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OCTOBER.

Reserved Railway accommodation for a retiring Member of the Council of the Governor of Madras.

Communicating to the Accountant-General letter from the Government of India stating that the Secretary of State has sanctioned the extension to the Ordinary Members of the Councils of the Governors of Madras and Bombay of the rule under which the charges, less the ordinary fares that would be paid if such accommodation was not provided, for the haulage of a special carriage for a retiring Member of the Governor-General's Council are borne by Government, and that the case of Sir Henry Bliss should be dealt with accordingly.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

Read—again the following papers:—

G.O., Mis. Nos. 278, 279, Public, dated 7th March 1899.

Read—the following letter from T. HESKETH BIGGS, Esq., Accountant-General, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Fort St. George, 8th February 1899, No. 508:—

I have the honour to report the Madras Railway Company has presented a bill for Rs. 223-9-0 for reserved accommodation allowed to a Member of Council on duty for Sir H. W. Bliss, late Member of Council, for his journey from Madras to Bombay on his retirement from the service. To avoid inconvenience, I have paid the amount to the Company, but as there is no provision in the Civil Service Regulations for granting travelling allowance to ex-Members of the Governor's Council for journeys made on retirement from the service, I have the honour to request that the case may be submitted for sanction of the Government of India, or that arrangements may be made to recover the amount from Sir H. Bliss through the Secretary of State.

Order—Mis. No. 278, Public, dated 7th March 1899.

The Government of India will be addressed.

(Signed) G. STOKES,
Chief Secretary.

To the Accountant-General.

Letter—Mis. No. 279, Public, dated 7th March 1899, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department.

I am directed to forward a copy of a letter* from the Accountant-General, Madras, in which he reports that the Madras Railway Company has preferred a claim of Rs. 223-9-0 on account of reserved accommodation for Sir H. W. Bliss, K.C.I.E., for his journey from Madras to Bombay on his retirement from the service. The Accountant-General has, in order to avoid inconvenience, paid the amount to the Railway Company, but as there is no provision in the Civil Service Regulations for granting travelling allowance to ex-Members of the Governor's Council for journeys made on retirement from the service, he submits the question for orders.

2. From the enclosed copy of the Proceedings of this Government, No. 1356, Public, dated the 9th November 1898, it will be seen that Sir Henry Bliss was permitted to resign his seat in the Council with effect from the 8th November 1898 and to retire from the service from the 19th idem, and that the Governor in Council at the same time directed, in accordance with precedent, that all honours and privileges attached to the office of a Member of Council should be continued to him until his departure from this Presidency. Sir Henry Bliss appears to have read this order as entitling him to the reserved accommodation claimable by a Member of Council on duty.

3. In the special circumstances of the case, I am directed to request the sanction of the Government of India to the admission of the charge in question.

(Signed) G. STOKES,
Chief Secretary.

G.O., R. No. 730, Public, dated 8th June 1899.

ABSTRACT.—Recording letter from the Government of India stating that a reference has been made to the Secretary of State for India regarding the admission of the charge incurred on account of reserved accommodation for Sir H. W. Bliss, K.C.I.E., late Member of Council, Madras, for his journey by railway from Madras to Bombay on his retirement from the service.

G.O., Mis. No. 1120, Financial, dated 12th October 1899.

Read—the following G.O., No. 1112 Ry., dated 7th October 1899:—

Resolution of the Government of India, Public Works Department (Railway Traffic), dated Simla, 13th September 1899, No. 878 R.T.

Read—

Government of India Resolution No. 736 R.T., dated 22nd September 1896.

Read also—

Government of India despatch No. 20, Railway, dated 4th March 1896.

Secretary of State's despatch No. 82, Financial, dated 21st May 1896.

Government of India, Finance and Commerce Department despatch No. 150, dated 18th May 1899.

Secretary of State's despatch No. 139, Financial, dated 20th July 1899.

Resolution.—In supersession of Government of India Resolution No. 736 R.T., dated 22nd September 1896, the Governor-General in Council is pleased to direct that when a Governor or Lieutenant-Governor, or an Ordinary Member of the Supreme Council or of the Councils of the Governors of Madras and Bombay travels by railway otherwise than on duty, i.e., before joining or after resigning office, or when proceeding on or returning from leave—

(I) Any special carriage usually assigned to such Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Honourable Member should, whenever practicable, be placed at his disposal if so desired.

(II) The charges for the haulage of such carriage, whether empty or occupied, will be borne by Government as in the case of journeys made on duty; but the ordinary fares that would be paid if such accommodation were not provided shall be paid by the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor or Honourable Member in question, except in the cases stated in clauses (III) and (IV).

(III) A Governor or Lieutenant-Governor resident in India at the time of his appointment is, for the journey to join his appointment, exempted from the payment of ordinary fares and is entitled to actual travelling expenses for himself and for any members of his family travelling with him.

(IV) A Governor or Lieutenant-Governor retiring from the service and leaving India is exempted from the payment of ordinary fares and is allowed the actual travelling expenses of any members of his family travelling with him.

2. The prescribed procedure, both as to the issue of requisition forms and payments to Railway Administrations, in regard to journeys performed on duty shall be followed, the necessary modification being made in the requisition forms, and the fares payable being subsequently recovered by the Account Officer.

Order.—Ordered that this resolution be communicated to the Governments of Madras and Bombay for information and communication to the Members of their respective Councils and to the Agents and Managers of the several railways under their control; to the Local Governments and Administrations and the Officers noted in the margin, for information and communication to the Agents and Managers of the several railways under their control; and to the Governments of the North-Western Provinces and Oudh and the Punjab, the Chief Commissioner of the Governor-General for Central India and Baluchistan, and the Managers of the North-Western, Oudh and Rohilkhand, Eastern Bengal, and East Coast (State) Railways, for information.

