

Public (1896) Department.

ORDINARY MS.

G.O., No. 177

Dated 3^d Feb. 1896

[Despatch Abstract.]

CLARENCE SMITH COMMISSION.

Directing, in modification of the previous orders that the allowances of official witnesses summoned to appear before the--- be restricted to what is permissible under the Civil Service Regulations, but that non-official witnesses are to be paid their actual charges.

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From
THE ACCOUNTANT-GENERAL,
MADRAS,

To
THE
Chief Secy to Govt
Public Department

No. 124.

Dated } 18th Jan'y '96
Received } 18th Jan'y '96.

No. 124.

Subject.

Explaining what would be the best
method regarding the travelling allowances
of the witnesses in the Belarney
Smith's Commission.

Pub. go. no. 1034 of 23-12-95
- 844 of 10-95
File 159 of 13-3-89

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For orders whether by
944 Pub. go. 10/10/95 should
be modified or the case
sent up to India. If the
latter some good reasons
for departing from
the usual regulations
will be required.

23/1/96 It is submitted that
the position taken by
the Acc. General may be accepted
by that hon. Official. He said as
suggested and that Official receive
travelling allowance in accordance
with the rules.

25/1/96
W. H.
25/1/96

Presidency and DEPARTMENT.

FORT ST. GEORGE,

Accountant-General's Office,

18th January 1896.

No. 124

From

F. C. Harrison Esqr

Offg ACCOUNTANT-GENERAL TO THE

To

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

THE Chief Secretary to Government
Public Department.

SIR,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of Government Order No 1034, Public, dated the 23rd December 1895, relating to the expenses of witnesses called ^{before} upon the Clarence Smith Commission. The question concerns two sets of witnesses, non-officials and officials. As regards the former upon further consideration I do not think it is proper to consider the term "actual expenses" used in the Government of India letter No 942, Financial, dated the 23rd February 1889, as being the exact equivalent of "actual travelling expenses" as defined in Article 15 of the Civil Service Regulations. I am therefore prepared to admit any such charges actually incurred, and hope that

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no difficulty will arise owing to the expression "reasonable expenses" having been used by Government in lieu of that employed in the Government of India Order.

As regards officials I regret that I am unable to pass charges drawn otherwise than under the rules of the Civil Service Regulations, and respectfully request that if Government does not accept the view expressed in para 3 of my letter N^o 3080, dated the 6th November 1895, it will, in accordance with Article 291 of the Civil Account Code, submit the question for the orders of the Government of India. So far, the bills of two persons have been paid. The allowances payable to them under the orders of the Commission amount to Rs 10-6-4 while those admissible under the rules are 12 annas less. It may well be that others may be allowed less under the orders of the Commission than they are entitled to under the Regulations.

I have the honour to be
Sir

Your most obed^t servant

M. M. M.

Offg. Account General.

[Signature]

Order N^o 147 d/8 Feb. '96

^{mis} In Modification of
G.O. N^o 844 Pub d/10th Oct '95
the Govt directs that the al-
lowances to be passed to
official witnesses sum-
moned to appear before
the Clarence Smith Com-
mission shall be re-
stricted to what is permitted
under the C. S. Regulations
its regards ^{the} Non-official
the Acct Genl's suggestion
will be accepted.

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The Acct Genl.
^{with 1 subv.}
~~Superintendent F. C. Smith~~
~~Col. W. G. Thomas~~ d/5/2/96
T. Weir Esq. I. C. S.

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