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Read the following papers :—

No. 34. From the Inspector General of Police, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George ; dated Kotagherry, 9th August 1865, No. 1599.

With reference to Order of Government, dated 11th July 1865, No. 155, I beg to state that I consider that the superior servants of itinerating officers—I would include all drawing more than 25 Rupees—should be allowed quarter deck passage when travelling by sea.

2. It must be borne in mind that these are all of a superior and respectable condition in society ; and the deck passage in those Coasting Steamers is indescribably bad.

3. I have already addressed the Secretary to the British India Company, and frequently drawn the attention of these officers to the discomfort, &c., of their deck passengers, left to find, if they can, sitting room amongst luggage, ship gear, and that uncleanness which is unavoidable at sea in ships touching almost daily at some port. In wet weather the whole thing is positively horrible—to say nothing of the discomfort. I speak from large experience.

4. A servant must be allowed. Officers travel to do work, and travel in the District they visit ; and then a domestic servant is indispensable to the health and comfort of their superior servants.

No. 35. From the Assistant Inspector General of Police, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George ; dated Madras, 22nd August 1865, No. 1686.

General Department.

In continuation of letter from the Inspector General of Police, dated 9th August 1865, No. 1599, I am desired by Mr. Robinson to forward the accompanying copy of a Circular letter received from the Superintendent of Marine, dated 11th August 1865, No. 2894, and to state that he quite concurs in the suggestions made with regard to the description of passage to be granted to the different grades of Uncovenanted servants travelling on duty by sea.

From the Superintendent of Police, to the Inspector General of Police ; dated Madras, 11th August 1865, Circular No. 2894.

With reference to Proceedings of Government of the 11th July last, No. 155, I have the honor to suggest the following scale for the description of passage to be granted to Uncovenanted Officers proceeding from port to port by sea, and shall be glad to receive any observations thereon you may desire to make.

2. I have endeavoured, as near as possible, to assimilate the style of passage to that ruling in Military embarkations, but the Steamers on our Coast have introduced a description of passage called "Intermediate", or "second class," which was not known, or at least availed of, when the Military regulations were laid down.

3. These Steamers grant six descriptions of passage, namely :—

1st.—Cabin, which entitles the recipient to a berth in a cabin aft, and mess at the saloon table.

2nd.—Quarter deck, giving all the privileges enjoyed by a cabin passenger, with the exception of a sleeping berth or cabin.

3rd.—Intermediate, entitling to a berth in a cabin forward, and mess at a secondary table.

4th.—Warrant Officers' passage, by which a screened berth is secured, having a sleeping place in it, and plain mess. If messing is not provided the Warrant Officer draws a table allowance of 3 Rupees a day.

This is purely a Government passage, not open to the general public.

5th.—'Tween deck passage, } without screen or compartment.
6th.—Upper deck. do., }

4. The simplest mode of regulating the style of passage is by the salary drawn. There may be cases where an officer might be considered entitled to superior style of passage than that which this rule would assign to him, but such might be made matters of special consideration.

I would therefore propose the following scale :—

All officers drawing 250 Rupees a month and upwards... Cabin.

Do. drawing 100 Rupees, and less than 250..... Intermediate.

Do. drawing less than 100 Rupees..... Warrant Officers' passage.

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Accountant General.

Approves, with the exception of the servants, which he considers should not be allowed.

Principal Inspector General, Medical Department.

Approves.

Officiating Director, Revenue Settlement.

Approves; but observes that no provision is made for the lower classes of public servants, such as Duffadars, Peons, Lascars, &c., and suggests that all servants drawing less than 20 Rupees a month should be allotted "tween deck" passage.

Acting Controller Military Accounts.

States that he has already recommended to Government that Clerks on 200 Rupees and upwards should have 1st Class passage; and that 2nd Class passage should be granted to all drawing less than that salary.

Considers that the rule as to servants in page 416 of the Pay Code should be adopted.

Officiating Superintendent Revenue Survey.

Considers that subordinates drawing 100 Rupees and upwards should be provided with 2nd Class passage; and those drawing less, with 3rd Class; a servant being allowed in each case.

Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines.

Approves, but thinks the quantity of baggage should be specified.

Superintending Engineer, 4th Division.

Approves.

Quarter Master General.

Approves; but suggests that clerks receiving 50 Rupees a month, or under, be not allowed a servant.

Inspector General of Police.

Approves.

Acting Inspector General of Jails.

Approves.

Adjutant General.

Approves generally; but suggests that subordinates receiving less than 35 Rupees a month should have only 'tween deck passage, and should not be allowed a servant.

Consulting Engineer, Irrigation and Canal Company.

Approves.

Controller Public Works Accounts.

Considers that passage for the Uncovenanted service should be established on a similar

It appeared to me that the Order of 11th July, No. 155, did not refer to the lower subordinates, who will be, as now, provided with 'tween deck passage, similar to that granted to Non-Commissioned Officers and Privates of the Army.

This only refers to Military Officers, and does not seem applicable to office servants.

The baggage should be that allowed by the vessel for the class of passage engaged. Some Companies may allow more than others.

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scale as that adopted under Proceedings of Government of 11th August 1853, No. 1599, and 11th October 1860, No. 2118, that is, that clerks whose rank and pay assimilate with the grades therein mentioned should have the same class of passage, and that only 1st Class passengers should be entitled to a servant.

G. Having now completed my abstract of the views of the different officers who have communicated with me on the subject, I would recommend for the favorable consideration of Government the scale of passage set forth in the 3rd paragraph of this letter.

No. 39. Proceedings of Government in the Military Department.

Communicating the replies of certain Departments in respect to the passage to be provided for their subordinates who may travel by sea on duty. (Dated 21st October 1865, No. 3917).

No. 40. ORDER THEREON, 15th November 1865, No. 246.

The Governor in Council approves and sanctions the arrangement proposed by the Superintendent of Marine, in regard to the scale of passage to be provided for subordinates in the different Departments, when proceeding from port to port by sea, viz, that public officers receiving salaries of Rupees 250 a month and upwards should have..... A cabin passage.

Do. drawing Rupees 100 and less than Rupees 250..... Intermediate passage.

Do. drawing less than Rupees 100..... Warrant Officers' do.

subject to the exception suggested by the Adjutant General, that officers drawing less than Rupees 35 should be provided with a "tween deck passage" only.

2. All Uncovenanted officers drawing more than Rupees 35 will be allowed to take one servant, for whom a deck passage will be provided.

3. Special cases of the nature of those referred to by the Superintendent of Telegraphs will be referred for the orders of Government.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Superintendent of Marine.

" Public Works Department.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

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