17th March 1885, No. 581, Financial.

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(True Extract.)

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Gazetted Audit department.

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Ag. Under Secy. to Govt.

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Exd. J. Wright.

N° 785. W of 30th March/85.

Recorded, in continuation of G.O. 2145 W dated 29th August 1884.

(Signed) J.S.

Ey: P.W. Accts.

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Govt. of (1885) Madras.

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G.O., dated 21st January 1884, Mis. No. 144, Financial.

Read—the following letter from J. F. FINLAY, Esq., Officiating Under Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Finance and Commerce, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Simla, 30th October 1883, No. 4049:—

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 1995, dated the 8th September 1883, and, in reply, to state that His Excellency the Governor-General in Council regrets that he is unable to modify the order conveyed in the letter from the Public Works department, No. 1028-G, dated the 25th July 1883, regarding the payment of charges incurred in embarking and disembarking by officers proceeding on duty by sea.

Order—dated 21st January 1884, Mis. No. 144, Financial.

Communicated to the Public Works department.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) E. F. WEBSTER,
Chief Secretary.

To the Public Works department.

G.O., dated 6th March 1884, Mis. No. 500, Financial.

Read—the following letter from G. HAMNETT, Esq., Inspector-General of Registration, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 29th February 1884, G. No. 146:—

As illustrating the severity with which the new Travelling Allowance Code deals with persons on the receipt of small pay, I have the honor to transmit, for the information of His Excellency the Governor in Council, a letter * from the sub-registrar of Manantoddy † pointing out that, while he had to pay 15 rupees for 2 carts for conveying himself and his luggage from Vayitri to Manantoddy, he has been allowed only Rs. 3-12-0, or at 2 annas per mile, for 30 miles.

* No. 11, dated 16th February 1884.
† Salary Rs. 45.

2. I can vouch for the high rates of cart-hire prevailing in the Wynaad, as I had myself to pay no less than 4 annas per mile per cart in the early part of this month.

ENCLOSURE.

From Mr. P. D'CRUZ, Sub-Registrar, Manantoddy, to the Inspector-General of Registration (submitted through the Registrar of Tellicherry), dated Manantoddy, 16th February 1884, No. 11.

I feel compelled to lay the following case before you for your decision, and beg that, in dealing with it, you will take into consideration the situation of this part of the country and the consequent difficulty in travelling about.

2. On being transferred from Vayitri to this station in November last year, I submitted a travelling allowance bill, amounting to Rs. 15, being the actual expense incurred by me for the journey. The registrar of Tellicherry, however, disallowed half of this amount, and drew in January Rs. 7-8-0 only. I wrote and explained the circumstances under which I charged Rs. 15, but, in reply, I have received a memorandum informing me that, under the Civil Travelling Allowance Code, I am entitled to Rs. 3-12-0 only as my allowance, and directing the retrenchment of the difference between this amount and the amount already drawn, viz., Rs. 7-8-0.

3. I therefore appeal to you and, in doing so, beg to represent that it would be very difficult, nay impossible, for a person to travel by cart from Vayitri to this place, a distance of 30 miles, at a cost of Rs. 3-12-0. I had to engage 2 carts, at Rs. 7-8-0 each, to bring me and my things from Vayitri, and it would fall very hard on me to have to pay almost three-fourths of the expense incurred out of my own pocket. I therefore beg you will take this case into consideration and pass the full amount of the bill.

G. No. 166.

Submitted to the Inspector-General of Registration at the request of the sub-registrar of Manantoddy.

2. A mileage of 4 annas was passed by the officiating registrar on the mistaken impression that the double daily allowance sanctioned by the Civil Travelling Allowance Code for Wynaad extended to mileage rate. The sub-registrar cannot draw more than 2 annas a mile under the code.

Kuthali,
21st February 1884.

(Signed) T. C. RYRU KURUP,
Registrar.

Order—dated 6th March 1884, Mis. No. 500, Financial.

Recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) E. F. WEBSTER,
Chief Secretary.

Read—also the following papers:—

From Lieutenant-Colonel T. K. GUTHRIE, Acting Inspector-General of Police, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 22nd November 1883, No. 6011.

