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Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 15th September 1857.

No. 35. Read the following letter from H. RICKETTS, Esq., Commissioner for the revision of Civil Salaries &c. ; to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras ; dated Ootacamund, 19th August 1857, No. 1194.

SIR,

In the year 1849 the scale of batta to be granted to all ministerial officers under the Bombay Government was revised ; one scale was laid down for all writers, carcoons, &c.; another, and higher scale was laid down for Europeans, Indoo Britons, and Native born Portuguese. On this revision being reported to the Honorable the Court of Directors, the Court in their despatch dated the 31st March 1852 conveyed their approval in these words, " we approve of the principle on " which you entered on the revision of these rates, viz. that batta is intended simply as a provi- " sion for extra expense supposed to be actually incurred ; that in India a man's necessary expenses " are regulated as much by the habits of his caste and class, as by the varying amount of his pay ; " and that consequently the former system under which the batta varied with the most trifling " difference of salary, should give place to one in which due weight would be given to both the " considerations referred to."

In 1855 a reference was submitted to the Bombay Government from Scinde respecting the batta to be allowed to a Native Christian clerk. On this reference the resolution of the Government of Bombay was as follows; " Native Converts in this Presidency are with respect to their " difficulty of finding people always ready to afford them lodging, and companions who will mess " with them, and so lighten their ordinary bazar and household expenses, placed in a more dis- " advantageous position than Native Portuguese, who are allowed a higher rate of batta. Such " Clerks are rare in the Bombay Presidency, and placing them on the same footing with respect " to batta as Native Portuguese Clerks, will cause but a very inconsiderable increase of expense " to Government, while it seems a step required by justice towards them. All Native Christian " servants of Government are, therefore, with regard to batta, to be placed on the same footing " as that now held by Native Portuguese Christians."

The proceedings of the Government of Bombay having been notified to the Supreme Government, it was directed by the resolution dated the 26th September 1856, that the entire subject should be reconsidered by the Government of Bombay in communication with this office. The Right Honorable the Governor of Bombay in Council " continues to be of opinion " that the distinction made between Christians, and public servants of other denominations, is " equitable, not as a religious distinction, but because the expenses of Christians when travel- " ling in the Districts of that Presidency are notoriously heavier than those of other classes."

In Bengal the practice is to allow all clerks, without distinction, batta at 4 annas per mile when travelling by dak, and $\frac{3}{10}$ of their respective salaries when travelling by other modes of conveyance.

A copy of the scale adopted by the Government of Bombay in 1849, is appended.

I shall be obliged if the Right Honorable the Governor in Council will have the goodness to direct 5 of the officers under the Madras Government considered most competent to afford information and advice on this subject, to report to me whether they consider the Bombay scale or the Bengal scale suitable in the Madras Presidency, and if neither is suitable, what scale they would prefer, and whether in their opinion Native Christian officers, if there are any, should be allowed the higher or the lower scale of allowance.

The Civil Auditor informs me that, at present, batta is allowed as detailed in the statement annexed.

Extract from a statement submitted by the Civil Auditor of Madras ; dated the 25th March 1857, shewing the rates of travelling and tentage allowance for all classes of officers, European and Native, in the Civil department of the Madras Government.

9. *Ministerial officers of the Zillahs Courts* draw batta equal to half the amount of their salary for the period of their absence from the station of the Court to which they are attached ; when accompanying the judges on their periodical visits to branch gaols ; on their visits to the

stations of district Moonsiffs, in pursuance of the object of Section 6 of Regulation II. of 1821; and accompanying the Session Judge of Coimbatore to Ootacamund.

10. *Deloyets of the Zillah Court of Coimbatore* draw batta at the rate of one and half annas per diem, when accompanying the Judge to Ootacamund.

12. *Establishment of Inspector of Prisons.* A travelling allowance of 4 annas a mile is provisionally granted to clerks on the Inspector's Establishment, pending ulterior arrangements.

14. *Zillah Gaol Peons* receive batta at the rate of one anna each per diem from and after the day on which they quit the limits of their own zillah until that of their return within those limits; when employed in escorting prisoners and witnesses, and pursuing of offenders beyond the limits of the zillah to which they are attached; in proceeding to other zillahs as witnesses in their official capacity, &c.; and batta at the rate of 2 annas per diem for the period of their detention at Madras in attendance at the Supreme Court as witnesses.

