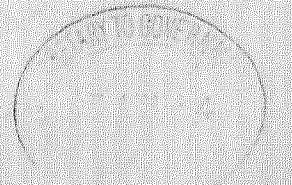


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Landing charges of luggage from steamer to Vizagapatam on 12th August 1883	64	4	0			
Drawn in August 1883				80	2	0
Total				88	0	0

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From Colonel H. T. ROGERS, R.E., Superintendent, Madras Survey, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue department (through the Accountant-General), dated St. Thomas' Mount, 25th January 1884, No. 13-G.

With reference to the enclosed copy of a letter* from Colonel Cloete, I have the honor to request that Government will be pleased to allow Colonel Cloete to redraw the sum of Rs. 88 retrenched by the Accountant-General.

* No. 402-S, dated 22nd December 1883.

From Colonel J. G. CLOETE, Deputy Superintendent, No. I Party, Madras Survey, to the Superintendent, Madras Survey, dated Waltair, 22nd December 1883, No. 402-S.

I have the honor to state that the Accountant-General has given orders (copies enclosed) for the stoppage from my pay of the undermentioned sums:—

Rs. 80-2-0 and Rs. 7-14-0, being the cost of embarking and landing myself and luggage when joining at Waltair from Madras.

2. In my letter, No. 293-S of the 28th August 1883, I mentioned that my move to Waltair had cost me about four times the amount I had charged in my bill, and requested therefore that sanction might, if necessary, be obtained for any of the charges that might require it.

3. Of course I am bound to abide by the authorized codes, but it seems to me that it was not the intention of the code that so large a proportion of the expenses incurred by me, when travelling on duty, should be defrayed from my private funds. Chapter III, paragraph 6, distinctly lays down that travelling allowance is intended to cover actual travelling expenses, and the term "actual travelling expenses" is clearly defined in Chapter II, paragraph 3 (e). Paragraph 13, Chapter III, says that actual cost incurred for carriage of luggage can be recovered.

4. I have the honor to request that steps may be taken to recover for me the amount the Accountant-General has now retrenched, so that I may at any rate not have to lose even the small proportion of my actual expenses which I ventured to charge and which you were good enough to pass.

From J. F. FINLAY, Esq., Officiating Under Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Finance and Commerce, to the Comptroller-General, dated Simla, 27th September 1883, No. 3493.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 1333, dated the 30th August 1883, submitting for orders the following questions regarding the travelling allowance of officers for journeys by sea:—

(1) Whether an officer, who is allowed to carry three servants, can, under section 58 (a), claim passage money for all the three, although he takes with him only one, &c.

(2) Whether landing charges are admissible in addition to passage money.

2. With reference to the first question, I am directed to state that His Excellency the Governor-General in Council concurs with you in thinking that an officer cannot recover passage money for more servants than he actually carries with him on the voyage, even though the rules permit him to take the larger number.

3. As regards the second question, I am to say that the Government of India, after full consideration, decided not to make any provision for the payment of charges incurred in embarking and landing, and accordingly landing charges cannot, under the Civil Travelling Allowance Code, be allowed in addition to passage money.

No. 1612.

Copy forwarded to the Accountant-General, Madras, for information.

COMPTROLLER-GENERAL'S OFFICE,
4th October 1883.

(Signed) C. E. CRAWLEY,
Offg. Deputy Comptroller-General.

Mis. No. 674.

Transferred to the Financial department.

(By Order.)

(Signed) E. S. LAFFAN,
Ag. Under Secy. to Govt.

14th February 1884.

From W. WILSON, Esq., Director of Revenue Settlement and Agriculture, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue department, dated Madras, 29th January 1884, No. 239.

