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Government of Madras.

Political **DEPARTMENT.**

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Fort Saint George, Political Consultation, 1st March 1859.

No. 16. EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF CONSULTATION in the Financial Department under
date the 14th February 1859, No. 104.
(*Vide* Diary to Financial Consultation, 15th February 1859, Nos. 27 and 28.)
(*Communicating Supreme Government's Resolution on the subject of Travelling expences to
Officers for journeys by Sea.*)

No. 17. ORDER THEREON, No. 132; dated 28th February 1859.

To be Recorded.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

No. 104.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 14th February 1859.
Read the following Resolution of the Government of India in the Financial Department.
Read Extract from the Proceedings of the Government of India, in the Foreign Department,
under date the 17th December 1858, No. 4147 A.

Read the following papers :—
Letter from Captain Briggs, dated 4th November.
Ditto from Civil Auditor, dated 2nd December, No. 3336.
Ditto to Commissioner, Tenasserim and Martaban Provinces, dated 17th December
No. 4147.

From Captain J. P. BRIGGS, Deputy Commissioner, Tenasserim and Martaban Provinces; to
CECIL BEADON, Esquire, Secretary to Government of India,—(dated, Calcutta,
4th November 1858.)

SIR,

With reference to the accompanying Bill for the travelling allowance, and copy of letter,
as per margin, (with order of retrenchment by
the Civil Auditor, requiring the orders of Go-
vernment of India, because Boat allowance had
already been drawn;) I have the honor to ex-
plain that I was ordered to Calcutta on the
public service; that, under ordinary cir-
cumstances, when travelling on duty, I should be entitled to the usual allowance of 8 Annas per
mile; and that the Boat Allowance already granted is for the purpose of keeping up an Office
boat, and quite unconnected with my proceeding on duty to Calcutta.

2. I have therefore to solicit the favor of your submitting the Bill for the orders of His
Honor the President in Council.

THE HONORABLE COMPANY, ... Dr.
To my Travelling allowance from Moulmein
to Calcutta, and back, to give evidence in the
Supreme Court in the case of murder on the
Coco's Island, as per letter, No. 6114, of 13th
December 1856, from the Secretary to the Go-
vernment of India, to the Commissioner, Te-
nasserim and Martaban Provinces; 1500 miles,
at 8 Annas per mile, is
Company's Rupees... 750 0 0

MOULMEIN,
TREASURY OFFICE,
The 30th June 1857.

Received Payment.
J. P. BRIGGS,
Deputy Commissioner, Province Amherst.

From G. F. EDMONSTONE, Esq., Secretary to the Government of India; to Colonel Sir A.
BOGLE, KT., Commissioner, Tenasserim and Martaban Provinces,—(No. 6114, dated
Fort William, 13th December 1856.)

SIR,

Foreign Department I am desired to acquaint you, that the Right Honorable the Gover-
nor General in Council has directed Lieutenant Briggs, Officiating Deputy Commissioner,
Amherst, to come up to Calcutta, without delay, in order to give his evidence in the Supreme
Court, in a case of murder on the Coco's Island.

CIVIL AUDITOR'S OFFICE, THE 12TH
JANUARY 1858.

Returned, unaudited, for the
orders of the Government of India,
authorizing Captain Briggs to draw
Travelling allowance at 8 Annas per
mile, for proceeding to Calcutta; he
having already drawn Boat Allow-
ance at Rupees 100 per month,
for the same period.

W. P. PALMER,
Civil Auditor.

From W. P. PALMER, Esquire, Civil Auditor; to CECIL BEADON, Esquire, Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, Foreign Department,—(No. 3336, dated Fort William, 2nd December 1858.)

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the letter from your Office, No. 3935, dated the 26th Ultimo, requesting me to report, what is the usual custom in regard to the travelling expenses of Officers of Government required to give evidence in the Supreme Court, and in reply to state, that the amount authorized by Government is 8 Annas a mile.

2nd. Captain Briggs, whose claim to travelling allowance has given rise to the present reference, was summoned, while officiating as Deputy Commissioner of Moulmein, to give evidence in the Supreme Court in a case of murder on the Coco's Island. This Officer's substantive appointment was Deputy Commissioner of Tavoy; but, while officiating at Moulmein, he drew an additional allowance of Rs. 200 a month; that is a 100 Deputation and Rs. 100 Boat allowance. During his absence from his Station, I retrenched this additional allowance, as, under the Rules, an Officer is only entitled to draw these allowances so long as he performs the active duties of his Office. In Mr. Secretary Edmonstone's letter, No. 3454, dated the 28th August 1857, the retrenchment was remitted on the ground, it is presumed, that Captain Briggs, while absent from his Station attending the summons of the Supreme Court, was actually absent on public duty.

3rd. If this surmise be correct, it becomes a question, whether Captain Briggs can, in addition, claim travelling allowance at 8 Annas a mile.

4th. The original enclosures are herewith returned.

From the Officiating Under Secretary to the Government of India; to the Commissioner in the Tenasserim and Martaban Provinces,—(No. 4147, dated Fort William, the 17th December 1858.)

Foreign Department. SIR,

Captain Briggs having submitted a Bill for travelling allowance, at the rate of 8 Annas a mile, for the distance (1500 miles) between Moulmein and Calcutta and back, on the occasion when he was required to give his evidence in the Supreme Court on the trial of the Burmese for a murder in the Coco's; I am directed to inform you, that the Honorable President in Council declines to allow Captain Briggs the rate he has charged, which is obviously inapplicable to journeys by sea. But His Honor in Council is prepared to pass Captain Briggs' actual travelling expenses, and you are accordingly requested to direct that Officer to submit a Bill for the same.

ORDERED that copies of the foregoing papers be furnished to the Financial Department, in order that the propriety of laying down some general rule upon the subject of Travelling expenses for journeys by sea may be considered.

No. 378.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT, FORT WILLIAM, THE 14TH JANUARY 1859.

The Honorable the President in Council observes, that cases in which Officers are furnished with passages in Government vessels, are sufficiently provided for by the Resolution passed in this and the Home Departments, dated, respectively, the 1st September 1854, and 14th March 1856. In other cases in which journeys are made in *private* vessels, His Honor in Council thinks that the actual passage money (being, of course, reasonable) should be allowed.

COPY forwarded to the Foreign, Home, Military, and Public Works Departments, together with a copy of the Resolution, dated 1st September 1854, to the last mentioned Department.

COPY sent to the Civil Auditors, Fort William, Fort Saint George, Bombay, North West Provinces, and the Punjab, for information.

Copy sent to all the Local Governments, for information and guidance.

By order of the Honorable the President in Council,
(Signed) C. HUGH LUSHINGTON,
Secretary to the Government of India.

Order.—Ordered to be communicated to the several Departments of the Secretariat.
(True Extracts.)

Signature of J. P. G. G. G.
Chief Secretary.

To the Military Department.

" Revenue "
" Public Works "
" Judicial "
" Public "
" Political "
" Railway "
" Marine "
" Ecclesiastical "

W. A. J. A. Wilson.

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Chief Minister, President
in the Ministry
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Communicating an Extract
from the Proceedings of the
Port of India, containing the
Declaration on the subject of
certaining expenses to others
for journey by sea.

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