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Marine DEPARTMENT.

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Read again letter, 15th December 1860, from Commodore HARRY EDGELL, c. b., recorded in Proceedings 12th February 1861, No. 49.

No. 19. Read also the following letter from W. WATERFIELD, Esq., Officiating Civil Auditor, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 21st February 1861, No. 139.

In reply to the Order of Government in the Marine Department, No. 49 of the 12th instant, I have the honor to state that Batta and House rent at Rupees 10,000 and Rupees 2,500 respectively per annum, were passed to Commodore Edgell from 1st June to 31st* August 1860, inclusive.

* 2nd August in letter No. 974, quoted in G. O. 365 of the 19th October appears to be a mistake of the copyist.

From Mr. Balmain's letter it appears that having referred the question to Government he hesitated to pass Batta and House rent from 1st to 15th September at more than Rupees 5,000, and Rupees 1,000 respectively, the rates authorized for Commodore Edgell's substantive rank of Captain.

The salary of the Secretary was of course retrenched for the same period as no such Officer is attached to a Captain.

No. 20. Despatch from the Right Honorable Sir C. WOOD, Bart., Secretary of State for India, to His Excellency the Honorable the Governor in Council, Fort Saint George, dated London, 24th January 1861, No. 2.

I have considered in Council your Marine letter, No. 24, dated the 25th October last, in which you ask for an authoritative decision upon a question mooted by the Officiating Civil Auditor at Madras as to the payment of Batta to the Naval Officers "second in Command on the East India and China station, as the case of the actual second in Command being absent, and another Officer holding the position, does not appear to be clearly provided for in the Regulations."

2. On examination of the context of those Regulations, and of the scale of Batta prescribed by them for the various stations and ranks of Officers of the Royal Navy, while serving only "in that part of the Indian seas or in the gulfs or bays communicating therewith, inclosed within the 10th parallel of south latitude, and the 105th degree of east longitude," taking that scale from the Naval Commander-in-Chief of the station downwards; and, at the same time, noticing the contingencies for successions on the "death, resignation, or coming away" only of the Commander-in-Chief, it will be obvious that it was never meant that an Officer temporarily holding the position, or doing the duty as "*locum tenens*," while the actual "second in Command" might be absent beyond the prescribed East India limits, should have a higher rate of Batta than his rank in the Royal Navy would otherwise entitle him to draw, under the general scale for Officers expressly intended to be provided for.

3. Certainly it was not meant that, whatever number of Flag Officers or Commodores might be employed on the East India and China station, more than one of such Officers should be recognized as entitled to the special allowance of Batta at the rate of Rs. 10,000 per annum, which is provided by those Regulations for "the second in Command, not being below the rank of Commodore," while serving *as such* within the limits above mentioned; and it was expected that "the second in Command" would be always appointed from Home.

4. It appears from the papers you have forwarded that Rear-Admiral Jones was appointed "second in Command" on the East India and China station by the Lords of the Admiralty. He is, therefore, entitled to the Batta in question for such period as he may be serving *within the prescribed geographical limits*. He has gone beyond those limits, and is stated to be "absent in China." He has, however, applied for the Batta, and stated (in a letter dated from Hong Kong, the 14th December 1859) that Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co., of Madras, have been authorized to receive it.

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5. It is stated, by your Officiating Civil Auditor, that he has drawn no Batta from his Department since his appointment to the station, but that he sent in a Bill which was returned to him unaudited "on account of informality in the certificates of station;" and it further appears that "second in Command Batta Allowance" has been passed to Commodore Edgell "on the supposition that Admiral Jones is absent in China," and further, that a similar rate of Batta has been passed to Commodore Edgell by the Civil Auditor at Bombay for the part of the year 1860 not drawn through the Audit Office at Madras. This departure from the established custom and orders which prescribe the payment of Naval Batta at your Presidency only, was very improper, and might lead to a double issue.

6. There does not appear to me any necessity for an alteration of the present Regulations, or for a new Regulation to meet the question mooted by your Officiating Civil Auditor.

7. In the case which has given rise to that question, it appears to me that Commodore Edgell has no right whatever to the Batta allowance of "the second in Command;" that the Regulations of 1852 entitle him to receive Batta at the rate of Rupees 5,000 per annum only, while within the prescribed geographical limits; and that no payment ought to have been made to him of the Batta at the higher rate of Rupees 10,000 per annum, notwithstanding that Rear-Admiral Jones (the actual second in Command) might have been "absent in China," and consequently neither drawing that rate of Batta, nor indeed any Batta at all, until he should come within the limits prescribed by the Regulations.

8. I cannot, therefore, sanction the payment of "the second in Command" Batta to Commodore Edgell, and I direct the recovery from that Officer of the amount which may have been received by him at the higher rate, that is, the difference between Rupees 5,000 per annum, and the rate of Rupees 10,000 per annum, which has been erroneously issued to him. I also forbid the further issue of the Batta fixed for "the second in Command" to any other Officer than to Rear-Admiral Jones, who holds his appointment from Home, and he is entitled to it only for such period as he may prove himself to be serving within the limits clearly defined by the Regulations of 10th March 1852.