The Accountant-General having, under authority of Government of India, letter No. 3493, dated 27th September 1883, to the address of the Comptroller-General of India, disallowed Rs. 13-8-0, being the amount claimed by Mr. C. Benson, Assistant Superintendent of Government Farms, for the embarkation and landing of himself and establishment at Madras, Cocanada, and Masulipatam in the course of his recent tour in the Kistna and Godavari deltas, that gentleman has asked that the matter be submitted to Government in view to the Government of India being moved to reconsider their order disallowing embarkation and landing charges in addition to passage money.

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(1) that, under the rules in force when he signed his present agreement, he was entitled to recover *all* charges for the transport of himself, camp equipment, horses and servants;

(2) that the conditions of landing and embarking at the ports on the Madras coast are so exceptional as to deserve exceptional consideration.

Mr. Benson further inquires who is to pay for the landing and embarkation of establishment: he paid for his, but had, under the orders of the Accountant-General, to refund what he had recovered.

3. I think that, in consideration of the exceptional difficulties and cost of landing and embarking at ports on the Madras coast, the order to which exception is taken

should be modified, so as to allow an officer to recover the actual cost of landing and embarking, and, if Government concurs, beg to suggest that the Government of India be moved in this behalf.

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From G. HAMNETT, Esq., Inspector-General of Registration, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Coimbatore, 21st February 1884, No. 593T.

I have the honor to bring to the notice of the Government that the sub-registrar of Vizianagrum, M.R.Ry. T. Subbarayadu, was appointed in October last year to act for the registrar of Ganjam. He proceeded to his station Chatrapur, as enjoined by the Civil Travelling Allowance Code, by the nearest route, which in this case was by sea, and incurred a charge of 4 rupees for boat-hire for embarking and disembarking, but the Account department has disallowed the charge because "no landing or embarking charges are admissible" under the code.

2. It is notorious that Brahmins and Hindus are totally averse to travelling by sea, and, if they are allowed, prefer, as a rule, travelling by road, even if it takes a longer time to reach their destination. In the case in point, the officer was compelled to go by sea, and, in addition to this compulsion, he has to pay, by the ruling of the Account department, out of his own pocket the charges which he actually incurred.

3. "Actual travelling expenses" mean, according to the code, "the actual cost of locomotion for an officer himself, his servants, and personal luggage, including charges for ferry and other tolls and for carriage of camp equipment," and I submit that, under the spirit of this rule, the charges incurred for getting on board of a steamer and for landing therefrom, when on public duty, are admissible; and I respectfully beg that His Excellency the Governor in Council will be pleased to pass such orders on the subject as will save officers and subordinates the expense which is now thrown upon them.

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5. In the case of the clerk, a Brahmin, who accompanied me on tour, the retrenchment is Rs. 1-8-0. In regard to this item it is said that it is "inadmissible under Government of India Order, No. 3493, dated 27th September 1883," but the order does not appear to have been communicated to this department.

EXTRACT from a letter from the Acting Inspector-General of Police, dated 5th March 1884, No. 1136.

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Pura 4. The same Superintendent * brings to notice a case in which the effect of the significance attached to the absence of any provision in

* Bellary.

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ORDER—dated 26th March 1884, No. 668, Financial.

Ordered that the following letter be sent:—

[Here enter, No. 669, dated 26th March 1884.]

(True Extract.)

E. F. WEBSTER,
Chief Secretary.

To the Public Works department, } with letter to Government of India.
" Revenue department,
" Inspector-General of Registration, with enclosures.
" Accountant-General.

Exd. J.Moses.

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LETTER—from

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF
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To

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By order
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Boat-hire for tents and camp equipage from Madras sea-shore to steamer S.S. <i>Chindwara</i> on 9th August 1883	10	0	0			
Boat-hire for self from Madras sea-shore to steamer S.S. <i>Chindwara</i> on 9th August 1883	1	11	0			
Boat-hire for self from steamer to Vizagapatam sea-shore on 12th August 1883	4	3	0			
Landing charges of luggage from steamer to Vizagapatam on 12th August 1883	64	4	0			
Drawn in July 1883				7	14	0
Drawn in August 1883				80	2	0
Total				88	0	0

ENCLOSURES.