Ordered also that a copy be forwarded to each Honourable Member of the Governor-General's Council and to the Accountant-General, Public Works Department, for information and guidance.

Ordered, further, that a copy be communicated to the several departments of the Government of India for information.

(By order.)

(Signed) C. F. SYKES,
for *Offg. Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.*

Order—No. 1112, Ry., dated 7th October 1899.

Communicated to the Agents, Madras and South Indian Railways, in supersession of the Consulting Engineer's endorsement, No. 3304, dated 20th October 1896; also to each Honourable Member of the Executive Council of the Government of Madras and to the Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor for information.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. C. LYLE,
Under Secretary.

To the Agent and Manager, Madras Railway.
" " South Indian Railway.
" Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor.
" Hon'ble Mr. A. T. Arundel, C.S.I.
" " Mr. H. M. Winterbotham, I.C.S.
" Financial Department.
" Consulting Engineer for Railways.
" Examiner, Guaranteed Railway Accounts, Madras.

Order—Mis. No. 1120, Financial, dated 12th October 1899.

Communicated to the Accountant-General.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. STOKES,
Chief Secretary.

To the Accountant-General.

READ—also the following paper:—

From H. LUSON, Esq., Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department (Public), to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Simla, 7th October 1899, No. 2279.

With reference to the correspondence ending with the letter from the Home Department, No. 1099, dated the 29th May 1899, regarding the question of the admission of a charge of Rs. 223-9-0 on account of reserved accommodation for Sir H. W. Bliss, K.C.I.E., late a Member of the Council of the Governor of Madras, for his journey from Madras to Bombay on retirement from the service, I am directed to forward, for the information of the Government of Madras, a copy of the papers noted in the margin.

Despatch to the Secretary of State, No. 150, dated the 18th May 1899.
Despatch from the Secretary of State, No. 139, Financial, dated the 20th July 1899.

2. It will be seen that the Secretary of State has sanctioned the extension to the Ordinary Members of the Councils of the Governors of Madras and Bombay of the rule under which the charges, less the ordinary fares that would be paid if such accommodation was not provided, for the haulage of a special carriage for a retiring Ordinary Member of the Governor-General's Council are borne by Government. In this connection I am to invite attention to the Resolution of the Government of India in the Public Works Department, No. 878 R.T., dated the 13th September 1899, on the subject. The case of Sir H. W. Bliss should be dealt with in accordance with the terms of that resolution.

ENCLOSURES.

DESPATCH from His Excellency the Right Honourable the Governor-General of India in Council, Finance and Commerce Department (Pay and Allowances—Traveling and Tour Allowances—Administration), to Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India, dated Simla, 18th May 1899, No. 150.

We have the honour to forward a copy of a letter from the Government of Madras, No. 279, dated the 7th March 1899, requesting sanction to the admission of a charge of Rs. 223-9-0 on account of reserved accommodation for Sir H. W. Bliss, K.C.I.E., late a Member of the Council of the Governor of Madras, for his journey from Madras to Bombay on his retirement from the service.

2. Sir Henry Bliss was permitted to resign his seat with effect from the 8th November 1898 and to retire from the service from the 19th idem. The Government of Madras directed, in accordance with precedent, that all honours and privileges attached to the office of a Member of Council should be continued to him until his departure from the Madras Presidency. Sir Henry Bliss appears to have construed this order as entitling him to the reserved accommodation claimable by a Member of Council on duty.

3. According to the rule in Appendix 28-A (II), page 87 of the Appendices to the Civil Service Regulations, an Ordinary Member of the Governor-General's Council, after resigning his office, is allowed a special carriage by railway, the charges for the haulage of such carriage being borne by Government less the ordinary fares that would be paid if such accommodation were not provided.

4. There is no such provision in the case of a Member of a Governor's Council, and the sum of Rs. 223-9-0 on account of the cost of the reserved accommodation would ordinarily be recoverable from Sir Henry Bliss. In the circumstances explained in the letter from the Government of Madras, we are willing to waive the recovery of the amount; but having regard to the orders contained in Lord Cross's despatch No. 189 (Financial), dated the 29th August 1899, and also in your Lordship's despatch No. 82 (Financial), dated the 21st May 1896, we refer the matter for your Lordship's consideration. We recommend that the charge may be allowed.

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, 20th July 1899, No. 139, Financial.

I have considered in Council your letter, dated the 18th of May, No. 150, recommending that no recovery should be made on account of a sum of Rs. 223-9-0 paid to the Madras Railway Company in respect of reserved accommodation for Sir H. W. Bliss, K.C.I.E., lately a Member of the Council of the Governor of Madras, for his journey from Madras to Bombay on his retirement from the service.

2. Under the rule in Appendix 28-A (11) to the Civil Service Regulations, an Ordinary Member of the Governor-General's Council is entitled after resigning his office to a special carriage subject to the payment by him of the ordinary fares for unreserved accommodation. I see no objection to the rule being so modified as to apply also to the Ordinary Members of the Councils of the Governors of Madras and Bombay; and I authorise your Government to deal with the case of Sir H. W. Bliss accordingly.

ORDER—No. 1228, Public, dated 31st October 1899.

The foregoing letter from the Government of India will be communicated to the Accountant-General for the necessary action.

(True Extract.)

G. STOKES,
Chief Secretary.

To the Accountant-General.

Exd. C. M. Thumbuswamy.

Public Works (1899) Department.

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*The Govt of India,
Home Dept.*

No. 2279

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SUBJECT.

*Regarding the question of the
admission of a charge of Rs. 223 9/-
on account of reserved accommodation
for Sir H. W. Bliss K.C.I.E., late a
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