16 *Officers of the Madras Police Force* receive a travelling allowance of 2 annas per diem during absence from Madras in escorting prisoners, or on other duty.

17. *Establishment of the Board of Revenue* when required to travel in the provinces on public duty are allowed batta at the rate ½d of their salary for the period of their absence; when absent from Head Quarters in the interior, they are allowed in addition the same travelling allowance as the Revenue servants.

18. *Revenue servants required to attend at the office of the Board of Revenue,* are allowed batta at the rate of half their pay within the limit of Rupees 87½ monthly from the date of their departure from their own station to the date of their return, and for the time they are on the journey; they are also allowed to charge for the number of coolies which they are entitled to when travelling in their own District.

23. *Revenue and Magisterial servants, and servants of the Agency in the Hill tracts of Orissa,* while out on circuit with the Collector and Magistrate, and in the case of the Hill tracts of Orissa Agency servants, while absent from Aska, at the following rates:

To servants whose pay amounts to or exceeds Rupees 200. } The hire of 8 coolies as batta, or Rupees 1-14.

To servants whose pay amounts to Rupees 100, but is less than Rs. 200. } The hire of 4 coolies as batta, or annas 14.

To servants whose pay amounts to Rupees 35, but is less than Rs. 100. } The hire of 2 coolies as batta, or annas 7½.

To servants whose pay amounts to Rupees 10, but is less than Rs. 35. } The hire of 1 cooly as batta, or annas 3¾.

The rate of batta is fixed at 3 annas and 9 pice per cooly in all Districts; this allowance ceases on return to Head Quarters, and after a halt of ten days until the setting out again of the Cutcherry.

24. *South Arcot Revenue Survey.* A fixed monthly travelling allowance of Rupees 75 is allowed to the Covenanted Superintendent of the survey and to each of his two Covenanted Assistants, and to the establishment the following rates are allowed.

3	Head Surveyors	at annas 5 and pice 4 per diem
6	Deputy do.	at annas 2 and pice 8 ,,
30	Ameens do.	at annas 1 and pice 7 ,,
30	Ameen Gomastahs	at annas 1 and pice 7 ,,

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) J. A. ROBERTSON,
Asst. Commr. for the revision of Civil salaries, &c.

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Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 15th September 1857.

Extract from a Notification issued by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council of Bombay under date the 4th April 1849.

Scale of batta for Europeans, Indo-Britons, and Native born Portuguese.

		Daily rate.			Result of a month of 30 days.		
		Rs.	A	P	Rs.	A	P
Class 1st.	Salary from Rs. 10 to 20 per Month....	...	4	...	7	8	...
,, 2d.	,, ,, 21 to 35 ,, ...	...	6	...	11	4	...
,, 3d.	,, ,, 36 to 55 ,, ...	...	9	...	16	14	...
,, 4th.	,, ,, 56 to 75 ,, ...	...	12	...	22	8	...
,, 5th.	,, ,, 76 to 100 ,, ...	...	14	...	26	4	...
,, 6th.	,, ,, 101 to 125 ,, ...	1	...	...	30	...	...
,, 7th.	,, ,, 126 to 150 ,, ...	1	2	...	33	12	...
,, 8th.	,, ,, 151 to 175 ,, ...	1	4	...	37	8	...
,, 9th.	,, ,, 176 to 200 ,, ...	1	6	...	41	4	...
,, 10th.	,, ,, 201 to 250 ,, ...	1	9	...	46	14	...
,, 11th.	,, ,, 251 to 300 ,, ...	1	12	...	52	8	...
,, 12th.	,, ,, 301 and upwards.....	2	...	...	60	...	..
	Scale of batta for Natives.						
Peons and menial servants, and all of this class.....		...	1	...	1	14	...
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Jamadars of Peons.....		...	2	...	3	12	...
	Writers, Carcoons, &c.						
Class 1st.	All drawing salaries up to Rs. 10 inclusive.	...	2	...	3	12	...
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,, 8th.	,, ,, 151 to 200 ...	1	2	...	33	12	...
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Asst. to the Commr. for the Revision of Civil Salaries, &c.

No. 36. ORDER THEREON, No. 933; dated 14th September 1857.

