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Passing orders on a resolution of the Government of India regarding the check to be exercised on mileage drawn by —.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper :—

Proceedings of the Government of India, Department of Finance and Commerce,
dated Calcutta, 1st December 1887, No. 6355.

Read—

Extract paragraph 26 from a Note E—4 (a) by the Finance Committee on the subject of
travelling allowances.

Financial Resolution, No. 3073, dated the 13th September 1886.

Letter from Commissioner, Northern India Salt Revenue, No. 81 C., dated the 28th
September 1886.

Military Department, No. 1406 B., dated the 1st October 1886.

Revenue and Agricultural Department, No. 934 G.—112-6, dated the 4th
November 1886.

No. 346 G.—74-2, dated the 15th

April 1887, and enclosure.

Chief Commissioner, Central Provinces, No. 5796—338, dated the 11th
December 1886, and enclosure.

Resident, Hyderabad, No. 468 G., dated the 22nd December 1886.

Government, North-Western Provinces and Oudh, No. 7763—X-T-77, dated
the 20th December 1886, and enclosure.

Director-General, Post Office, No. 12356, dated the 27th December 1886.

Military Department, No. 186 B., dated the 24th January 1887.

Chief Commissioner, Ajmere-Merwara, No. 167—704, dated the 20th February
1887, and enclosure.

Home Department, No. 795, dated the 7th April 1887, and enclosures.

Resident, Mysore, No. 1718—6136, dated the 3rd June 1887.

Chief Commissioner, Assam, No. 3453, dated the 18th June 1887.

Government, Punjab, No. 2291, dated the 21st October 1887.

Public Works Department, No. 1273 G., dated the 5th July 1887.

Government, Bombay, No. 1394, dated the 4th June 1887, and enclosures.

Agent, Governor-General, King of Oudh, No. 52 G., dated the 23rd
February 1887.

Chief Commissioner, Ajmere-Merwara, No. 166—704, dated the 20th
February 1887.

G. S. O. S. of Thagi, &c., No. 34 E., dated the 7th February 1887, and
enclosures.

Resident, Hyderabad, to Foreign Department, No. 133 G., dated the 4th
April 1887.

Resident, Hyderabad, No. 132 G., dated the 4th April 1887.

Agent, Governor-General, Rajputana, No. 69 S., dated the 11th January 1887.

Agent, Governor-General, Rajputana, to Foreign Department, No. 379 G.,
dated the 2nd March 1887.

Agent, Governor-General, Baluchistan, No. 547, dated the 9th February 1887.

Political Resident, Persian Gulf, No. 31, dated the 4th February 1887.

Political Resident, Turkish Arabia, No. 132, dated the 21st February 1887.

Resident, Nepal, No. 2 G., dated the 25th January 1887, and enclosures.

Government, Bengal, No. 911, dated the 25th February 1887, and enclosures.

Government, Madras, No. 130 Mis., dated the 31st January 1887, and
enclosures.

Chief Commissioner, Burma, No. 44—4 P. A., dated the 2nd June 1887, and
enclosure.

Chief Commissioner, Coorg, No. 628—4156, dated the 14th April 1887.

Resolution—

Ministerial officers, including menial servants, when on tour, are generally entitled to draw only the daily allowances admissible for their class. For any day on which they travel 20 miles or more, they are allowed to draw the actual expenses incurred, not exceeding the mileage of their class.

2. The Finance Committee drew attention to two sources of unnecessary expenditure under the existing rules:—

(i) The absence of any restriction on the number of ministerial officers taken on tour.

(ii) The absence of any scale or limit of actual expenses, within the general limits laid down by the Code.

The question was accordingly referred for the consideration of all Local Governments and Administrations, and their reports have now been received and considered.

3. As regards the first point, it appears to the Governor-General in Council that some economy might be effected. The practice in this respect in different provinces varies considerably. No hard and fast rule can be laid down; the question of the number of ministerial subordinates that an officer on tour requires to take with him, depends on various considerations, and must be determined according to the circumstances of each case. It is a matter which must be left to controlling officers; and His Excellency in Council thinks that these officers should clearly understand that it is regarded as a part of their duty, in passing the travelling charges of ministerial officers, to see that officers proceeding on tour do not take with them more ministerial officials than are necessary.

4. As regards the second point, there is some difference of opinion. The Chief Commissioner of Burma has already introduced a subsidiary scale; and, of the rest, some Local Governments consider that a subsidiary scale might be prescribed, while others think that it would not be possible to take any action in this direction, and that the mileage rates laid down in the Code afford a sufficient limit.

In connection with this point the Government of Madras puts forward the suggestion that menial servants should be absolutely debarred from drawing mileage when on tour; and the Government of Bombay proposes to withdraw altogether the right to draw mileage allowances from ministerial establishments in Sind, because carriage is in that province maintained for the whole period of the tour and the cost does not increase with the distance travelled.

5. After a full consideration of all the reports received, the Governor-General in Council has arrived at the conclusion that it is impossible to lay down any general subsidiary scale which should have force throughout India. It must be left to each Local Government or Administration to determine whether, owing to local peculiarities, or special causes, any such scale is practicable, either for their jurisdictions generally, or for any portions of them. And the Governor-General in Council will merely rule generally that the actual expenses for which ministerial officers or menial servants may on certain occasions exchange daily allowance, besides being subject to the general mileage limits prescribed in the Code, shall also be subject to any further restrictions or limits which the Local Government may from time to time think fit to prescribe. Such restrictions or limits may, if considered advisable, amount to an absolute prohibition of the exchange of daily allowance for mileage in certain cases, and would thus cover the suggestions noted above as made by the Governments of Madras and Bombay, or they may consist only in the prescribing of a subsidiary scale.

Order—

Ordered, that this Resolution be communicated to—

1. The several departments of the Government of India.
2. All Local Governments and Administrations.
3. The Director-General of the Post Office of India.
4. The Commissioner, Northern India Salt Revenue.

(Signed) E. T. ATKINSON,
Offg. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

ORDER—dated 21st December 1887, No. 1331, Financial.

Exception 1 to section 32 of the Civil Travelling Allowance Code runs as follows:—

“A ministerial officer may also exchange a daily allowance for the allowance admissible under chapter XII, when the head of the office certifies that he was required to travel by boat or public conveyance.”

2. With reference to the 5th paragraph of the preceding resolution by the Government of India, the Governor in Council resolves to rule that the above exception shall be held in this Presidency to apply only to ministerial officers who are not classed as menial servants, and that the latter, including peons, moochies and attenders, shall on no occasion, from 1st April next, be permitted to exchange daily allowance for mileage.

3. With regard to ministerial servants other than menials, the Government desire that heads of departments will use their discretion in giving the certificate required by the exception quoted above, refusing as a rule to sign it except in cases where they have satisfied themselves that the daily allowance is inadequate to cover the actual expenses incurred by the ministerial officer.

(True Extract.)

H. E. Stokes

Chief Secretary.

To all Heads of Departments.
„ the Accountant-General.

ENDORSEMENT—dated 21st December 1887, No. 1332, Financial.

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

H. E. STOKES,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