I have the honor to request Government sanction to the unavoidable expenditure of Rs. 5-8-0 on account of boat-hire incurred by a police guard (escorting convicts) on the occasion of their embarkation and disembarkation at the ports of departure and arrival. The charge has been disallowed by the Accountant-General as detailed in the annexed letter from the Superintendent of Police, Ganjam.

Enclosures.

From L. G. ARBUTHNOTT, Esq., Acting Superintendent of Police, Ganjam district, to the Assistant Inspector-General of Police, Madras, dated Chatrapur, 9th November 1883, No. 3017.

I have the honor to state that a guard, escorting prisoners to Cocanada, has incurred charges for boat-hire to the extent of Rs. 5-8-0. I submitted a bill to chief office on 10th August last, and it was returned sanctioned on 7th September last. I got the money from the treasury on 22nd September last. The Accountant-General now sends in the accompanying audit slip and disallows the amount. I have therefore the honor to request instructions as to how charges under the head should be adjusted.

No. A.B.K.-206A.

Objection Statement for September 1883.

From H. F. CLOGSTOUN, Esq., Accountant-General, to the Collector of Ganjam, dated Fort St. George, 30th October 1883.

The voucher noted below is objected to (*vide* margin), and Rs. 5-8-0 must be recovered from next like bill.

Details of retrenchment.	RS.	A.	P.
Boat-hire drawn for one head constable and 3 constables.	5	8	0

Landing charges are inadmissible in all cases as per instructions recently received from the Comptroller-General.

Drawer of the bill.—Superintendent of Police, Ganjam district.
Nature of charge.—Boat-hire.
Number and date of voucher.—183 of September 1883.
Amount of voucher.—Rs. 5-8-0.

Copy forwarded for information to the Superintendent of Police, Ganjam district, who is requested to return this memorandum with his explanation on the reverse if he has any to offer.

To the Assistant Inspector-General of Police
for information.

Officer's explanation.

Will meet the retrenchment.

Chatrapur,
9th November 1883.

(Signed) L. G. ARBUTHNOTT,
Ag. Supt. of Police, Ganjam district.

No. 2336.

Referred to the Accountant-General for report, with remark that there appears to be some mistake, as police escorting convicts do not, or should not, it is thought, come under the Travelling Allowance Code.

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Chief Secretary.

30*th November* 1883.

To the Accountant-General.

From H. F. CLOGSTOUN, Esq., Accountant-General, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Fort St. George, 23rd January 1884, No. 167.

Treasury Account department.

With reference to proceedings of Government in their Financial department, No. 2336, dated the 30th November 1883, I have the honor to report that boat-hire charges incurred by police constables on the return journey, after escorting prisoners transferred from one jail to another, seem to be inadmissible under the Civil Travelling Allowance Code, as there is no provision under which any one can draw embarkation and landing charges, the Government of India having "after full consideration decided not to make any provision for the payment of charges incurred in embarking and landing."

2. On a reference to the Inspector-General of Jails on the subject, I am informed that police constables while in charge of prisoners incur no expenditure on the above account, as they accompany the prisoners in boats, the hire of which is paid for by the Jail department.

3. If Government are of opinion that policemen, on return to their station from escorting convicts, do not or should not come under the Travelling Allowance Code, the matter should be submitted to the Government of India; as, in the face of the ruling above quoted, charges of this nature cannot be admitted on audit.

From H. F. CLOGSTOUN, Esq., Accountant-General, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue department, dated Fort St. George, 2nd February 1884, No. 306.

Gazetted Audit department.

In forwarding, for the orders of Government, a letter from the Superintendent, Madras Survey, No. 13-G, dated 25th January 1884, together with its enclosures, requesting that Colonel Cloete may be allowed to redraw the sum of Rs. 88 particularized below, being the charges incurred by him in embarking and landing, I have the honor to state that the charge is inadmissible under the Government of India letter to the Comptroller-General, No. 3493, dated 27th September 1883, copy of which is herewith sent.

	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Boat-hire for embarking and landing at Madras on the 12th and 25th June 1883	3	6	0			
Boat-hire for embarking and landing at Vizagapatam on the 15th and 22nd June 1883	4	8	0			
Drawn in July 1883 ..				7	14	0
Boat-hire for tents and camp equipage from Madras sea-shore to steamer S.S. *Chindwara* on 9th August 1883	10	0	0			
Boat-hire for self from Madras sea-shore to steamer S.S. *Chindwara* 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 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 (*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.

