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No. 27. Read the following 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, 17th June 1861, No. 21.

1. The Government of Bombay having reported to me, with reference to my Marine Despatch to your address, dated 24th January last, No. 2, that Captain Edgell, R. N., C. B., had drawn Batta, to the additional amount of Rupees 2,506-13-7, as the Officer holding the appointment of Second in Command on the East India Station, under the Audit of the Civil Auditor at Bombay; Captain Edgell was called upon to refund the equivalent of that amount, namely, £ 250-13-8.

2. I forward herewith a copy of a letter, received from Captain Edgell, in reply to the application made to him, as also a copy of a communication from the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty on the subject.

Dated 29th April 1861.

3. From the latter letter you will observe, that their Lordships urge the withdrawal of the claim against Captain Edgell on the ground that the re-payment of the money from the limited amount of half pay to which that Officer is entitled, would press severely upon him, and under these circumstances, I have caused their Lordships to be informed, that I will not insist upon the refund from Captain Edgell, unless it should prove that Batta, at the rate payable to the Officer holding the appointment of Second in Command, has been issued to two Officers for identical periods of time, in which case a claim would be made for the refund of any amount which had been overdrawn either by Captain Edgell or Rear Admiral Jones, the Officer appointed to hold the post of Second in Command, in September 1859.

4. I have therefore to request that you will ascertain the exact periods during which Captain Edgell and Rear Admiral Jones have served in the capacity of Second in Command, on the East India Station, within the geographical limits prescribed by the Regulations, and that you will adjust the issue of Batta to Admiral Jones in such a manner, as to prevent the double payment of the allowance at the rate of Rupees 10,000 per annum, informing me of the precise amount, if any, which under these instructions, it may be necessary to call upon Captain Edgell to refund in this country.

5. Pending the receipt of your reply, no notice will be taken of the Batta paid by you to Captain Edgell, as stated in your letter, dated 5th April last, No. 8, beyond communicating to the Admiralty the fact that such payment may require adjustment.

From Captain HARRY EDGELL, late Commodore, Commanding the Indian Naval Division; to the EARL DEGREY AND RIPON, &c., &c., dated 29th April 1861.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, of the 24th instant, informing me of your being directed to apply for the refunding of Batta passed by the Civil Auditor at Bombay to me, in error as Second in Command, amounting to Rupees 2,506-13-7 = £250-13-8.

In reply, I have the honor to acquaint your Lordship that I was appointed *direct* from England by the Admiralty, that although from the period of Rear Admiral Jones hoisting his flag in China (beyond the limits), I was not actually Second in Command, I was Commodore Commanding the Indian Division, and doing the work for which Batta was granted.

Under these circumstances, I have laid my case before the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, that they may address the Secretary of State for India, relative to the claims against me not being enforced.

From W. G. ROMAINÉ, Esq.; to the Under Secretary of State, India Office, 1st May 1861.

Captain Edgell having represented to my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, that the Secretary of State for India has decided that he is not entitled to the amount of Batta, drawn by him as Commodore Commanding in India, after the arrival of Rear Admiral Jones in China; I

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am commanded by their Lordships to acquaint you, for the information of Sir Charles Wood, that the Second Officer in Command on the East India and China Station, is usually authorized to hoist a Broad Pendant and is stationed in India.

Captain Edgell was originally so appointed, and, entering on the duties of the Station, drew the Batta allowance to which he considered himself still entitled after the appointment of Admiral Jones, that Officer not being within the limits of the Indian Seas.

I am further directed to represent that Captain Edgell was necessarily put to considerable additional expense, as Senior Officer on the Station, and was actually performing the duties for which Batta was paid by the Indian Government.

As the payment of Batta to the Royal Navy will be discontinued, and as the re-payment of the same, from the limited amount of half pay to which Captain Edgell is entitled, would press severely upon him, my Lords would, under all the circumstances of the case, be glad to learn that this claim has been withdrawn.

No. 28. ORDER THEREON, 20th July 1861, No. 236.

The above Despatch with its enclosures will be communicated to the Offices of Audit and Account.

2. The Civil Auditor will submit a report to the effect indicated in para. 4 of the Despatch, and will state what portions of the retrenchments issued against Captain Edgell, may be remitted, without occasioning a double charge.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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