

Fort Saint George, Marine Consultation, 29th October 1857.

No. 5. From R. B. CHAPMAN, Esq., Officiating Under Secretary to the Government of India; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated the 6th October 1857, No. 1662.

Home Department.

Extract from Proceedings in the Military Department, No. 1190, dated 31st July 1857. To Military Department, No. 1466, dated 13th August. Extract from Do. No. 1029, dated 25th do.

I am directed to forward copies of the papers noted in the margin, regarding the question of Batta to be allowed to the Officers and Men of the Royal and Indian Navies employed on shore and on Military operations in the North Western Provinces, and to request that under the orders of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, you will report whether under existing rule or according to practice, the Officers of the Royal Navy who are employed up the Country, are entitled to receive Mess Allowance, in addition to War Batta.

2. I am directed at the same time to request that you will furnish a copy of all orders that have been received upon the subject of the Indian Allowances of Officers of the Royal Navy.

(Signed) R. B. CHAPMAN,
Offg. Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Right Honorable the Governor General of India in Council in the Military Department, under date the 31st July 1857, No. 1190.
From the Deputy Adjutant General of the Army; to the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, dated Calcutta, 27th July 1857; No. 704.

SIR,

I have the honor by desire of the Commander-in-Chief to forward, for submission to the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council, copy of a letter, of date the 18th July 1857, from Lieut. G. O. B. Carew, of the Indian Navy, raising questions connected with the Pay and Rations of a Party of Seamen serving under his command at Barrackpore.

2. His Excellency recommends that an Allowance of Rupees (300) three hundred per mensem, may be assigned to Lieutenant Carew, and a suitable increase to the other Officers, and that the Petty Officers and Seamen may be placed on the same footing as corresponding grades in the Foot Artillery with respect to Rations, Liquor, and other advantages enjoyed by the Troops.

(Signed) W. MAYHEW, Major,
Deputy Adjutant General of the Army.

From Lieutenant G. O. B. CAREW, Commanding Indian Navy Detachment; to Captain S. RICHARDS, Offg. Major of Brigade, Barrackpore, dated 8th July 1857.

SIR,

I have the honor to request the favor of your submitting the following points through the proper Channel for the instructions and orders of Government, with reference to the Detachment, as per margin, of Seamen from the Vessels "Auckland" and "Semiramis" now doing duty on shore at Barrackpore under my command, viz., 1st what additional rates of Pay are the Officers and Seamen to receive while performing the duties of an Artillery Horse Field Battery. The present rates for the Officers, while serving on Boardship being as follows, for Lieutenant Rupees 147 per mensem, and for Midshipman, Rupees 47, but which are manifestly inadequate to meet the increased expenses entailed by a residence on shore.

<i>Strength.</i>		
Lieutenant.....	1	
Midshipmen.....	2	
Sergeant.....	1	
Bombardier.....	1	
Gunners.....	11	
Boatswain.....	1	
Petty Officers.....	9	
Seamen.....	36	

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2. The rates for Petty Officers and Seamen on Boardship are, for the former Rupees 33, for the latter Rupees 26 per mensem. On all previous occasions, when similarly employed, Seamen having been granted an extra Allowance under the denomination of "Batta."
3. What Quarter Master's Establishment is authorised for the Detachment, and how to be drawn for and paid, the Strength being equal to a European Company of Foot Artillery.
4. Indents for the Men's Liquor, on what Department to be drawn and how to be paid for.
5. What amount of Command Allowances may be deemed proper for the Senior Officer in Command, while filling the Post of a Captain commanding a Company of European Artillery.

(Signed) C. GRANT, Brigadier,
Commanding at Barrackpore.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) W. MAYHEW, Major,
Deputy Adjutant General of the Army.

From Colonel R. J. H. BIRCH, Secretary to the Government of India, in the Military Department; to the Deputy Adjutant General of the Army, dated Fort William, the 31st July 1857, No. 1187.

Military Department.