14*th 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 Godávari 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.

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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.

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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 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.

* Bellary.

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.

P.W.D.

Govt. of {1884} Madras.

FINANCIAL.

No. 957W d/ 7th April/84

Recorded

Sd/ J.S.

Issued

Recd. Encl.

G.O., 26th March 1884, No. 668.

No. 957W d/ 7th April/84

MARCH.

Embarkation and Disembarkation Charges.

Directing that the Government of India be requested to reconsider the question of payment of charges incurred in embarking and disembarking by officers proceeding on duty by sea.

With order

P.W. Department.

No. 738 C dated 25th March/84

Office Note from the Ex. P.W. Accts. No. 1236 d/ March 6. 1884

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Referred to the Financial Dept., with advertence to the orders in that Dept. No. 144 d/ 21st January 1884

It is considered in this Department that, under Section 58 of the Travelling Allowance Code, a journey "by sea" begins as soon as an officer leaves the beach, and that Expences of embarking and disembarking include such outlay only as is incurred before entering a sea-going boat or vessel.

The Examiner P. W. Acct. seems, however, to require specific authority to enable him to admit claims in accordance with this view.

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No. 475 D d/ 10-3-84
G.O. A 332 W d/ 8-2-84

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To,

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The Financial Dept
with papers in original

Public Works Department

No. 844 Cd/ 8th April/84

Memorandum.

Travelling Allowance bill of the I Circle for the month of February 1884

C. No. 2731

The bill is passed, and transferred to the Examiner P. W. Accounts for audit

C.S.
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To
The Sup. Engr. I Circle
" Examr. P. W. Accts with Encls.

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7th April 1884, Nos. 774, 774-A, Financial.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

Read—the following papers :—

Office-note from D. C. GORDON, Esq., Examiner of Public Works Accounts, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works department, dated Madras, 6th March 1884, No. 1236.

Adverting to the orders of the Government of India conveyed in G.O., No. 332 W., dated 8th February 1884, and to the office-note correspondence ending with my note, No. 509, dated 17th August 1883, am I to understand that mileage is inadmissible to an officer for journeys made in connection with embarking or disembarking from a steamer?

From Colonel J. SHAW-STEWART, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works department, to the Examiner of Public Works Accounts, dated Chepauk, 10th March 1884, No. 475 D.

Your inquiry is not understood. Please illustrate it by an example.

From D. C. GORDON, Esq., Examiner of Public Works Accounts, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works department, dated Madras, 12th March 1884, No. 1256.

Your office-note, No. 475 D, dated 10th March 1884.

The Government order sets out a letter from the Engineer-in-Chief, Vizagapatam-Raipur State Railway, in which he says, the Examiner states that mileage can be drawn between steamer and shore, instead of the previously admitted charges for landing and embarking.

2. Your office-note, No. 272 E, of 9th August 1883, asked for my authority for this view. My office-note, No. 509, of 17th August 1883, replied that I considered it would be treated as a boat journey under definition (*h*).

3. There is nothing set out in the Government order to show whether the question of mileage as for such boat journey had been referred to the Government of India. The letters from India, printed with the Government order, reply directly to the 5th paragraph of the Engineer-in-Chief's letter claiming actual expenses, and decline to admit the recoupment of any expenses incurred in embarking and disembarking. Whether "any expenses" includes the mileage question or not depends upon whether that question went forward to the Government of India. If it did, mileage (as for a boat journey) is clearly inadmissible, and no allowance whatever is admissible between ship and shore.

No. 738-C.

Referred to the Financial department with advertence to the orders in that department, No. 144, dated 21st January 1884.

2. It is considered in this department that, under section 58 of the Travelling Allowance Code, a journey "*by sea*" begins as soon as an officer leaves the beach. It is certain that, if a steam launch plied regularly for hire between the shore and the shipping, an officer would be entitled to recover the passage money charged for the ship. In these circumstances the Examiner's ruling that no allowance is admissible between ship and shore appears open to question.

CHEPAUK,
25th March 1884.

(Signed) J. SHAW-STEWART, Col., R.E.,
Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Financial department (with papers in original).

ORDER—dated 7th April 1884, No. 774, Financial.

