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Fort Saint George, Marine Consultation, 24th November 1857.

No. 7. From F. LUSHINGTON, Esq., Civil Auditor; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, dated 10th November 1857, No. 772.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, dated the 23rd Ultimo, No. 459, Marine Department, requesting me to report upon the question whether under existing rule or according to practice the Officers of the Royal Navy who are employed up Country are entitled to receive Mess Allowance in addition to War Batta.

In obedience to this requisition I have the honor to state that I am not aware of any other Allowance being passed to Officers of the Royal Navy either when afloat or ashore beside ordinary Batta and War or Extra Batta. The first of these Allowances is passed to Officers of the Royal Navy while serving with their Vessels within certain Geographical Limits irrespective of any other condition, and the second is claimable "when engaged on any expedition under direct orders from the Government conjointly with a Military Force, and when any part of the Naval Force is called to act on shore, and commences from the date when warlike operations commence against the enemy on land or against the Forts or other defences on land, *i. e.*, by bombardment or by landing and continues so long as the Royal Navy so co-operates with the Army."

In addition to these two kinds of Allowances there is another which has been passed to the Royal Navy, *viz.*, six months' Donation Batta to those who were engaged in the last War against Burmah and which was granted to all those who took part therein.

I have the honor also to furnish, as requested, copies of such orders as have been received upon the subject of the Indian Allowances of Officers of the Royal Navy, and to state that it is by them that this Office is guided in passing the several kinds of Batta enumerated above.

(Signed) F. LUSHINGTON,
Civil Auditor.

From G. A. BUSHBY, Esq., Secretary to the Government of India; to H. CHAMIER, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 4th August 1841, No. 148.

SIR,

I am directed to transmit for the information and guidance of the Government of Fort Saint George, the accompanying copy of a Resolution this day passed by the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council, regulating the grant of Extra or War Batta to Officers of the Royal Navy and Indian Navy.

(Signed) G. A. BUSHBY,
Secretary to the Govt. of India.

No. 261, 24th August 1841, Marine Department.

Ordered to be communicated to the Accountant General and Civil Auditor for information and guidance.

(Signed) ROBERT CLERK,
Secretary to Government.

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From G. A. BUSHBY, Esq., Secretary to the Government of India; to the Civil Auditor, Marine Consultation, the 4th August 1841.

Read a letter from the Honorable the Court of Directors, No. 7 of 1841, dated the 2d June, respecting the claim to Extra or War Batta preferred on behalf of Her Majesty's Ships "Wellesley" and "Algerine" on account of the Bombardment of Kurrachee, of the Company's Sloop "Coote" for Services in the Capture of Aden, and of the Vessels of the Indian Navy employed upon the Aden Station, since the Capture of that place.

To the Commander-in-Chief
specially appointed from

home.....£ 3,000 per Annum.
To each other Flag Officer. " 1,000 " "
" " Post Captain..... " 500 " "
" " Master and Com-
mander..... " 250 " "
To the Ward-room of a
third rate and upwards.. " 250 " "
Do. or the Lieutenant's Mess
of each Ship of 40 and
50 Guns..... " 170 " "
Do. of each Frigate under 40
Guns..... " 125 " "
Do. of each Sloop..... " 85 " "
To be reduced into Indian Currency, at the rate
of 2s. for each Bengal Current Rupee, 2s. 3d.
for each Bombay Rupee and 8s. for each
Gold Star Pagoda.

Resolution.—The Right Honorable the Governor General in Council in conformity with the Orders contained in the above Despatch is pleased to determine that no Allowance in excess of that granted to Officers of the Royal Navy by the Honorable the Court of Directors in their Despatches in the Public and Military Departments, dated respectively the 22nd December 1786 and 4th August 1791, shall be made by the East India Company to the Navy, except when engaged on an expedition under distinct orders from the Government conjointly with a Military Force and when any part of the Naval Force is called to act on shore. In such cases the Extra Batta will commence from the date when the Warlike operations commence against the enemy on land or against their Forts or other defences on land, that is by Bombardment or by landing and shall continue for so long as the Royal Navy may so co-operate with the Army.

The Governor General in Council is further pleased under the orders of the Honorable the Court of Directors above referred to, to adopt the following revised scale of Extra or War Batta, viz.

