Service Regulations apparently draw no distinction between permanent and temporary men for the purposes of article 1181, and, under the circumstances I regret that I am unable to withdraw the objection raised. There is no objection however to their being granted a consolidated pay without distinction of horse allowance.

Resolution—No. 491, dated 22nd November 1894.

Recorded.

2. In cases in which the Board has already sanctioned horse allowances to members of the minor irrigation staff, the amount of the allowance should be added to the pay of the official and not shown separately in the salary bills. It should be distinctly understood that the consolidated pay is intended to cover the cost of all travelling which the minor irrigation overseers and maistries may be required to make in the performance of their duties.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) P. RAJARATNA MUDALIYAR,
Secretary.

To the Collectors of all districts, except Malabar, South Canara and the Nilgiris.

" Accountant-General.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), Mis. No. 6355, dated 9th December 1896.

Read—the following letter from C. H. MOUNSEY, Esq., Acting Collector of Salem, dated 18th November 1896, Ref. No. 3236-Cur.:—

The Minor Irrigation overseer of the Hosúr division having taken up an appointment in the Public Works Department, the post was vacant during April and May last. On the 13th May the Tahsildar of Hosúr reported that the repairs to Morasur tank, referred to in Board's Proceedings, Mis. No. 2082 (Revenue Settlement), dated 29th April 1896, and other tanks which were under execution required supervision, and requested that a Minor Irrigation overseer might be appointed at an early date. The matter of selection of a proper man to the post was under correspondence between this office and the Principal of the Civil Engineering College and pending other arrangements, the Minor Irrigation overseer of the Salem division was directed to take charge of the Hosúr division in addition to his own. He was accordingly employed in the Hosúr division from the 30th May to 10th June 1896, both days inclusive, and drew a sum of Rs. 17-13-4 as travelling allowance for his journey beyond his jurisdiction, viz., the Salem division, as detailed in the margin. The Accountant-General, has in his objection statement No. A.A.Z.—28-D., dated 12th September last, disallowed the amount with reference to Board's Proceedings, No. 491 (Revenue Settlement), dated 22nd November 1894; this Board's Proceedings, I think, was intended to refer to travelling made by an overseer within his jurisdiction and not to a case like the present one. The overseer has had to travel from one part of the district to another, and I think it hard to make him defray the expenses out of his fixed allowance of Rs. 10. In view of the special circumstances of the case and article 1148 of the Civil Service Regulations, I recommend that the amount may be passed.

	Rs.	A.	P.
Railway fare	13	8	0
Daily allowance, including mileage limited to the extent of daily allowance	3	5	4
Mileage	5	0	0
Total ..	21	13	4
Deduct—fixed travelling allowance for 12 days at Rs. 10 per mensem.	4	0	0
Net amount drawn ..	17	13	4

Resolution—Mis. No. 6355, dated 9th December 1896.

The Board agrees with the Collector that the Board's Proceedings referred to by the Accountant-General was intended to refer to travelling made by an overseer within his jurisdiction and not to a case like the present one in which an overseer proceeded under proper authority beyond his jurisdiction. The Accountant-General is requested to state whether he sees any objection to the officer drawing the usual travelling allowance for the journey performed beyond the limit of his jurisdiction. The Board considers that the case will not fall under article 1148 of the Civil Service Regulations as the officer draws no recognised permanent monthly allowance.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) R. V. SRINIVASIAR,
Secretary.

To the Collector of Salem.
" Accountant-General.

Read—also the following papers:—

Details of Retrenchment No. 1051 of August 1896.

Railway fare drawn for T. Subba Rao, Tank Overseer, Ellore, for the journey from Ellore to Cocanada and back, Rs. 4-4-0.

Want of information whether the object of the Board's Proceedings, No. 491, dated 22nd November 1894, in including the conveyance allowance in the consolidated pay was to treat the overseers as officers coming under Appendix 22 of the Civil Service Regulations. If so their claim to travelling allowance would be governed by article 1133 of Civil Service Regulations.

No. A.B.K.—24-D.

Objection statement for August 1896.

Accountant-General's office, dated 3rd October 1896.

To the Collector of Gódávari.

The voucher noted below objected to for want of No 13.

Drawer of the bill—Tahsildar, Ellore Taluk.

Nature of charge—Travelling allowance bill of the establishment of Tank Overseer, Ellore, for March 1896.

Number and date of voucher—1051 of August 1896.

Amount of voucher—Rs. 4-4-0.

Copy forwarded for information to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue (Settlement Department), Madras, who is requested to return this memorandum with his explanation on the reverse if he has any to offer or with the documents required.

(Signed) W. MICHAEL,
Dy. Acct.-Genl.

Reference thereon to the Collector of Gódávari, dated 1st December 1896.