Ordered to be forwarded to the Government of India in continuation of letter, No. 669, dated 26th March 1884.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Public Works department.

ENDORSEMENT—dated 7th April 1884, No. 774-A, Financial.

Copy to the Government of India, Department of Finance and Commerce.

E. F. WEBSTER,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. Wright.

G.C. No 332 W. dated 8-2-84 Origl
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G.O., &c., 7th April 1884, Nos. 774, 774-A.

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APRIL.

Embarkation and Disembarkation Charges.

Forwarding to Government of India in continuation of No. 669 of 1884, certain papers in regard to the — incurred by officers proceeding on duty by sea.

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29th August 1884, No. 2145 W., Public Works.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Establishment.

Read—the following paper:—

G.O., dated 4th August 1884, No. 1788, Financial.

Read—the following letter from J. F. FINLAY, Esq., Officiating Under Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Finance and Commerce, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Simla, 21st July 1884, No. 2337:—

I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your letter, No. 1417, of 27th June 1884, regarding the question whether retrospective effect may be given to the orders contained in my letter, No. 613, of 30th April 1884, sanctioning the payment of charges incurred in embarking and disembarking.

2. You point out that my letter, No. 841, of 8th May 1884, authorised the Government of Madras to give retrospective effect to those orders, while my letter, No. 1590, of 13th June, intimated that the Governor-General in Council was unable to sanction the proposal of His Excellency the Governor of Madras that retrospective effect should be given.

3. In reply, I am directed to express regret that a mistake should have occurred in issuing the orders conveyed in letter, No. 841, of 8th May. It was the intention of the Government of India that retrospective effect should be given to the orders of 30th April in the cases referred to in your endorsements, No. 774-A and No. 790, of 7th and 14th April, and not that retrospective effect should be given generally; but, owing to an oversight, the decision of the Government of India was not correctly conveyed in the letter of 8th May.

4. I am now directed to request that my letter, No. 841, of 8th May 1884, may be considered as modified in accordance with the explanation above given of the intentions of the Government of India.

Order—dated 4th August 1884, No. 1788, Financial.

Communicated to the Accountant-General for guidance.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) E. F. WEBSTER,
Chief Secretary.

ORDER—dated 29th August 1884, No. 2145 W., Public Works.

Communicated to officers of the Public Works Department, in continuation of proceedings of Government, No. 1368 W., dated 2nd June 1884.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. SHAW-STEWART, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
" Consulting Engineer for Railways.
To Superintending Engineers.
To the Superintendent of Works, Tank Maintenance Scheme.
" Engineers-in-Chief, State Railways.
" Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
" Do. State Railway Accounts.
" Do. Guaranteed Railway Accounts.
" Consulting Architect to Government.
" General Superintendent, Public Works Stores.
" Superintendent, Madras Harbour Works.

Exd. E. Fernandez.
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PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated August, 29th.

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G.O., 29th Aug. 1884, No. 2145 W.

AUGUST.

Embarkation and Disembarkation Charges

Orders of the Government of India authorising retrospective effect being given to their orders sanctioning —.

2nd June 1884, No. 1368 W., Public Works.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Establishment.

Read—the following papers :—

G.O., dated 10th May 1884, Nos. 1050, 1051, Financial.

Read—the following letter from J. F. FINLAY, Esq., Officiating Under Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Finance and Commerce, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Simla, 30th April 1884, No. 613 :—

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 669, dated the 26th March 1884, requesting a reconsideration of the order contained in my letter, No. 4049, dated the 30th October 1883, regarding the payment of charges incurred in embarking and disembarking by officers proceeding on duty by sea.

2. In reply, I am directed to state that, in consideration of the importance the Government of Fort St. George now attaches to the matter, the Government of India will not any longer withhold sanction from the proposal made in your letter above quoted. The Governor-General in Council is accordingly pleased to rule that officers travelling on duty by sea or in a river steamer shall, in addition to passage money, be reimbursed the actual expenses incurred in embarking and disembarking at ports.

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

Order—dated 10th May 1884, No. 1050, Financial.

Communicated to all heads of departments.

2. Copy of these proceedings will be forwarded to the Government of India with request that retrospective effect may be given to the present sanction, and that it may count from the date of publication of the Civil Travelling Allowance Code.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) E. F. WEBSTER,
Chief Secretary.