	Rs.	A.	P.	
To Captain 3 years' Post.....	12	8	0	per diem.
Post Captain under 3 years.....	10	0	0	"
Commander.....	7	8	0	"
Lieutenant.....	3	0	0	"
Master.....	3	0	0	"
Purser.....	3	0	0	"
Surgeon.....	3	0	0	"
Assistant Surgeon.....	4	0	0	"
Midshipman.....	3	0	0	"
Secretary to Senior Officer.....	3	0	0	"
School Master.....	3	0	0	"
Master's Mate.....	3	0	0	"
Captain's Clerk.....	3	0	0	"
Gunner, Boatswain and Carpenter.....	3	0	0	"
Petty Officers and Seamen.....	0	4	0	"
Non-Commissioned Officers and Marines.....	0	4	0	"
Boys.....	0	4	0	"

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The above principles and scale of Extra or War Batta are applicable to the Indian Navy as well as the Royal Navy, and the several claims now pending before Government will be adjusted accordingly.

Ordered that a copy of the foregoing Resolution be communicated to the Political Department whence the necessary orders will be issued in regard to the claims pending in that Department.

Ordered also that copies of the Resolution be sent to the Governments of Fort Saint George and Bombay, and to the Governor of Prince of Wales' Island, Singapore and Malacca, for the information and guidance of those Governments respectively.

Ordered further that copies of the Resolution be communicated severally to His Excellency the Naval Commander-in-Chief, the Marine Board and the Accountant General.

(Signed) G. A. BUSHBY,

Secretary to the Govt. of India.

No. 1.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

No. 141.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, dated 3rd May 1852.

No. 3 of 1852.
Our Governor in Council at Fort Saint George.

1. Having received frequent representations as to the operation of the Regulations respecting Batta and other Allowances made by the East India Company to Officers of the Royal Navy serving on the East India Station, we have thought proper to revise those Regulations, and we direct, that in lieu of them, the following be henceforth adopted.

Ordered to be communicated to the Civil Auditor for information and guidance.

The Batta payable shall be according to the subjoined scale, viz.

To the Commander-in-Chief not being below the Rank of Rear Admiral at the rate of.....	Rupees	30,000 per Annum.
To a Commodore succeeding to the Chief Command by the death, resignation or coming away of the Commander-in-Chief at the rate of.....	Rupees	15,000 "
To a Captain succeeding to the Chief Command by the death, resignation or coming away of the Commander-in-Chief at the rate of.....	Rupees	10,000 "
To the Secretary to the Commander-in-Chief at the rate of.....	Rupees	1,200 "
To the Second in Command not being below the rank of Commodore at the rate of.....	Rupees	10,000 "
To the Secretary of the Second in Command at the rate of.....	Rupees	800 "
To every Captain at the rate of.....	Rupees	5,000 "
To every Commander at the rate of.....	Rupees	2,500 "
To every Lieutenant Commanding a Vessel of War, but not a Transport at the rate of.....	Rupees	850 "
To the Ward Room or Lieutenant's Mess of a first, second, or third rate Ship at the rate of.....	Rupees	2,500 "
To the do. do. of a fourth rate Ship at the rate of.....	Rupees	2,000 "
To the do. do. of a fifth rate Ship at the rate of.....	Rupees	1,700 "
To the do. do. of a sixth rate Ship at the rate of.....	Rupees	1,250 "
To the do. do. of a Sloop or other Vessel Commanded by a Commander at the rate of.....	Rupees	850 "

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2. The rate of a Ship is to be determined according to the classification inserted in the Navy List published by authority of the Board of Admiralty.

3. Payment of Batta to the Naval Commander-in-Chief shall commence from the date of his arrival at the first Port within the limits of his Command and shall cease on his departure from the last Port within those limits, and during the same period the Secretary and the Flag Lieutenant of the Commander-in-Chief shall also be entitled to Batta.

4. Batta shall not however be paid to any other Officers except while serving in that part of the Indian Seas (or in the Gulfs or Bays communicating therewith) included within the 10th parallel of South latitude, and the 105 degree of East longitude, payment commencing on the arrival of the Ship on board which they may be serving at the first Port within the said limits, and ceasing on her departure from the last port within the same.