SIR,

In acknowledging the receipt of your letter, No. 704 of the 27th Instant, submitting for orders questions regarding the Pay and Rations, &c., of a party of Officers and Seamen serving at Barrackpore, with a Horse Field Battery, I am instructed to acquaint you, for the information of His Excellency the Acting Commander-in-Chief, that the questions of the Allowances of the Officers and Seamen will be forthwith referred for the consideration and orders of Government in the Home Department.

* Extract of letter from Lieut. Carew, Commanding Detachment, Indian Navy, Barrackpore, dated 18th July, submitted with Deputy Adjutant General of the Army's letter, No. 704 of the 27th July 1857.

Para: 3 "What Quarter Master's Establishment is authorized for the Detachment, and how to be drawn for and paid, the Strength being equal to a European Company of Foot Artillery."

4. Indents for the Men's Liquor on what Department to be drawn and how to be paid for."

3. Transcript of my letter to the Town Major of Fort William, No. 745 of the 17th July 1857, authorizing Full Rations according to the Indian Navy Scale to the Detachments of Seamen in Fort William at Dacca and Barrackpore, with the cost of Cooks, Rupees (28) Twenty-eight per mensem, is hereto annexed for His Excellency's information.

(Signed) R. J. H. BIRCH, Colonel,
Secy. to the Govt. of India, in the Mily. Dept.

From Colonel R. J. H. BIRCH, Secretary to the Government of India in the Military Department; to the Town Major, dated Fort William, the 17th July 1857, No. 745.

Military Department.

SIR,

In reply to your letter, No. 1018, of the 15th Instant, I am directed to acquaint you that full Rations according to the Indian Navy Scale are to be issued to the Detachment of Seamen on duty in Fort William, and the cost of Cooks, Rupees (28) twenty eight per mensem, as proposed by the executive Commissariat Officer is to be charged to Government.

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2. The same rule will be observed with respect to the Detachments from the Indian Navy on duty at Dacca and at Barrackpore.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. J. H. BIRCH, Colonel,
Secy. to the Govt. of India in the Mily. Dept.

SCALE OF RATIONS.

	To European Seamen of the Indian Navy.	To European Soldiers in India, G. G. O. No. 876 of 1853.
Bread or Biscuit, per day.....	1 lb	1 lb.
Fresh meat, do.	1 lb	1 lb.
Salt, do.	1 oz.	1 oz.
Salt meat, do.	$\frac{3}{4}$ lb	
Rice, do.	$\frac{1}{2}$ lb or 8 oz.	4 oz.
Doll, do.	2 oz.	
Ghee, do.	1 oz.	
Spirits, do.	$\frac{1}{4}$ pint or 4 drams.	2 drams.
Firewood, do.	5 lb	3 lbs.
Coffee, per week.....	$\frac{3}{4}$ lb or 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. per day	* $\frac{3}{4}$ oz. daily.
Tea, do.	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ oz.	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ do.
Sugar, do.	18 oz. or 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. per day	
Raisins, do.	8 oz.	
Flour, do.	2 lbs.	
Vinegar, do.	$\frac{1}{2}$ pint.	
Mustard, do.	1 oz.	
Oil, per Month.....	6 lbs. to each Mess.	1 lb. daily.
Vegetables, ...		

Ordered that a copy of the foregoing be forwarded to the Home Department, (Marine) for consideration and orders with regard to the allowances of the Officers and Seamen, with an intimation that the Commissariat Department will provide the authorized number of Bheisties and Sweepers, and supply the Rum which it is understood forms a part of the Men's Rations.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. J. H. BIRCH, Colonel,
Secy. to the Govt. of India in the Mily. Dept.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Right Honorable the Governor General of India in Council in the Home Department, under date the 13th August 1857, No. 1466.

Read an Extract from the proceedings in the Military Department, No. 1190, dated 31st Ultimo, respecting the question as to the pay to be drawn by the Officer of the Indian Navy, Commanding the party of Seamen at Barrackpore.

The Governor General in Council before deciding upon the above question, is desirous of being informed as to the footing upon which, as regards Batta or Allowances, the Officers of the Royal Navy and Seamen of Her Majesty's Ships will stand when employed in the Upper Provinces. His Lordship in Council is of opinion that the occasion when Her Majesty's Ships were employed on the Irawaddy, will probably afford a precedent on this point.