From Colonel H. T. ROGERS, R.E., Superintendent, Madras Survey, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue department (through the Accountant-General), dated St. Thomas' Mount, 25th January 1884, No. 13-G.

With reference to the enclosed copy of a letter* from Colonel Cloete, I have the honor to request that Government will be pleased to allow Colonel Cloete to redraw the sum of Rs. 88 retrenched by the Accountant-General.

* No. 402-S, dated 22nd December 1883.

From Colonel J. G. CLOETE, Deputy Superintendent, No. I Party, Madras Survey, to the Superintendent, Madras Survey, dated Waltair, 22nd December 1883, No. 402-S.

I have the honor to state that the Accountant-General has given orders (copies enclosed) for the stoppage from my pay of the undermentioned sums:—

Rs. 80-2-0 and Rs. 7-14-0, being the cost of embarking and landing myself and luggage when joining at Waltair from Madras.

2. In my letter, No. 293-S of the 28th August 1883, I mentioned that my move to Waltair had cost me about four times the amount I had charged in my bill, and requested therefore that sanction might, if necessary, be obtained for any of the charges that might require it.

3. Of course I am bound to abide by the authorized codes, but it seems to me that it was not the intention of the code that so large a proportion of the expenses incurred by me, when travelling on duty, should be defrayed from my private funds. Chapter III, paragraph 6, distinctly lays down that travelling allowance is intended to cover actual travelling expenses, and the term "actual travelling expenses" is clearly defined in Chapter II, paragraph 3 (c). Paragraph 13, Chapter III, says that actual cost incurred for carriage of luggage can be recovered.

4. I have the honor to request that steps may be taken to recover for me the amount the Accountant-General has now retrenched, so that I may at any rate not have to lose even the small proportion of my actual expenses which I ventured to charge and which you were good enough to pass.

From J. F. FINLAY, Esq., Officiating Under Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Finance and Commerce, to the Comptroller-General, dated Simla, 27th September 1883, No. 3493.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 1333, dated the 30th August 1883, submitting for orders the following questions regarding the travelling allowance of officers for journeys by sea:—

- (1) Whether an officer, who is allowed to carry three servants, can, under section 58 (a), claim passage money for all the three, although he takes with him only one, &c.
- (2) Whether landing charges are admissible in addition to passage money.

2. With reference to the first question, I am directed to state that His Excellency the Governor-General in Council concurs with you in thinking that an officer cannot recover passage money for more servants than he actually carries with him on the voyage, even though the rules permit him to take the larger number.

3. As regards the second question, I am to say that the Government of India, after full consideration, decided not to make any provision for the payment of charges incurred in embarking and landing, and accordingly landing charges cannot, under the Civil Travelling Allowance Code, be allowed in addition to passage money.

No. 1612.

Copy forwarded to the Accountant-General, Madras, for information.

COMPTROLLER-GENERAL'S OFFICE,
4th October 1883.

(Signed) C. E. CRAWLEY,
Offg. Deputy Comptroller-General.

Mis. No. 674.

Transferred to the Financial department.

(By Order.)

(Signed) E. S. LAFFAN,
Ag. Under Secy. to Govt.

14th February 1884.

From W. WILSON, Esq., Director of Revenue Settlement and Agriculture, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue department, dated Madras, 29th January 1884, No. 239.

The Accountant-General having, under authority of Government of India, letter No. 3493, dated 27th September 1883, to the address of the Comptroller-General of India, disallowed Rs. 13-8-0, being the amount claimed by Mr. C. Benson, Assistant Superintendent of Government Farms, for the embarkation and landing of himself and establishment at Madras, Cocanada, and Masulipatam in the course of his recent tour in the Kistna and Godavari deltas, that gentleman has asked that the matter be submitted to Government in view to the Government of India being moved to reconsider their order disallowing embarkation and landing charges in addition to passage money.

