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Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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No. 17. Read the following letter from W. BALMAIN, Esq., Officiating Civil Auditor, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 15th October 1860, No. 745.

Contingent Department.

With reference to the Proceedings of Government, No. 1,237, September 26th, and the Orders of the Government of India, No. 7,869, dated 18th August 1860, sanctioning the grant of travelling allowance to Military Officers *only* when joining their *first appointment* in the Civil Department, I have the honor to bring to the notice of Government that Lieutenant Menzies was an Officiating Assistant Commissioner in the Tenasserim Province when he was appointed to the Madras Police.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Government of India in the Financial Department, dated 18th August 1860, No. 7,869.

Read the following:—

From W. E. GORDON, Esq., Officiating Civil Auditor, Punjab, to C. H. LUSHINGTON, Esq., Financial Secretary to the Government of India, Fort William, dated Lahore, 17th July 1860, No. 506.

I have the honor to submit for the orders of Government a claim preferred by Lieutenant Urquhart, for the amount of express cart hire from Peshawur to Lahore, while proceeding to join his appointment as Lieutenant of Police at the latter station.

There appears to be no rule under which a Military Officer is entitled to receive travelling allowance while proceeding to join his first appointment in the Civil Department, but as, in the present instance, the charge has been passed under Orders by the Military Secretary to the Punjab Government, I am induced to solicit an expression of the views of the Supreme Authority on the general question involved in the recognition of Lieutenant Urquhart's claim.

The return of the original enclosures is requested with your reply.

No. 6,566. FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT, FORT WILLIAM, THE 1ST AUGUST 1860.
Forwarded to the Officiating Civil Auditor, Fort William, for report.

From H. D. SANDEMAN, Esq., Officiating Civil Auditor, Fort William, to C. H. LUSHINGTON, Esq., Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, dated 6th August 1860, No. 2,796.

I have the honor to state, in reply to your docket of the 1st instant, No. 6,566, that a Military Officer joining a Civil appointment is not entitled to travelling allowance. The sum, therefore, paid to Lieutenant Urquhart should be retrenched, unless it can be shewn that he was ordered to travel by express. It should be explained why a bill of a Civil nature was audited in the Military Department of the Punjab Government.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT, FORT WILLIAM, THE 18TH AUGUST 1860.

RESOLUTION.—With respect to the question of travelling allowance referred to in the above correspondence, the Governor General in Council considers that the views expressed by the Civil Auditor of the Punjab and the Civil Auditor at this Presidency, are erroneous. His Excellency in Council observes, that under the Financial Resolution of the 15th July 1859, No. 6,330, the same travelling allowances are to be granted to Military Officers in Civil employ as are granted to Covenanted Civil servants; and as Covenanted Civilians are entitled to the travelling allowance on joining a *first* appointment. His Excellency in Council is pleased to sanction the grant of the travelling allowance to Lieutenant Urquhart.

His Excellency in Council desires, however, that the Punjab Government may be requested to explain why a bill of a Civil nature was passed in the Military Department of that Government.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
2nd November 1860.

Ordered, that a copy of the above resolution be sent to the Auditors specified in the margin, for information and guidance.

Civil Auditors, Fort William, Madras, Bombay, North-Western Provinces and Punjab.

Ordered, also that a copy be sent to the Government of the Punjab, with a request that the required explanation may be submitted to this Department.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) C. H. LUSHINGTON,
Secretary to the Government of India.

(True Copies.)

(Signed) W. BALMAIN,
Officiating Civil Auditor.

No. 18. ORDER THEREON, 2nd November 1860, No. 1,426.

The Government observe that the grant of travelling expenses to Lieutenant H. C. Menzies, who was appointed to the Madras Police while Officiating as Assistant Commissioner in the Tenasserim Provinces, is not without precedent—similar expenses having been sanctioned to Lieutenant Tennant, Superintendent of Police, who was transferred from the Public Works Department. The Order of the Government of India, 18th August last, has not been communicated to this Government, nor has it been published in the Calcutta Gazette.

Proceedings, 21st August 1858, No. 1,151.

2. The Government are not under these circumstances prepared to cancel their Order in the case of Lieutenant Menzies, passed by them before the resolution of the 18th August was brought to their notice. This ruling will, however, be now adopted for the future, and copies of it will be furnished to the Inspector General of Police, and to the Financial and Public Works Departments. Bills of Military Officers hereafter appointed to the Police, who may be entitled under it to travelling allowance for joining, will be countersigned by the Inspector General, and submitted for audit, without reference to Government.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Castledge.

Proceedings of the Madras Govt.

Read letter from the Civil Auditor — Inter 15th Oct. 60 No. 745.

Order — 2d November 1860. No. 1426.

The Govt. observe that the grant of travelling expenses to Lt. H. C. Menzies, who was appointed to the Madras Police while officiating as Assistant Commissioner in the Tenasserim Provinces, is not without precedent — similar expenses having been sanctioned to Lieut. Tennant, Superintendent of Police, who was transferred from the Public Works Dept. They are not disposed to cancel

Proc. 21 Augt 58. No. 1151.

The order of the 18th Augt has not been communicated

cancel their Orders of the 26th Septr. last No. 1,237 — & so give retrospective effect to the resolution of the Govt. of India, under date the 18th Augt. No. 7,869, a copy of which has been furnished to them by the Civil Auditor.

2. This ruling will, however, be now adopted & copies of it will furnished to the Inspector Genl. of Police & to the ~~Financial~~ & Pub: Wks: Depts: Bills of Military officers hereafter appointed to the Police

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The Civil Auditor.
" Inspector Genl. of Police.
" Financial Dept.
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Let this not now be published in the Calcutta Gazette.

2. The first and second paragraphs of this order will be communicated to the Inspector Genl. of Police, who will be requested to inform the Civil Auditor.

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Encl. 1 to 1860 Despatch

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Dated 20 November 1860.