R. D. Parker, Esq., Acting Member of the Board of Revenue.
E. B. Thomas, Esq., Collector and Magistrate of Coimbatore.
W. Robinson, Esq., Acting Collector and Magistrate of Malabar.
C. Pelly, Esq., Collector and Magistrate of Bellary; and
H. A. Brett, Esq., Collector and Magistrate of Salem.

In the above letter, the Commissioner for the revision of Civil Salaries requests the nomination of five officers considered most competent to afford information and advice on the subject of batta to public servants, and that they may be directed to report whether they consider the Bombay or the Bengal scale suitable for the Madras Presidency, and if neither is suitable, what scale they would prefer. In compliance with this request, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council desires that the Gentlemen named in the margin, to whom a copy of the above letter together with its enclosures will be furnished, will be good enough, at an early date, to put Mr. Ricketts in possession of their views on the subject in question.

(Signed) H. FORBES,
Acting Secretary to Government.

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No 1194

To

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The Chief Secretary to the
Govern.t of Madras

Dated Octacamund, 19.th August 1857.

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The Civil Audit informs me that, at present, batta is allowed as detailed in the Statement annexed.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obdt. Servant

H. Ricketts

Commissioner for the revn of Civil Salaries and Establt throughout India

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Revenue (R.S.) Department
Dated Civil 15th Sept 1859

No 1012

From
The Commissioner
for the revision of Civil Salaries & Establishments throughout India

Madras Fort St George
Dated 19 October 1859

Sir

Referring to your letter No 933 dated 14th September 1859 and to the 2 Enclosures

Requesting that 5 officers under the Madras Government considered most competent to afford information and advice on the subject of the Bombay scale or the Bengal scale of allowances may be selected to report whether they consider either of the scales suitable in the Madras Presidency and if neither is suitable what scale they would prefer and whether in their opinion a native Christian officer if there are any should be allowed the higher or the lower scale of allowances

I am directed to inform you that the Right Honorable the Governor in Council has selected the following five officers as those best qualified to report on the subject of the Madras Civil Establishments

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Sept. No *

Answered

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To Servants whose pay amounts to Rs 35, but is less than Rs 100 -	The hire of 2 Coolies as batta, or annas 7/2
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The rate of Batta is fixed at 3 Annas and
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(A true extract)

Jas A Arbuthnot

Assistant to Commr for the revision of Civil Salaries and Establishments throughout India.

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		Rs.	Rs.
Class 1st	Salary from Rs 18 to 20 per Month	1.	24.
2d	21 to 35	1.	24.
3d	36 to 55	1.	24.
4th	56 to 75	1.	24.
5th	76 to 100	1.	30.
6th	101 to 125	1.2.	36.
7th	126 to 150	1.4.	42.
8th	151 to 175	1.6.	48.
9th	176 to 200	1.8.	54.
10th	201 to 250	1.12.	66.
11th	251 to 300	2.	72.
12th	301 & upwards		

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3d	21 to 35.	5.	9 6.
4th	36 to 55.	7.	13 2.
5th	56 to 75.	9.	16 4.
6th	76 to 100.	11.	20 12.
7th	101 to 150	14.	26 4.
8th	151 to 200.	1 2.	33 12.
9th	201 to 250.	1 6.	41 4.
10th	251 to 300.	1 9.	46 14.
11th	301 to 400.	1 12.	62 8.
12th	401 & upwards	2 1.	64.

A true Extract.

Jas A Arbuthnot

Assistant to the Commissioner for the Revision of Civil Salaries &c

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Revenue Dept

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Under date the 14th September 1857.

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Fort St George 19th August 1857

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to put Mr. Ricketts

W. H. Parker, Esq^re
Actg member of the B. of Revs
C. B. Thomas Esq^r
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Copies to Mr Parker - Desp^ch 15
" Thomas ✓
" Robinson ✓
" Pelly ✓
" Brett ✓
Mr Ricketts, Coun^l

Revenue 1857 Deptt.
D. to Govt. 15th Septr.

No 933.

Extract Minis of Govt:

Dd 14th Septr/57

From the Collr of Bellary
D/27th Novr/57 Cl No 11493.
in Govt: 18th Jany/58.

Appointing certain individuals for the purpose of affording information and advice to the Commissioner for the revision of Civil Salaries on the subject of batta to public servants.

No 35 to 36.