5. Further in supercession of our orders of the 11th April 1848, addressed to your Presidency and of all other orders hitherto issued relative to the accommodation of Officers of Her Majesty's Navy, when required to be on shore upon the Public Service, we direct that Allowances in lieu of House Rent and accommodation on shore, be paid to the Officers specified according to the subjoined scale, viz:

To the Naval Commander-in-Chief not being below the rank of Rear Admiral at the rate of.....	Rupees	3,500 per Annum.
To the second in Command, not being below the rank of Commodore at the rate of.....	Rupees	2,500 "
To a Commodore or Captain succeeding to the Chief Command by the death, resignation or coming away of the Commander-in-Chief at the rate of.....	Rupees	2,500 "
To each Captain, at the rate of.....	Rupees	1,000 "

6. These Allowances being payable to the Officers in question whether actually resident on shore or not, for any period during which, according to the Regulations laid down in the Despatch they may be entitled to Batta. These Allowances being thus rendered continuous are intended to provide for the accommodation on shore of Naval Officers of Superior Rank in whatever part of the Company's Territories they may happen to be, and as it has hitherto been customary to issue payments of Batta to Naval Officers at Madras only, it will be more convenient if the payment of Allowances in lieu of House Rent likewise be henceforth paid only at the same place.

7. In accordance with our letter to the Government of Madras of 21st May 1844 the practice of requiring from Agents drawing Batta for Naval Officers, to give Security for its refund if overdrawn, must be carefully continued.

8. We shall communicate a copy of this Despatch for the information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty.

LONDON, }
10th March 1852. }

(Signed) JOHN SHEPHARD,

(") J. W. HOGG, &c.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) H. C. MONTGOMERY,
Chief Secretary.

To the Civil Auditor.

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From the Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Fort William, the 10th June 1853, No. 2650.

Foreign Department.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch, dated the 25th Ultmo, No. 3, respecting a claim to Extra or War Batta preferred on behalf of the Officers and Men of H. M.'s Ship 'Winchester' for Services rendered during the recent operations against the enemy at Burmah.

2. In reply I am directed by the most Noble the Governor General in Council to observe that according to the letter of an existing General Order the Navy would appear to be entitled to War Batta. But in the China War and in the Punjab War Donation Batta was conferred and not War Batta.

3. The Honorable Court of Directors having sanctioned the grant of six months' Donation Batta for Burmah, that amount would naturally be paid to all who took part in the operations of the War. But the following question arises. Many Ships having been engaged in operations in Burmah for a longer period than twelve months, their Crews, if receiving War Batta, would get more than they would if receiving Donation Batta, and consequently more than the Soldiers of the Army, which latter can have no claim to War Batta. It therefore remains for decision which sort of Batta the Navy shall receive, and the decision of this question has been referred to the Honorable Court.

4. If the Honorable Court consider that the precedent of 1842 and 1849, above referred to, should be followed, and that no War Batta should be drawn by the Navy. The Navy will only have the Donation Batta to look to. But looking to the length of the War and to the meritorious Services of the Navy the Court of Directors may perhaps rule that whenever the aggregate amount of War Batta shall exceed the aggregate amount of Donation Batta the Sailors shall in all such instances receive the difference in excess of the one over the other.

5. In the mean time, pending the receipt of the reply from the Honorable Court, the Governor General in Council directs that the payment of the War Batta be suspended. Further orders will be given regarding the Donation Batta.

(Signed) C. ALLEN,

Officiating Secretary to the Government of India.

No. 183, 27th June 1853, Marine Department.

Ordered to be communicated, the Civil Auditor for his guidance with reference to his letter of the 4th May last, No. 1.

(Signed) H. C. MONTGOMERY,

Chief Secretary.

To the Civil Auditor.

From Lieutenant Colonel A. GOLDIE, Military Auditor General; to the Most Noble the MARQUIS of Dalhousie, K. T., Governor General of India in Council, Fort William, 3rd August, 1853, No. 798.

Military Department.