Endorsement—dated 10th May 1884, No. 1051, Financial.

Copy to the Government of India, Department of Finance and Commerce.

(Signed) E. F. WEBSTER,
Chief Secretary.

G.O., dated 17th May 1884, No. 1101, Financial.

Read—the following letter from J. F. FINLAY, Esq., Officiating Under Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Finance and Commerce, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Simla, 8th May 1884, No. 841 :—

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your endorsements, Nos. 774 A and 790, dated respectively the 7th and 14th April 1884, and in reply to state that the question of the payment of charges incurred in embarking and disembarking by officers proceeding on duty by sea has been disposed of in my letter, No. 613, dated the 30th April 1884. I am also to say that His Excellency the Governor-General in Council has been pleased to authorise the Government of Fort St. George to give retrospective effect to the orders therein contained.

Copy forwarded to the Accountant-General, Madras.

Order—dated 17th May 1884, No. 1101, Financial.

Recorded in continuation of G.O., No. 1050, dated 10th May 1884, Financial.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. REES,
Ag. Under Secy. to Govt.

ORDER—dated 2nd June 1884, No. 1368 W., Public Works.

Communicated to officers of the Public Works Department with reference to Proceedings of Government, No. 332 W., dated 8th February 1884.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. SHAW-STEWART, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
„ Consulting Engineer for Railways.
To Superintending Engineers.
To the Superintendent of Works, Tank Maintenance.
„ Engineers-in-Chief, State Railways.
„ Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
„ Examiner, Railway Accounts.
„ Consulting Architect to Government.
„ General Superintendent, Public Works Stores.
„ Superintendent, Madras Harbour Works.
„ Examiner of State Ry Accts.

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Dated June, 2nd.

Recd. *Encl.*

G.O., 2nd June 1884, No. 1368 W.

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Embarkation and Disembarkation Charges

Proceedings, Financial Department, communicating the sanction of the Government of India to the payment of the — incurred by officers proceeding on duty by sea, &c., and the proceedings embodying authority for giving retrospective effect to the sanction, communicated to officers of the Public Works Department.

17th March 1885, No. 581, Financial.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

Read—again the following paper:—

G.O., dated 30th January 1885, Mis. No. 199, Financial.

Read—the following papers:—

From Colonel H. D. CLOETE, Inspector-General of Police, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 5th December 1884, No. 6831.

I have the honor to state that in the marginally-noted letter the circumstance of a retrenchment having been made by the Accountant-General upon certain embarkation and disembarkation charges incurred in 1883 by Mr. T. E. Thomas, Superintendent of Police, Anantapur, was brought to the notice of Government, upon which in their order, No. 2600, dated 17th November 1883, Financial department, they were pleased to state that the Government of India would be addressed on the general subject. Upon the receipt of G.Os., Nos. 1050 and 1051, dated 10th May, and 1101, dated 17th May 1884, Financial department, in which the Government of India sanctioned retrospectively the payment of similar charges, those retrenched in the case of Mr. Thomas were redrawn upon the assumption that his case, which was brought to the notice of the Madras Government in 1883, formed one of those included in their endorsement,* dated April 1884. The Accountant-General, however, being of opinion that Mr. Thomas' case was not provided for in the above order has once more retrenched the amount, and I have the honor therefore to request that the Government of India, if it be deemed expedient, may be moved to give such effect to their orders † of the 30th April 1884 as will meet the case in question.

No. 5749, dated 8th November 1883.

* G.O., No. 1788, dated 4th August 1884, Financial department.

† G.O., No. 1050, dated 10th May 1884, Financial department.

From the Accountant-General, dated Fort St. George, 26th January 1885, No. 222.

Abstract.—States that the question regarding the claim of Mr. Thomas for embarking and disembarking charges incurred by him in June 1883 has been referred to the Government of India.

Order—dated 30th January 1885, Mis. No. 199, Financial.

Recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed E. F. WEBSTER,
Chief Secretary.

Read—also the following paper:—

From H. F. CLOGSTOUN, Esq., Accountant-General, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Fort St. George, 10th March 1885, No. 655.

Gazetted Audit department.

