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Shroffs, &c., travelling with remittances.

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2. From 1881 to 1894, shroffs halting with treasure were permitted by this Government to draw batta for the whole period of their halt even if it exceeded ten days. In 1894, however, the Accountant-General, under instructions from the Government of India, pointed out that this Government had no power to grant any such general exemption except in the case of officers maintaining camp equipage. It was suggested by the Government of India that this Government should take such steps as might be considered necessary with regard to the officers on whom this rule pressed hardly, but as it was found on enquiry that the cases in which shroffs were delayed with treasure for more than ten days were rare, the Government took no further action in the matter.

3. The detention of shroffs in Madras when they accompany remittances has now become far more common. In August last the Collector of Kistna reported the case of a shroff who had been detained for 28 days in Madras and recommended his exemption from the provisions of article 1159, Civil Service Regulations. The Board of Revenue declined to support the application, but drew the attention of the Accountant-General to the prolonged delays which occur before shroffs are sent back to their stations. The Accountant-General replied that he recognised that hardships were imposed upon shroffs under present rules by these delays, which were, however, inevitable. The Board next recommended the exemption of certain shroffs from the provisions of article 1159 as special cases under section (b) of that article. The Government, however, was compelled to point out that under the ruling contained in the letter of the Government of India, Finance and Commerce Department, dated 6th December 1895, No. 5677-Ex., the extra expense for which an officer might be compensated under section (b) must be of the kind which travelling allowance is intended to cover; that, under article 1086, Civil Service Regulations, travelling allowance is granted to cover actual travelling expenses, and that in the expression "actual travelling expenses", as defined in article 15, the extra expenses incurred by the shroffs for food and lodging away from their homes could not be included. The Board consequently withdrew its application, at the same time bringing to notice the peculiar hardship of cases such as those under report and recommending that a rule should be made to enable compensation to be paid to the shroffs for their extra expenditure. The Accountant-General, agreeing as to the special hardships involved, suggests that shroffs might be included in the classes of officers who by article 1162, Civil Service Regulations, are exempted from the operations of article 1159 unconditionally, that is to say, without any restriction as to the charges which batta is intended to cover. I am to point out that Potadars in the Currency Department, whose work is similar to that of the shroffs in the present cases, are already exempted under section (g), article 1162.

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In reply to your letter, No. 219, dated 9th March 1897, I am directed to convey sanction to the proposal that shroffs and other inferior servants in the Madras Presidency travelling with remittances may be exempted absolutely from the operation of article 1159 of the Civil Service Regulations, provided that the Collector or the Accountant-General, as the case may be, certifies that detention for a longer period than ten days is unavoidable. This order may be applied retrospectively with effect from the 1st January 1896. The necessary addition will be made in the Civil Service Regulations.

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