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MEMORANDUM.

For G. No.

REQUESTED for reference the undermentioned papers:—

Three spare copies of Financial Dept^y order No. 1634 dated 19th December 1885 regarding the grant of daily allowance to officers travelling on duty by sea.

PUBLIC WORKS SECRETARIAT,

1887.

21st March

To

The Chief Assistant

Public Works Dept^y For

Wm. Pearson
Chief Assistant

S.D.

3RD OCTOBER 1885, No. 1374, FINANCIAL.

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LETTER—from

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF
FORT ST. GEORGE,

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND COMMERCE.

SIR,

In forwarding, for the information of the Government of India, copies of the accompanying correspondence on the subject of a claim to daily allowance, in addition to passage money, by an officer of the Public Works department, I am directed to suggest the propriety of some alteration of existing rules on the subject.

2. The facts of the case which has given rise to the present correspondence are briefly these.

3. Mr. J. P. Davidson, Executive Engineer, was, on the morning of the 1st November 1884, at Mangalore inspecting work. In the afternoon, at 3-30 p.m., he embarked on a steamer for Calicut, where he landed on the morning of the 3rd November at 7 a.m. Mr. Davidson has claimed, in addition to passage money from Mangalore to Calicut, daily allowance for the 1st and 3rd November, the intermediate day was Sunday and was spent wholly on board. The claim was disallowed by the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, under section 27, note 1, and section 3 (k) of the Travelling Allowance Code. It is admitted that the rules as they stand do not cover Mr. Davidson's claim; but their effect seems to involve some amount of hardship.

4. An officer making inspections by a coasting steamer is, under section 66, allowed the expenses incurred by him in landing and embarking at the various ports; but unless he remains on land for more than twenty-four hours* he is not allowed his expenses while on shore, which are generally higher than the boat charges admissible under the section above quoted.

5. Cases of the kind would probably be met by the following addition to section 66:—

"And shall be entitled to daily allowance for halts, on duty, exceeding six hours at ports of embarkation and debarkation when allowances are not claimable under chapters X and XII."

6. The limit of six hours is suggested as being that of an ordinary official working day in India.

7. Reference to section 32, exception 2, will show that the principle of the concession now advocated is already recognized by the code in the case of certain railway officers who are allowed, in addition to a free pass, daily allowance for any day on which they are absent from their stations.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

W. WILSON,
for Chief Secretary.

Exd. W. H. French.

Forwarded

66/10/84
W. H. French

22/10.

Received

Chimney

23.3.84

Can We have no
copy to spare of the
4.0 applied for (only
one in records) Perhaps
as this is required
for a file the original
could be sent

JP

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RH
Ver- but up
might be better to apply
for 3 months

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to passage money on a certain occasion, and
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such cases.

Recd. of Govt. Financial
3-10-85. No. 1373.

Above has I observe been
communicated to the P.W.
Dep^t.

I should like to see the
letter which went thereon
to the Govt. of India.

lll
3.11.85

W

Span copy of letter
to India submitted.

C
5.11.85

Returned
lll

5/11

Copies of letter should be
kept for reference.

* Attached to Original Ch.O.
No. 2494 W of 22-10-85- J.D.
5-11-85

C. A. P.

Please see attached
note.

Can you please
let W see a copy of
Ind. letter to India
No. 1374 of 3.10.84,
which was at-tn:
cluded in the
personal file sent
from Chief Secy's Office.

I recollect the
draft was sent to
W for counterinitials
at Dot.

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3.11.85

Forwarded

to blank

Head Clerk.

4/11/85

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READ—the following papers:—

From Colonel J. BEATTY, R.E., Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works department, dated Ootacamund, 13th April 1885, No. 152-E.W.

At the request of Mr. J. P. Davidson, I have the honor to forward, for orders, his claim for the daily allowance of Rs. 5 on the 1st and 3rd November 1884.

2. On the morning of the 1st November he was at Mangalore inspecting work and attending to office work; and in the afternoon, at 3-30 P.M., he embarked on a steamer for Calicut, where he landed on the morning of the 3rd November at 7 A.M.

3. In addition to passage money from Mangalore to Calicut, Mr. Davidson claims the daily allowance for 1st and 3rd but not for 2nd, which was a Sunday, and he was all day on board the steamer.