No. 21. ORDER THEREON, 4th March 1861, No. 82.

A copy of the above Despatch will be furnished to the Civil Auditor, in reference to Proceedings 19th October last, No. 365.

2. As directed in paragraph 8 of the Despatch, the Civil Auditor will take measures for recovering from Commodore Edgell's Agents the amount of Batta, House-rent and Secretary's allowance overpaid to them for the period from 1st June to 31st August.

3. A copy of the Despatch will also be furnished to the Government of Bombay in view to the amount overdrawn at that Presidency by Commodore Edgell being recovered from his Agents. The Bombay Government will be requested to communicate to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State, any steps that they may take for that purpose.

4. Commodore Edgell will be apprised of the substance of the Secretary of State's Despatch and of these orders in reply to his letter under date the 15th December last.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

No. 22. To the Secretary to the Government of Bombay, dated Fort Saint George, 4th March 1861, No. 83.

I am directed to forward to you copy of a Despatch, 24th January last, No. 2, from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, in view to the amount overdrawn, under the Audit of the Civil Auditor, Bombay, by Commodore Edgell, being recovered from his Agents. I am to request that the Government of Bombay will communicate to the Secretary of State any steps that they may take for this purpose.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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No. 23. To Commodore HARRY EDGELL, C.B., Portsmouth, Care of Messrs WOODHEAD and Co. 1, James Street, Adelphi, London, dated Fort Saint George, 4th March 1861, No. 84.

I have the honor to acknowledge your letter, 15th December last, in which you submitted your claim for the difference of Batta and House rent at the higher rates, and also for your Secretary's allowance from the 1st to the 15th September 1860, during the absence in China of Admiral Jones.

2. In reply, I am directed to furnish you with a copy of a Despatch, 24th January last, No. 2, from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, and to inform you that in accordance with the instructions therein conveyed, the Civil Auditor has been instructed to take measures for recovering from your Agents the amount overpaid at Madras as Batta, House rent, and Secretary's allowance, for the period from 1st June to 31st August 1860, and that the Government of Bombay have been addressed in respect to the recovery of the sums overdrawn by you there for the preceding part of the year.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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Read again letter, 15"
Decemr. '60, from
Commodore Thavoy
Edgell, C.B. ————— } Recorded in Pro.^d
12th Feb. '61 N^o 49.

Read also the following —

Letter from the Civil
Auditor ————— Inter 21st Feby. '61 N^o 139.

Despatch from the
Secretary of State ————— 24th Jan'y. '61 N^o 2.

Order. of 4th March 1861. No 82.

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Civil Auditor, in
reference to Pro.^d 19th
Oct. Last, N^o 365.

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 may may be taken for that

purpose -
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 will be apprised of the
 substance of the Secy
 of State's despatch &
 their orders in reply to
 his letter under date
 the 15 Dec last
 J.P.

H.B. A despatch
 must be written to
 Secretaries of Govt
 who in know the
 result of the measure
 taken by H.C.A. for the
 recovery of the
 amount

To the Civil Aud. - Dec 25 - 3-61

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N^o 83.

The Secretary to the Govt. of Bombay

Sir.

I am directed to forward to you copy of a Despatch, 24th in Savvy. last N^o 2, from the Rt. Honble the Secretary of State for India, in view to the amount overdrawn, under the audit of the Civil Auditor, Bombay, by Commodore Edgell, being recovered from his Agents. I am to request that the Govt. of Bombay will communicate

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may take for this
purpose.

W.H. Jones
4 March 1861.

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Further Pro. 9th April 1861. 17 & 18

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To
The Secretary to the
Govt of Bombay

No 83

Memo 1861. Report

Received by the
Honble Secy to the Govt
of Bombay 1861

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No 81

Commodore Harry Edgell C. B.
Portsmouth.

Card of Mrs. Woodhead & Co.
1, James' Street, Adelphi.
London.

Sir-

I have the honor to
acknowledge your
letter, 15th Decr. last,
in which you submit-
ted your claim for
the difference of Batta
& House Rent at the
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your Secretary's allow-
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has been instructed
to take measures
for recovering the
amount overpaid
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house rent, & Secre-
tary's allowance,
for the period from 1st
June to 31st Augt. '60.

and that it has
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to the recovery of
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demand by you that
from the preceding
part of the year
J.P.

Wm. George
4 March 1861.

in accordance with the
instructions from the
Comptroller

from your Agents

Manie & Son 10 Aug 1861

Adelphi 10 Aug 1861

10 Aug 1861

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To

Commodore N. Adgell

One of the 1000th Regt

London

Regimental

10 Aug 1861

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