MY LORD,

To enable me to audit Bills for Ava Donation Batta to the Officers and Crews of such of the Bengal Marine consisting of river Streamers, Cargo Boats and Accommodation Boats and Transports, as were employed in the recent operations against Burmah, I have the honor to solicit instructions as to whether the scale of corresponding rank which

* Vide the accompanying Table. was observed with respect to Vessels of the Royal and Indian Navies and the Honorable Company's Sea-going Steamers, on occasion of the China expedition, is to be my guide in admitting indiscriminately the claims of the Vessels above described, on Certificates by the Superintendent of Marine of the correctness of the Donation Batta Bills, both in regard to rates and the individuals drawn for.

(Signed) A. GOLDIE, Lieut. Col.,

Military Auditor General.

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STATEMENT shewing the Ranks and the Rates of Donation Batta, allowed to the Officers and Men, European and Native, of the Indian Navy and Bengal Marine.

Rank in the Navy.	Corresponding Rank in the Army.	Rate of Batta per month for each month.	Batta for 6 months.	Batta for 12 months.
Commanders.....	Majors.....	456 9 0	2,739 6 0	5,478 12 0
Lieutenant.....				
Master.....	Captain.....	182 10 0	1,095 12 0	2,191 8 0
Senior Mate.....				
Purser.....	Lieutenant.....	121 12 0	730 8 0	1,461 0 0
Surgeon.....				
1st, 2nd and 3rd Officers.....	Ensign.....	91 5 0	547 14 0	1,095 12 0
Assistant Surgeon.....				
Gunner.....	Private.....	6 5 4	38 0 0	76 0 0
Boatswain.....				
Carpenter.....	Private.....	6 5 4	38 0 0	76 0 0
Midshipmen.....				
Clerk.....	Private.....	6 5 4	38 0 0	76 0 0
Mate.....				
2nd Mate.....	Private.....	6 5 4	38 0 0	76 0 0
Master's Assistant.....				
1st, 2nd and 3rd Class Engineer.....	Private.....	6 5 4	38 0 0	76 0 0
1st Class Superintendent.....				
Volunteer 1st Class.....	Private.....	6 5 4	38 0 0	76 0 0
Seamen, Ordinary Seamen, able Seamen.....				
Quarter Master.....	Private.....	6 5 4	38 0 0	76 0 0
Stewards, Captain's Steward, Purser's Steward, Gun-room Steward, Commander's Steward, Lieut's. Steward, Ward-room Steward and Assistant Steward, &c.....				
Carpenter's Mate, Boatswains Mate, Gunner's Mate, Corporal's Mate, Steward's Mate, &c.....	Private.....	6 5 4	38 0 0	76 0 0
Carpenter's Crew, Sailmaker's Crew, Armourer's Crew, &c.....				
Captain Fore-Top, do. Mizzen Top, Do. Maine Top, do. Captain Fore Castle, do. After guard, do. of Hold, &c.....	Private.....	6 5 4	38 0 0	76 0 0
Servants, Gun-room Serv'ts., Cabin Servant, Captain's Servant, Purser's Servant, &c.....				
Master at Arms.....	Private.....	6 5 4	38 0 0	76 0 0
Gun-room Clerk.....				
Commander's Cook, Ship's Cook, Captain's Cook, &c.....	Private.....	6 5 4	38 0 0	76 0 0
Blacksmith, Cooper, Caulker, Fireman.....				
Armourer and Boiler Maker.....	Private.....	6 5 4	38 0 0	76 0 0
Yeoman of Signals, &c.....				
Color Serjeant.....	Private.....	6 5 4	38 0 0	76 0 0
Serjeant.....				
Fifer.....	Private.....	6 5 4	38 0 0	76 0 0
Corporal.....				
Private 1st Class.....	Private.....	6 5 4	38 0 0	76 0 0
Bombardier of Artillery.....				
Corporal do.....	Private.....	6 5 4	38 0 0	76 0 0
Gunner do.....				
Seacunny.....	Private.....	6 5 4	38 0 0	76 0 0
Marines.....				
Engine Drivers.....	Private.....	6 5 4	38 0 0	76 0 0

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STATEMENT shewing the Ranks and the Rates of Donation Batta—Continued.