The Collector of Gódávari is requested to report the circumstances under which the railway journey by the tank overseer, Ellore, was made, and the fare referred to, viz., Rs. 4-4-0, claimed.

From R. H. SHIPLEY, Esq., Collector of Gódávari, dated 28th December 1896, Dis. No. 2078-Acc.

Adverting to Board's Reference on General Register No. 5846 of 1896, dated 1st instant, I have the honour to state that the tank overseer of Ellore travelled by rail in March last to Cocanada under orders of the Tahsildar of Ellore to furnish information to the General Deputy Collector, Ellore, who was then at Cocanada on Local Fund duty in regard to minor irrigation bills which had to be scrutinized by him and passed for payment. As the sanctioned allotment had to be drawn and utilised before the end of the month, the Tahsildar was obliged to depute the overseer also to that place, lest the bills might be returned unpassed by the Deputy Collector for want of accurate information. The overseer being in charge of the execution of the works, and entrusted with the preparation of the bills, his presence was considered necessary and the claim for batta was accordingly admitted by this office.

From F. C. HARRISON, Esq., Officiating Accountant-General, dated 9th January 1897, No. 55.

With reference to Board's Proceedings, No. 6355, dated the 9th December 1896, I have the honour to point out that the effect of the Board's Resolution No. 491, dated 22nd November 1894, is to place the minor irrigation overseers under the operation of Appendix 22, Civil Service Regulations. The sanction of the Government of India should therefore be obtained to the inclusion of these officers in that appendix.

Resolution—Mis. No. 3761, dated 21st June 1898.

The papers read above relating to the question of granting travelling allowances to minor irrigation overseers for journeys performed beyond the circle of their ordinary jurisdiction will be submitted for the orders of Government, through the Accountant-General.

2. In 1894, the Accountant-General took objection to the grant of horse allowance to minor irrigation overseers on the ground that under article 1181 of the Civil Service Regulations, addition to the list of officers to whom such allowance is grantable can be made only with the sanction of the Government of India. On its being pointed out that minor irrigation overseers belong to a temporary staff entertained from year to year and paid out of an annual lump sum grant for the maintenance and repair of minor irrigation works, that officer remarked that article 1181 applied to such temporary appointments also. To obviate this objection, the Board, in its Proceedings, No. 491, dated 22nd November 1894, directed that the amount of horse allowance sanctioned to members of the minor irrigation staff should be added to their pay and not shown separately in the salary bills. The Board added that it should be distinctly understood that the consolidated pay was intended to cover the cost of all travelling which the minor irrigation overseers might be required to make in the performance of their duties.

	Rs.	A.	P.
(1) Railway fare drawn by tank overseer, Ellore taluk, for proceeding to Cocanada to meet the Divisional-officer and back.	4	4	0
(2) Railway fare and travelling allowance of the minor irrigation overseer of the Salem division who was placed in temporary charge of Hosúr taluk pending arrangements to fill up the post of overseer of the latter taluk ..	17	13	4

3. With reference to this order, the Accountant-General has objected to passing travelling allowance in the marginally-noted cases, and the ground appears to be that the travelling allowance claimed can be granted only under clause (*b*) of article 1133 of the Civil Service Regulations, that as a condition precedent to the application of that clause, the officers should be included in the appendix referred to in clause (*a*) of the article, and that such inclusion requires the sanction of the Government of India.

4. As the consolidated pay allowed to minor irrigation overseers was intended to cover only the cost of travelling made by them within their jurisdiction, the Board considers that the officers should be given the usual travelling allowance for journeys beyond their jurisdiction; and as the Accountant-General thinks that such allowance cannot be granted unless the officers are included in Appendix 22 of the Civil Service Regulations, the Board requests that the necessary sanction may be obtained.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) R. V. SRINIVASIAR,
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
through the Accountant-General.
„ Collector of Salem.
„ „ of Gódávari.

Endt. Mis. No. 3728, Revenue.

Transferred to the Financial Department.

(By order.)

Ootacamund,
14*th September* 1898.

(Signed) N. E. MARJORIBANKS,
Ag. Under Secretary to Government.

Order—No. 982, Financial, dated 1st November 1898.

Under article 1134 of the Civil Service Regulations, minor irrigation overseers will be included in Appendix 22 of the Regulations, and these Proceedings will be forwarded to the Government of India for confirmation.

2. The Accountant-General will be authorised to withdraw his objection in the cases mentioned in the foregoing correspondence.

(True Extract.)

A Edgington
for *Chief Secretary.*

To the Revenue Department.
„ Accountant-General.

Endorsement—No. 983, Financial, dated 1st November 1898.

Copy to the Government of India, Finance and Commerce Department, for confirmation.

G. STOKES,
Chief Secretary.

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