

Revenue Department

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No. 53. Read the following letter from C. PELLY, Esq., Collector of Bellary; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government in the Revenue Department, Fort Saint George; dated Ramandroog, 27th November 1857, No. 48.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 14th September last No. 933, communicating for report, a letter from H. Ricketts Esq., Commissioner for the Revision of Civil Salaries &c. enquiring whether the Bombay scale or the Bengal scale of Batta to Public Servants is considered suitable in the Madras Presidency, and if neither is suitable what other scale is preferable.

2. In Bombay batta is regulated according to two scales; the first or higher rate is allowed to Europeans, Indo Britons, and Native born Portuguese, and the 2nd or lower rate to Natives. In Bengal it seems that all clerks without distinction, are allowed batta at 4 Annas when travelling by Dawk, and three tenths of their respective salaries when travelling by other modes of conveyance. If the batta allowed as above in either of the 2 Presidencies be for the whole period of their absence from Head Quarters, it is presumed that they are very much higher than the Madras scale, and it appears but just that the Madras scale should be so revised as to be put on an equality with that of the other two Presidencies.

3. It is not stated whether Batta is allowed to Talook Servants when travelling within the limits of their respective Talooks, in either of the Presidencies of Bengal and Bombay but in the Madras Presidency no Batta whatever is allowed to Talook servants travelling within their Talooks. The Hoozoor servants are allowed batta, or rather coolly hire, according to the marginal entry for the period passed in travelling and also for halts not exceeding 10 days. This rate of batta is paid to all clerks, writers &c., drawing salaries of Rupees 10 and upwards, above the rank of Peons and Duffadars, who are excluded from this indulgence.

To servants whose pay amounts to exceeds Rupees 200.	The hire of 8 coolies as batta or Rupee 1-14-0.
To servants whose pay amounts to 100 but is less than 200 Rupees.	Do. of 4 do. or 15 Annas.
To servants whose pay amounts to 35 but is less than 100 Rs.	Do. of 2 do. or 7½ do.
To servants whose pay amounts to 10 but is less than 35 Rs.	Do. of 1 do. or 3¾ do.

Average number of servants employed in circuit..... 84
Aggregate amount of their pay for a month..... 3076½

Batta paid.	
Fusly.....1256.....	1633
".....1257.....	1237
".....1258.....	1347
".....1259.....	2158
".....1260.....	2096
".....1261.....	2302
".....1262.....	1860
".....1263.....	1678
".....1264.....	2163
".....1265.....	1644
Total.....	18,118

Average of 10 years 1812.

4. I have shewn, in the margin, the actual amount of batta paid to the Public servants of this Collectorate, during 10 past years, according to the aforementioned scale, which gives an average of Rupees 1,812; the highest amount expended in these 10 years was Rupees 2,302 in Fusly 1261. Duffadars and Peons of the Hoozoor Revenue and Police Establishments are allowed batta the former at 2 Annas and the latter at one Anna per diem, when they go on duty beyond the limits of the District, but this description of charge is of rare occurrence, and therefore the amount above shewn, does not include batta to Peons.

5. The ordinary period during which Hoozoor servants are employed on circuit may be calculated to be 6 months, commencing with December, and ending with May, and if it is for this period that batta is to be paid the expenditure on this account would be three fold that now generally incurred; and in the event of admitting Talook servants also to this indulgence, the amount will be still enhanced.

6. The calculation of ⅔rdth batta for the whole period of absence from the Head Quarters, according to the Bengal system, shews that it amounts to 923 Rupees a month or Rupees 5,538 for 6 months on Rupees 3,076½ being the salaries of 84 servants employed on Circuit in this District. But it will be observed that this amount viz., Rupees 5,538 is more than 3 times the

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amount now actually expended. It may be inferred that the amount of batta to servants of other Districts of this Presidency would be in the same proportion as this.

7. The Bengal scale is I think preferable to that of Bombay; it is simple, and generally fair, though in the very highest salary that of Head Sheristadar, it would give more than necessary and more than is drawn by the European Officers. The extra expense though three fold that now incurred for Bellary, would not in future be nearly so much, as much greater simplicity is being introduced in the Revenue System, and there would not be occasion for so many servants to go on Circuit.

8. The Bombay scale is divided into too many classes. In Madras there are only 4 classes whereas in Bombay there are 11 classes, for salaries about 10 Rupees. In both instances as also in Bengal, the batta is regulated with reference to the amount of salary, but I think it would be better to fix it with reference more to the situation of the servants.

9. It does not appear whether batta is granted to the servants of the rank of Peons in the Bengal Presidency, but it seems that the servants of that grade in the Bombay Presidency are allowed batta. But I am decidedly of opinion that batta should be allowed in the Madras Presidency and I would beg to submit the following scale for batta with reference to the situation of the servant and not exactly with reference to his salary.