Rank in the Navy.	Corresponding Rank in the Army.	Rate of Batta per month for each month.	Batta for 6 months.	Batta for 12 months.
Engineer's Apprentice.....	Private.....	6 5 4	38 0 0	76 0 0
Apprentice.....				
Boys 1st and 2nd Class.....	Private.....	6 5 4	38 0 0	76 0 0
A. B. and L. M.....				
Natives.....	Private.....	6 5 4	38 0 0	76 0 0
Havildar.....				
Naigue.....	Private.....	6 5 4	38 0 0	76 0 0
Sepahee.....				
Stoker.....	Private.....	6 5 4	38 0 0	76 0 0
Topaz.....				
Serang.....	Private.....	6 5 4	38 0 0	76 0 0
Tindal.....				
Lascar.....	Private.....	6 5 4	38 0 0	76 0 0
Cassaula.....				
Seacunny.....	Private.....	6 5 4	38 0 0	76 0 0
Signal Man.....				
Coal Trimmer.....	Private.....	6 5 4	38 0 0	76 0 0
Captain's Cook, Cook's Mate, Cook Servant, Cuddy Servant, &c.....				
Carpenter.....	Private.....	6 5 4	38 0 0	76 0 0
Carpenter's Mate.....				
Butler.....	Private.....	6 5 4	38 0 0	76 0 0
Baker.....				
Bundarry.....	Private.....	6 5 4	38 0 0	76 0 0
Do. Mate.....				
Honorable Company's Transports.....	Private.....	6 5 4	38 0 0	76 0 0
Commanders.....				
Chief, 2nd and 3rd Mate.....	Private.....	6 5 4	38 0 0	76 0 0
Seamen, Carpenters, &c.....				
Syrang, Tindal, Lascars, &c.....	Private.....	6 5 4	38 0 0	76 0 0

(Signed) A. GOLDIE, Lieut.-Col.,
Military Auditor General.

From R. J. H. BIRCH, Lieutenant Colonel, Officiating Secretary to the Government of India in the Military Department; to the Military Auditor General, dated Fort William, the 9th August 1853, No. 262.

Military Department. SIR,
In reply to your letter, No. 798, dated the 3rd Instant, I am directed to convey the sanction of the Most Noble the Governor General in Council to your adopting as a Precedent, in admitting the claims of Officers and Crews of Vessels of the Royal and Indian Navies, and the Honorable Company's Sea-going Steamers for Donation Batta connected with the late Expedition against Burmah, the rules observed in assigning Donation Batta for the China Expedition according to the Table of relative rank, appended to your communication under reply.

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

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No. 80.

Extract, No. 42, 18th February 1854, Marine Department.

Read the following Resolution.

No. 121.

Fort William,
Home Department.
Marine.

The 27th January 1854.

Resolution.—The Most Noble the Governor General of India in Council is pleased under the orders of the Honorable the Court of Directors to determine that no claim for War Batta shall hereafter be admitted for any Services for which Donation Batta is granted to the Royal and India Navy.

Ordered that a copy of the foregoing Resolution be communicated to the Foreign Department with reference to the Extract from this Department, No. 189, dated 4th August 1841.

Ordered also that copies of the Resolution be sent to the Governments of Bengal, Fort Saint George, Bombay and the Straits Settlements, for the information and guidance of those Governments respectively, and for communication to the Officers of Account.

Ordered further that a copy of the Resolution be communicated to His Excellency the Naval Commander-in-Chief.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) GEORGE PLOWDEN,
Offg. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

Ordered that the foregoing Resolution of the Governor General of India in Council, be published in the Official Gazette for general information.

To the Civil Auditor.

(Signed) H. C. MONTGOMERY,
Chief Secretary.

From J. W. DALRYMPLE Esq., Officiating Under Secretary to the Government of India; to
SIR HENRY MONTGOMERY, Bart, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint
George, dated Fort William, the 10th February 1854, No. 22.

Foreign Department.

SIR,

With reference to the correspondence noted
in the margin, I have the honor to transmit for
the information of the Right Honorable the
Governor in Council the enclosed copy of a
Despatch from the Honorable the Court of

Directors in the Marine Department, dated the 7th December last, No. 8, communicating their
instructions respecting the payment of the War and Donation Batta claimed by the Navy for the
operation of 1852-53, in the Irrawady River,

(Signed) J. W. DALRYMPLE,
Offg. Under Secretary to the Govt. of India.

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MARINE DEPARTMENT.
No. 8 OF 1853.

OUR GOVERNOR GENERAL OF INDIA IN COUNCIL.