Ordered that the foregoing remarks be communicated to the Military Department whence, if necessary, the required information will be procured from the Military Auditor General and furnished to this Department for the determination of the question referred to in the Extract from the Military Department, No. 1190, dated the 31st Ultimo.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. B. CHAPMAN,
Offg. Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

* Coffee may be substituted for Tea, when not procurable, or Coffee if preferred in the proportion of 2 lbs Coffee to 1 lb of Tea.

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Right Honorable the Governor General of India in Council in the Military Department, under date the 25th August 1857, No. 1029.

From Major E. G. CHAMPNEYS, Officiating Military Auditor General; to the Right Honorable C. J. VISCOUNT CANNING, Governor General of India in Council, Fort William, the 20th August 1857, No. 193.

Military Department.

MY LORD,

In returning the Documents received with Deputy Secretary Major F. D. Atkinson's Docket, No. 318, dated 18th Instant, I have the honor to state that the Officers and Men of the Royal Navy, who were employed on the Irawaddy, were allowed War Batta, which in the individual cases where it amounted to less than Donation Batta, eventually merged in the latter. It was issued in addition to the ordinary Batta or Mess Allowance which is granted to Vessels of the Royal Navy when serving on the East India Station.

2. War Batta commences from the date when by bombardment or by landing in a hostile Territory, Warlike operations commence against the enemy on land or against their Forts or other defences on land. It seems inapplicable therefore to details which may be performing duty in a Garrison or Cantonment such as Fort William or Barrackpore.

3. But the Officers and Seamen of the Royal Navy who may be actively employed in the Upper Provinces would appear entitled to the allowance from the date of their departure from the Presidency on special service, seeing that a similar indulgence would have been given to the Indus flotilla employed in the operations against Mooltan had they not received Donation Batta.

4. The Grant in Government letter, No. 679, dated 16th Ultimo, of a *per diem* Allowance and Table money to certain Officers of the Indian Navy, seems inapplicable to those of the Royal Navy employed in the Upper Provinces as the Ships to which the latter belong will I suppose receive Mess Allowance without deduction or abatement on account of the Officers, &c., that are thus detached. On this point however I would suggest a reference to the Authorities at Madras, with whom alone rests the adjustment of Batta Allowance to the Royal Navy employed on the East India Station.

5. And in like manner the practice of the Bombay Government in the issue of Allowances to Officers and Men of the Indian Navy, when on duty on shore would I respectfully submit be the safest guide in paying the details of the Indian Navy at Barrackpore so as not to establish an inconvenient Precedent.

6. It is not clear whether the late Acting Commander-in-Chief has recommended three hundred Rupees per mensem as a consolidated Salary or as an extra Allowance for Lieutenant Carew.

Company's Rupees 300 0 0

(Signed) E. G. J. CHAMPNEYS, Major,
Officiating Military Auditor General.

Order.—Ordered that a copy of the foregoing report be forwarded for information to the Home Department with reference to Extract from that Department, No. 1466, dated 13th August 1857.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. J. H. BIRCH, Colonel,
Secy. to the Govt. of India in the Mily. Dept.

(True Copies.)

(Signed) R. B. CHAPMAN,
Offg. Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

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தமிழ்நாடு ஆளுநர் அலுவலகம்
(செயலகம்)
ஈரோடு சிவசாமி அரங்கம்

29th October 1857.

No. 6.

ORDER THEREON, No. 459; dated 23rd October 1857.

Ordered that the foregoing letter and its enclosures, be communicated to the Civil Auditor, and that he be requested to report upon the question adverted to in the 1st para: and to furnish a copy of the Orders required by the Government of India, on the subject noticed in the 2nd paragraph.

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

No 1159.

Ordered that the foregoing letter and its enclosures be communicated to the Civil Auditor, and that he be requested to report upon the question adverted to in the 1st para, and to furnish a copy of the Order required by the Govt of India on the subject notified in the 2d para.

Fort St George, 2
23^d August 1857.

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To the Civil Auditor, Dispt 3^d