2. Mr. Benson bases his request for a reconsideration of the order on the following grounds:—

- (1) that, under the rules in force when he signed his present agreement, he was entitled to recover *all* charges for the transport of himself, camp equipment, horses and servants;
- (2) that the conditions of landing and embarking at the ports on the Madras coast are so exceptional as to deserve exceptional consideration.

Mr. Benson further inquires who is to pay for the landing and embarkation of establishment: he paid for his, but had, under the orders of the Accountant-General, to refund what he had recovered.

3. I think that, in consideration of the exceptional difficulties and cost of landing and embarking at ports on the Madras coast, the order to which exception is taken

should be modified, so as to allow an officer to recover the actual cost of landing and embarking, and, if Government concurs, beg to suggest that the Government of India be moved in this behalf.

Mis. No. 673.

Transferred to the Financial department.

(By Order.)

14th February 1884.

(Signed) E. S. LAFFAN,
Ag. Under Secy. to Govt.

From G. HAMNETT, Esq., Inspector-General of Registration, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Coimbatore, 21st February 1884, No. 593T.

I have the honor to bring to the notice of the Government that the sub-registrar of Vizianagrum, M.R.Ry. T. Subbarayadu, was appointed in October last year to act for the registrar of Ganjam. He proceeded to his station Chatrapur, as enjoined by the Civil Travelling Allowance Code, by the nearest route, which in this case was by sea, and incurred a charge of 4 rupees for boat-hire for embarking and disembarking, but the Account department has disallowed the charge because "no landing or embarking charges are admissible" under the code.

2. It is notorious that Brahmins and Hindus are totally averse to travelling by sea, and, if they are allowed, prefer, as a rule, travelling by road, even if it takes a longer time to reach their destination. In the case in point, the officer was compelled to go by sea, and, in addition to this compulsion, he has to pay, by the ruling of the Account department, out of his own pocket the charges which he actually incurred.

3. "Actual travelling expenses" mean, according to the code, "the actual cost of locomotion for an officer himself, his servants, and personal luggage, including charges for ferry and other tolls and for carriage of camp equipment," and I submit that, under the spirit of this rule, the charges incurred for getting on board of a steamer and for landing therefrom, when on public duty, are admissible; and I respectfully beg that His Excellency the Governor in Council will be pleased to pass such orders on the subject as will save officers and subordinates the expense which is now thrown upon them.

4. In my own case, although I proceeded, under the sanction of the Government, from Madras to Mangalore, the Account department has retrenched Rs. 4-8-0 actually paid for boat-hire at Beypore and Mangalore for embarking and landing.

5. In the case of the clerk, a Brahmin, who accompanied me on tour, the retrenchment is Rs. 1-8-0. In regard to this item it is said that it is "inadmissible under Government of India Order, No. 3493, dated 27th September 1883," but the order does not appear to have been communicated to this department.

Extract from a letter from the Acting Inspector-General of Police, dated 5th March 1884, No. 1136.

Para 4. The same Superintendent* brings to notice a case in which the effect of the significance attached to the absence of any provision in the code for the recovery of boat-hire is forcibly manifested. An inspector, who had been deputed to execute a warrant of arrest, had occasion to proceed on board a vessel in a harbour. It was necessary for him to employ a boat for this purpose, and he has been compelled to defray the boat-hire at his own expense. I am aware that the matter at present forms a subject of communication between the Madras Government and the

* Bellary.

Government of India, but I mention the episode as affording an illustration to the question submitted for the consideration of Government in my letters, Nos. 5749, dated 8th November 1883, and 6011, dated 22nd November 1883.

Order—dated 26th March 1884, No. 668, Financial.

Ordered that the following letter be sent:—

[Here enter, No. 669, dated 26th March 1884.]

(True Extract.)

[Signature]

Chief Secretary.

To the Public Works department, } with letter to Government of India.
" Revenue department, }
" Inspector-General of Registration, with enclosures.
" Accountant-General.

Exd. J. Moses.