With reference to my letter, No. 222, dated the 26th January 1885, I have the honor to forward, herewith, for information of Government, a copy of the Government of India letter, No. 804, Financial, dated 16th February 1885, sanctioning the application of the rule regarding the payment of embarkation and disembarkation charges with retrospective effect to such of the cases mentioned in the Madras Government's letter, No. 669 of 26th March 1884, as come under the terms of that rule.

Enclosure.

From J. F. FINLAY, Esq., Officiating Under Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Finance and Commerce, to the Accountant-General, Madras, dated Calcutta, 16th February 1885, No. 804.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 191, dated the 22nd January 1885, enquiring with reference to my letter, No. 2337, dated the 21st July last, whether it was not intended that retrospective effect should also be given to the ruling, regarding payment of charges incurred in embarking and disembarking at ports by officers travelling on duty by sea, in the cases referred to in the letter from the Madras Government, No. 669, dated the 26th March 1884.

2. In reply, I am directed to state that the rule sanctioned in my letter, No. 613 of 30th April 1884, may be applied retrospectively to such of the cases mentioned in the Madras Government's letter, No. 669 of 26th March, as come under the terms of that rule.

Order—dated 17th March 1885, No. 581, Financial.

Recorded.

(True Extract.)

R W Benson

Ag. Under Secy. to Govt.

To the Departments of Government.
" P. W. Department ✓

Exd. J. Wright.

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No. 785 W d/ 30th March/85

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G.O., 17th March 1885, No. 581.

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MARCH.

Embarkation and Disembarkation Charges.

Recording papers regarding the payment of — incurred by officers travelling on duty by sea.

The previous papers have been put up

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27.3.85

Write the order

Ex. G.V.S. d/ Despd. 31-3-85.

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C. No. 2731.

Note.

S. E. has claimed mileage for embarking and disembarking, but it is not known if the claim is for the distance from his residence to the shore, or from the shore to the steamer. If the latter, the claim is inadmissible under G.O. No 332 ix of the 8th February 1884.

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The question can be raised by the Examiner if he considers it necessary.

R.S.
3.4.84

E. A. W.

Has not a further reference on the point been made to India? — C.S.

3-4-84

To D.W.

Please see 738 C d/25-3-84, in which the matter was referred to the Financial Dept.

R.S.

3.4.84.

To W.

At present the Examiner apparently ~~the~~ will pass nothing for a journey by sea except the passage-money for the steamer.

The passage-money by the boat from the steamer to the shore is in my mind admissible by Chap. XI. The journey in the boat is just as much part of the journey "by sea" as is the journey in the steamer.

The passage-charges in the boats which leave or reach the shore have been unfortunately mixed up with expenses in connection with embarking or disembarking.

You embark on a boat and your expenses in getting on board the boat are not allowable — that has nothing to say with your journey in the boat across part of the sea. You do not embark or disembark from a boat to a steamer or from a steamer to a boat. Once on the sea all your passage-money across the sea is admissible under the rules. There is nothing on the file to the contrary.

C.S.

15-7-84

D.W.

I mentioned this matter yesterday. & the opinion expressed was that under T.A. Code - Section 58 - a journey "by sea" begins so soon as an Officer leaves the beach, — and that expenses of embarking & disembarking include such outlay only as is incurred before entering a seagoing boat or vessel.

Please have a fresh reference drafted - as briefly as possible.

19-3-84

To

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. W. DEPARTMENT.

Current No. 2087

From

The Examr. P. W. Accts

No. 1236
Dated 6th March/84
Received 7 " "

SUBJECT.

Requesting to know if mileage is admissible to an officer for journeys made in connection with embarking or disembarking from a steamer

DISPOSAL.

No. 475D Dated 10th March/84

To C

Your enquiry is not understood - Please illustrate it by an example.

Sd/- J.S.S.

8. 3. 84

E.O.A 332 Way 8-2-84

F.C
738 C 25-3-84

So S.S.

C. No 2087

C/ cannot apparently get an answer to his question except from the Govt. of India – vide Section 5 of the P.A. Code. and the required reference will have to be made through the local Finl. Dept.?

R.S.
7-3-84.

The question will have to be referred to the Financial Departmt

C.J.
7/3

I do not quite understand what is meant.

Ask C to illustrate his inquiry by an example.

M.

8.3.84