1. Your Foreign letter, No. 39, dated 2nd June last, submits for our consideration claims preferred on behalf of the Royal and Indian Naval Squadrons recently employed against Burmah to War Batta for their services during the expedition and requests to be informed how far those

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claims are affected by the participation of the Navy in the Six months' Donation Batta granted to the Forces whether Naval or Military, engaged in the War.

2. In the China and Punjab Wars when Donation Batta was conferred War Batta was not given, notwithstanding the General Order, dated 16th August 1841,

3. Observing however that the Ships have been employed during the greater part of the recent War in Burmah and that their Crew would receive more by the War Batta than by the Donation Batta, considering also the very meritorious services of the Sailors, we authorize you to allow them in those cases where the aggregate amount of War Batta shall exceed the aggregate amount of Donation Batta, to receive the excess in addition.

4. We are of opinion that the regulation of 16th August 1841 should be altered and therefore desire that it may be so expressed as to prevent a claim arising for the issue of War Batta for any services for which Donation Batta is granted.

LONDON,
The 7th December 1853. }

(Signed) RUSSEL ELLICE,

(„) J. OLIPHANT, and 12 others.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. W. DALRYMPLE,
Offg. Under Secretary to the Govt. of India.

No. 55, 16th March 1854, Marine Department.

Ordered to be communicated to the Civil Auditor for his guidance with reference to the letter from the Government of India, dated 10th June No. 2650 of 1853, furnished to him under date 27th of the same month.

The Notification in the Official Gazette of the 24th Ultimo has, it is observed, been framed to meet the Honorable Court's views as given in para : 4 of their letter to the Government of India of the 7th December last, No. 8.

(Signed) H. C. MONTGOMERY,
Chief Secretary.

To the Civil Auditor.

From the Secretary to the Government of India; to the Chief Secretary to the Government of
Fort Saint George, dated the 30th March 1855, No. 439.

Home Department.
Marine. SIR,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of Chief Secretary Sir Henry Montgomery's letter, No. 1, dated the 5th Ultimo, requesting information as to the rates of Donation Batta to be passed to certain grades in the Royal Marines and Her Majesty's Navy.

2. In reply I am directed by the Honorable the President in Council to transmit for the information of the Government of Fort Saint George the accompanying copy of a report on the subject by the Military Auditor General at the Presidency, from which it will be seen that the

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Commissioned and Non-Commissioned Officers of the Royal Marines are considered entitled to Donation Batta in no higher grade than their nominal rank, though not having been declared eligible to War Batta, they have not the option of receiving that Allowance in lieu of Donation Batta.

3. On the 2nd point of the enquiry made in Sir Henry Montgomery's letter, viz., the rates of Batta to which the several Naval grades mentioned on the margin are entitled, the Military Auditor General remarks that he has no information respecting their corresponding Military rank, a reference on this point will be made by the next Mail to the Honorable the
- 1 *Flag Lieutenant to Flag Officer Commanding in-Chief.*
2 *Ditto to Junior Flag Officer and Commodore of the 1st Class.*
3 *Naval Instructors when not also Chaplains.*
4 *Commodore's Clerks.*

Court of Directors and the Government of Fort Saint George will hereafter be informed of the result

(Signed) C. BEADON,
Secretary to the Govt. of India.

From Colonel H. GOLDIE, Mily. Auditor General; to the Honorable J. A. DORIN, Esq., President of the Council of India in Council, dated Fort William, 8th March 1855, No. 643.

Home Department,

HONORABLE SIR,

In returning the enclosures of Officiating Under Secretary Mr. J. W. Dalrymple's letter, No. 273, dated 27th Ultimo, I have the honor to state that Donation Batta seems admissible to Officers and Non-Commissioned Officers of the Royal Marines in no higher grade than their nominal rank and with reference to the G.

Reports on an enquiry as to the grades in which Donation Batta is payable to Officers of the Royal Marines and to certain classes in the Royal Navy including Commodore's Clerk, Naval Instructors, &c.

G. O., No. 188 of 24th February 1854, it may be proper to add that Marines do not appear to have been declared eligible to War Batta, whence the option of receiving that Allowance in lieu of Donation Batta may possibly not extend to them.