4. I send an extract from the Examiner's list of disallowances for November, which contains Mr. Davidson's explanation.

5. The claim appears to me to be a fair one, and it will be observed that it is only allowed by the Examiner on the ground that "there is no rule under which such charges can be admitted."

From H. F. CLOGSTOUN, Esq., Accountant-General, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Fort St. George, 18th July 1885, No. 1804.

Gazetted Audit department.

In reply to your endorsement No. 1204, dated the 30th June 1885, on memorandum (herewith returned) from the Secretary to Government, Public Works department, regarding the claim of Mr. Davidson, Executive Engineer of Coimbatore Division, to daily travelling allowance for the 1st and 3rd November 1884, under certain special circumstances, I have the honor to state that, according to the definition of a day given in the Civil Travelling Allowance Code and the provisions of section 32 of the code, daily allowance is not admissible for any period of 24 hours reckoned from midnight to midnight during which travelling allowance in any other form is drawn. This rule affects officers travelling by road or rail in precisely the same way as officers travelling by steamer, and it frequently happens that an officer on tour reaches a station in the morning after a journey by road or rail during the night and does a whole day's work, but is precluded from drawing halage allowance for the day if he claims mileage allowance for the journey performed during the previous night.

2. Any concession, like that now proposed, if made in the case of officers travelling by sea, would have to be extended to officers travelling by land. It is for Government to consider whether it is desirable to propose any general modification of the present rules to the Government of India, who were fully aware of the difficulties above alluded to when they prescribed the present definition of the word "day."

From J. P. DAVIDSON, Esq., Executive Engineer, North Arcot division, to the Superintending Engineer IV Circle, Coimbatore, dated Vellore, 14th August 1885, No. 285-M.

In reply to your No. 236-M, of the 8th August 1885, on Chief Engineer's Memorandum, No. 409-E, of 4th August 1885, I have the honor to state that it is difficult to answer the question put by the Chief Engineer.

2. The facts are these—

(a) During my trip up the west coast I had to leave all my horses, bandies, tents, and most of my servants at Coimbatore, and of course had to pay for the upkeep of this establishment in addition to the expenses I incurred while travelling on duty along the west coast.

(b) During my inspection I travelled by steamer; but as the British Indian Steam Navigation Steamers merely run at night from one port to the other, the steamer was merely used by me as a place to sleep in; on arrival in the morning at the port where I had to inspect work I landed and spent the day on shore paying for boats to and from the steamer, bullock coach while on shore, and housed myself as well as I could; I obtained no meals at the expense of the steamer company.

3. If Coimbatore be treated as my standing camp, and it virtually was so, I most certainly did fulfill the conditions of section 33 in every particular, but as Coimbatore was my head-quarters, it, I suppose in the letter of the code, cannot be treated as my camp; the fact however remains that if instead of spending the day on shore and inspecting my works, I had merely landed, made a hurried visit and came back to the steamer to breakfast and dinner, I should have been entitled to half daily allowance minus a deduction for food; as I did not live on the steamer but actually spent the day on shore, and only returned to the steamer to make use of it during the night as a means of transit to the next port, I consider and still consider that in the spirit of the code I was entitled to full allowance.

No. 348-E.W.

Submitted to the Chief Engineer, Public Works department, with reference to his memorandum, No. 409-E of 4th August 1885.

2. It does not appear that the letter of section 33 of the Civil Travelling Allowance Code was fulfilled in every respect in the journey in question, but that, according to the spirit of the code, Mr. Davidson was entitled.

COIMBATORE,
22nd August 1885.

(Signed) J. BEATTY, Colonel, R.E.,
Superintending Engineer, IV Circle.

Endorsement, Public Works department, dated 25th September 1885, No. 656-E.

ORDER—dated 3rd October 1885, No. 1373, Financial.

Ordered that the Government of India be addressed.

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L. K. S. A.
for Chief Secretary.

To the Public Works department. ✓

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W Circle in continuation
of file No 2494 W
of 22nd Decr 1885;
also to other Sup
Engrs for information

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S.E. IV Circle
S. S. Other Sup Engrs
Exr P.W. A.D.
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