

Public Works (1898) Department.

G.O., No. 2329 W

DATED 7th September 1898

[Despatch Abstract.]

Travelling Allowances
Endorsement of orders of India forwarding copies of
Despatches to them the Secy of the Govt India regarding
the payment of — to officers recalled to duty in India
while on leave in England, Communicated to officers
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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

Read—the following paper :—

Endorsement of the Government of India, Finance and Commerce Department, dated Simla, 5th August 1898, No. 3389-S.R.

Read—the following papers :—

Despatch from the Government of India, Finance and Commerce Department (Pay and Allowance—Travelling Allowance), to the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for India, dated Calcutta, 16th December 1897, No. 340.

In our Public Works telegram, dated 22nd January 1897, we informed your Lordship that Messrs. * * * and * *, Executive Engineers, Bengal, who were on furlough, were required in India as soon as possible for employment on famine-relief works, and asked that they should be sent out at once. Mr. * * *, in order to comply with our request, returned to India by the overland route *via* Brindisi, and thence by the S.S. *Paramatta*, in which a passage was secured for him by the India Office at his own request. Mr. * * * has now submitted a claim to be reimbursed the amount of the railway fare (including sleeping car) from London to Brindisi (£16-16-0) and the charge (£1-4-0) for excess luggage which he was obliged to take with him.

2. Mr. * * * has urged his claim on the ground that he was justified in interpreting the telegram recalling him as an order to return by the quickest route, namely, by rail to Brindisi and from thence by steamer. He has further pointed out that the next mail steamer to Bombay (the S.S. *Caledonia*) started from Marseilles without connection by sea with London; so that, if he had waited for a Peninsular and Oriental steamer sailing from London to Bombay, he would have arrived in India a fortnight later than he did.

3. Under these circumstances we consider that Mr. * * * acted properly in treating the orders for his recall as peremptory and making arrangements for his return by the quickest route and that he should be reimbursed the extra expense incurred thereby. We have therefore decided to pay him the amount he actually spent for his railway ticket (including sleeping car) from London to Brindisi, but have disallowed the claim on account of excess luggage, such charges not being usually admitted.

4. We consider it desirable that provision should be made for similar cases in future, and we accordingly propose that in future an order recalling an officer on leave in England should state either (a) that he should proceed to India by the quickest route, or (b) that he should leave by the first steamer sailing from London to India in which he can secure a passage. In case (a) the officer should be allowed the cost of his passage to India including the railway fare from London to Brindisi or other port at which he may embark for India; and in (b) the cost of a passage by sea from London to this country as at present.

5. We trust that our orders in Mr. * * * case and our proposals for the future will meet with your Lordship's approval.

No. 5320-S.R.

Copy to Public Works Department.

(By order.)

(Signed) J. B. BRUNYATE,
Offg. Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

Despatch from the Right Hon'ble Lord GEORGE HAMILTON, Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India, to His Excellency the Right Honourable the Governor-General of India in Council, dated India Office, London, 28th April 1898, Financial No. 76.

I have considered in Council your letter, dated the 16th of December last, No. 340, and, in the circumstances of the case, confirm the orders passed by your Government in regard to the expenses incurred by Mr. * * * in returning to India, when recalled to duty from leave.

2. With reference to the fourth paragraph of your letter under reply, I request that any telegram recalling an officer to duty from leave in this country may state whether it is desired that he should proceed to India at once by the quickest route, or should arrive in that country by a specified date. In the first case, a passage from Brindisi will be secured, and the cost of the railway journey to Brindisi allowed; in the second case, if time admits, a passage will be engaged from London to Bombay.

3. I have decided that, when an officer under civil leave rules is directed to proceed to India, in such circumstances, *via* Brindisi, he shall be allowed (as in the case of an officer under military rules) the cost of conveying overland 80 lb. of baggage, and a similar concession will be made to officers who may be directed to proceed *via* Marseilles.

4. In the case of an officer who is permitted to make his own arrangements for returning to India, the allowance in lieu of passage from London will be £45, as stated in my despatch of the 8th of July 1897, No. 119, and no further payment will be made.

Despatch from the Right Hon'ble Lord GEORGE HAMILTON, Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India, to His Excellency the Right Honourable the Governor-General of India in Council, dated India Office, London, 8th July 1897, Financial No. 119.

My attention has recently been drawn to the difference between the rates allowed to Military and to Civil Officers who, instead of being provided with passages to India by this office, receive an allowance in lieu thereof.

2. The rate of £45 (£47-10-0 less £2-10-0 for messing) now allowed to Military Officers will in future be applicable to Civilians also, including officers who on first appointment receive passage allowance in lieu of passage, and who do not receive pay for the period of the voyage.

3. With reference to your letter, dated the 24th of March last, No. 80, it appears that, while Civil Officers arriving in India are liable to pay for their messing in cases where they have been provided with passages at the public expense, no recoveries have been made in this country from Civil Officers on arrival from India in similar circumstances; and I have decided that, in future, messing at the rates applicable to Military Officers shall be recovered from them.

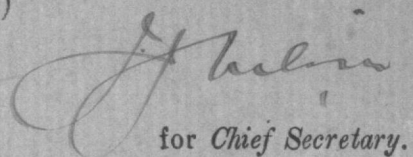
Ordered, that copies of these papers be forwarded to the several departments of the Government of India, and to all Local Governments and Administrations, for information.

(Signed) J. B. BRUNYATE,
Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

ORDER—No. 700, Financial, dated 15th August 1898.

Communicated to the departments of the Secretariat for information and guidance.

(True Extract.)


for Chief Secretary.

To all Departments of the Secretariat. (6-w-b)
„ the Accountant-General.

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