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EXTRACT from the Proceedings of the Government of India, in the Financial Department, d. 17th November, 1859.

READ the following :—

From J. L. LUSHINGTON, ESQ., Civil Auditor, Madras, to C. H. LUSHINGTON, ESQ., Financial Secretary to the Government of India, No. 663, d. 29th September, 1859.

SIR,

IN the *Calcutta Gazette* of 14th instant, at page 2154, there appears a Notification from the Financial Department, No. 2855, dated the 26th August last, apparently issued by the Lieutenant Governor of Bengal, ruling that "whenever an officer of any Department travelling on duty is "entitled to draw travelling allowance reckoned by mileage, and he travels the "whole distance or any portion of the distance by railroad, he shall charge for "such distance at the rate of 3 annas per mile only if he is an officer entitled to "charge ordinarily at the rate of 8 annas or upwards per mile, and at the rate of "one and half anna per mile only if he is an officer entitled to charge ordinarily "at a rate below 8 annas."

2. I have the honor to request that I may be informed whether the above rule is to be applicable to this Presidency also.

3. At present, travelling allowance is passed to officers in the Covenanted and Uncovenanted service at the prescribed rates, *i. e.*, 8 and 4 annas respectively, without regard to the mode of their travelling, so long as they travel by land.

NO 8651, FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT, FORT WILLIAM, THE 18TH OCTOBER, 1859.

FORWARDED to the Civil Auditor, Fort William, with a request that he will be good enough to report, with reference to the Notification above mentioned, on what orders the Bengal practice is founded.

From K. M. CHATTERJEE, ESQ., Officiating Civil Auditor, Fort William, to C. H. LUSHINGTON, ESQ., Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, No. 3471, d. 28th October, 1859.

SIR,

WITH reference to your endorsement, No. 8651 of the 18th instant, forwarding for my report an original letter, No. 663 of the 29th ultimo, from the

Civil Auditor of Fort Saint George, relative to a question mooted by that officer whether the rule laid down by the Government of Bengal for the audit of travelling allowance to officers who travel by railway, is to be applicable to that Presidency also, I have the honor to state, for the information of the Hon'ble the President in Council, that the Notification alluded to by the Civil Auditor of Madras has been issued by the Hon'ble the Lieutenant Governor of the North Western Provinces for the audit of travelling allowance to officers attached to those Provinces when moving by railway ; but the practice of this office for passing such allowances is founded upon an order passed by His Honor the Lieutenant Governor of Bengal on the 6th of August, 1856, (on a reference made from this office) copy of which is hereto annexed for ready reference. Should His Honor in Council be pleased to extend this rule to other Presidencies, I consider there can be no objection.

2. The original document is herewith returned.

ORDER BY THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF BENGAL, D., FORT WILLIAM, 6TH AUGUST, 1856.

WHENEVER an officer of any Department travelling on duty is entitled to draw travelling allowance reckoned by mileage, and he travels the whole distance or any portion of the distance by railroad, he shall charge for such distance at the rate of 3 annas per mile only if he is an officer entitled to charge ordinarily at the rate of 8 annas or upwards per mile, and at the rate of 1½ anna per mile only if he is an officer entitled to charge ordinarily at the rate below 8 annas.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT, RESOLUTION.

THE Hon'ble the President in Council is pleased to extend to all the Presidencies the rule referred to above, for regulating the travelling allowances of officers travelling by railway.

COPY sent to the Civil Auditor, Madras, in reply to his letter, No. 663, dated 29th September, 1859.

Copy forwarded to the Foreign, Home, Military, and the Public Works Departments, for information.

Copy communicated to the Governments of Bengal, Madras, Bombay, North Western Provinces, and the Punjab, for information.

Copy sent to the Civil Auditors, Fort William, Bombay, N. W. Provinces, and the Punjab, for information and guidance.

(A true Extract)

Secretary to the Government of India.

[Exd. R. N. Dhur.]

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