2. I have no information respecting the corresponding Military Rank of the Naval grades stated in the margin. As all passed Clerks rank with Ensigns, Commodore's Clerks may not have any higher rank. A reference to the Admiralty Regulations of which I do not possess a copy, or to the Honorable the Court of Directors, would doubtless satisfactorily settle the question.

Flag Lieut. to Flag Officer Commanding in Chief.
Flag Lieut. to Junior Flag Officer and Commodore First Class.
Naval Instructors when not Chaplains.
Commodore's Clerk.

(Signed) H. GOLDIE, Colonel,
Military Auditor General.

(True Copy.)
(Signed) C. BEADON,
Secretary to the Government of India.

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No. 91, 17th April 1855, Marine Department.

Ordered to be communicated to the Civil Auditor for his information and guidance with reference to his letter of the 22nd January, No. 103 of 1855.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

To the Civil Auditor.

From the Under Secretary to the Government of India; to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated the 7th September 1855, No. 1113.

Home Department. SIR,
Marine.

With reference to the 3rd paragraph of the letter from this Department, No. 439, dated the 30th March last, I am directed to transmit the accompanying copy of a Despatch from the Honorable the Court of Directors, No. 39 of 1855, dated the 11th July, communicating information regarding Military Rank of certain grades in the Royal Navy.

(Signed) J. W. DALRYMPLE,
Under Secretary to the Government of India.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

No. 39 of 1855.

OUR GOVERNOR GENERAL OF INDIA IN COUNCIL.

Having communicated to the Board of Admiralty the enquiry made in your Marine Letter, No. 5, dated 30th March last, regarding the corresponding Military Rank of certain Officers of the Royal Navy, we have been furnished in reply with the following information.

"Lieutenants rank with Captains in the Army without distinction as to their being Flag Lieutenants or not.

"Naval Instructors rank with Captains of the Army.

"Passed Clerks rank with Lieutenants of the Army and unpassed Clerks Rank with Ensign of the Army."

(Signed) E. MACNAGHTEN,
(") H. H. SYKES,
(") C. MILLS, and
other Directors.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. W. DALRYMPLE,
Under Secretary to the Government of India.

No. 211, 21st September 1855, Marine Department.

Ordered to be communicated to the Civil Auditor for his information and guidance with reference to para: 3 of the letter from the Government of India of the 30th March last, forwarded to him under date 17th April 1855, No. 91.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Civil Auditor.

Fort Saint George, Marine Consultation 24th November 1857.

No. 165.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

No. 14 of 1855.

OUR GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL AT FORT SAINT GEORGE.

1. In reply to your letter, No. 6, dated 6th July last, enquiring at what rate Batta is to be allowed to a Master in Command of one of Her Majesty's Ships on the East India Station, no provision for such a case being made in the Revised Batta Regulations of March 1852, we direct that the Allowance to a "Master in Command of a Vessel of War (not a Transport) be the same as that specified in the Regulations for a Lieutenant in Command," viz., at the rate of Rupees 850 per Annum.

2. The claim of Mr. Richards, Master, Commanding Her Majesty's Schooner "Saracen," will be settled in accordance with this Rule.

LONDON,

19th September 1855.

(Signed) E. MACNAGHTEN,

(") W. H. SYKES, and
other Directors.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

To the Civil Auditor.

(True Copies.)

(Signed) F. LUSHINGTON,
Civil Auditor.

No. 8. From T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, to the Secretary to the Government of India, dated Fort Saint George, the 21st November 1857, No. 495.

SIR,

I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Officiating Under Secretary Chapman's letter of the 6th Ultimo, No. 1662, and to submit, for the information of the Government of India, copy of one from the Civil Auditor reporting upon the question whether Officers of the Royal Navy employed on shore and on Military operations up the Country are entitled to Mess Allowance in addition to War Batta, and furnishing also a copy of all orders that have been received upon the subject of the Indian Allowances of Officers of that Navy.

2. It will be seen that under existing Rules Officers of the Royal Navy serving on the East India Station receives no Allowance beyond the ordinary Batta, and Extra or War Batta when engaged in warlike operations. The six months' Donation Batta to those who had served in the last Burmah War was a special grant.

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

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For C. S. George, Esq.
21 November, 1857.

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Enclosed The Lord Auckland's
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