Head Sheristadar	...	...	2 Rupees daily.
Deputy and Assistant Sheristadar and Sub-Division Sheristadar.	...	...	1½ " "
Head Accountant	...	...	} With salaries of and above 40 Rupees 1 Rupee each.
Translator	...	...	
Chief Moonshees	...	...	
Principal Correspondence Writers	...	...	
Principal (as Head and Deputy) Goomastahs and other Moonshees and Writers with salaries of 25 Rupees and upwards.	...	...	Half Rupee each.
All other Goomastahs and under Writers	...	...	5 Annas
Hoozoor Orderly, Duffadars, Sercheshums or Jamadars	...	...	3 " "
Other Duffadars, Peons and Choleendars Collector's personal Peons.	...	...	1½ Anna "
All other Peons and Menial Servants	...	...	1 " "

In fixing these rates I have had in view the probable extra expenses incurred by the several classes of servants. Two Rupees a day is about the sum hitherto allowed for the Head Sheristadar. The Deputies I have fixed at 1½ Rupee some thing less than the Bengal scale but more than the present allowance. The Head English Accountant and Translator are servants rarely taken on Circuit, but I have allowed 1 Rupee for them.

10. The principal Moonshees and English Writer who are required to be constantly in the Collector's presence and have much responsibility, and should be provided with a horse in addition to other expenses, ought not to have less than 1 Rupee.

11. The Head Goomastah and Moonshees and other principal Goomastahs and Writers whose salaries are 25 Rupees and upwards should be allowed ½ Rupee batta, and all the rest of this class of persons 5 annas.

12. The Hoozoor Collectors, Duffadars and the highest class of Police called Serchashums or in some places Jamadars, have greater expenses than ordinary Duffadars, as they must keep up a respectable appearance and must find carriage for their clothes &c. I have therefore thought that 3 annas is not too much for them. For all other Duffadars including the peons who are called orderlies and Chobdars, such as attend personally on the Collectors and who for that reason must maintain a respectable appearance, I have allowed, ½ anna, and for all other peons and menials of that class 1 anna batta.

13. Batta should no doubt be given to Peons as well as others on circuit, whatever fixed salary may be allowed to Public Servants, I think for obvious reasons that batta on a liberal scale should be given to every one, while travelling and absent from the Hoozoor station.

14. With regard to talook servants travelling within the limits of their talooks, an allowance should also be made, to meet the expenses of coolies, bandy hire, &c. which is perhaps

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seldom, if ever now paid for, but which should be paid for, I would allow a Tahsildar when absent from his cusbah station on duty, a batta of 1 Rupee per diem but it should not be continued beyond 5 days at the same places. The Sheristadar should have 8 annas per diem, and Goomastahs 4 annas; Duffadars 1½ anna and Peons 1 anna, when on circuit with the Tahsildars. When Peons are detached on separate duty the batta should be checked by the distance travelled, allowing 15 miles as the minimum stage per day, when sent to a distant place.

15. It is the rule in the Madras Presidency to allow batta of Hoozoor servants to be drawn for 10 days after a halt, but not longer. But I think that batta should be paid as long as the servant is absent from the Hoozoor Station. Subjoined is a table exhibiting the Bellary rates as now proposed with those at present in force, and the Bombay and Bengal rates.

16. There is no European and only one Indo Briton servant (the Translator) at present in the Bellary Collector's Department and he is seldom on circuit. But it would be sufficient to allow two men of this class a rate of batta one step higher than that in the above table, to which they would be entitled according to the situation held by them. I do not think it necessary to give a higher rate to Native christians, but there are no Native christians on the establishment at present.

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Table of Batta exhibiting the Bellary rates as now proposed with those at present in force, and the Bombay and Bengal rates.

Designation of Office and salaries.	As per Madras scale.		As per Bombay scale.		As per Bengal scale.		Proposed Bellary scale.	
	Amount per diem.	Amount per men-sem.	Amount per diem.	Amount per men-sem.	Amount per diem.	Amount per men-sem.	Amount per diem.	Amount per men-sem.
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1								
<i>Hoozoor.</i>								
1 Head Sheristadar, ...	350	56 4	1 12	52 8	3 8	105	2	60
2 Deputy and Sub-Division Sheristadars, ...	175	28 2	1 2	53 12	1 12	52 8	1 8	45
3 Assistant Do. ...	150	28 2	1 2	26 4	1 8	45	1 8	45
4 Head Accountant, ...	100	28 2	1 1	20 10	1 1	30	1	30
5 Translator, ...	70	14 1	9	16 14	11 2	21	1	30
6 Head Moonsee, ...	65	14 1	7	16 14	10 5	19 8	1	30
7 Deputy Do. ...	55	14 1	7	13 2	8 10	16 8	1	30
8 Head English Writer, ...	40	14 1	7	13 2	6 5	12 8	1	30
9 Head Goomastah and Sub-Collector's Writer, ...	35	14 1	7	9 6	5 7	10 8	8	15
10 2nd Do. other Moonsees, ...	30	7 6	5	9 6	4 10	9	8	15
11 Sub-Collector's Moonsee and Magistrate's Writer, ...	28	7 6	5	9 6	4 6	8 6 5	8	15
12 3rd Goomastah, ...	26	7 6	5	9 6	4 2	7 12 10	8	15
13 Persian Moonsee, ...	25	7 6	5	9 6	4 2	7 8	8	15
14 Goomastah, ...	21	7 6	5	9 6	3 4	6 4 10	5	9 6
15 Do. ...	18	7 6	5	9 6	2 11	5 6 8	5	9 6
16 Do. ...	15	7 6	5	9 6	2 5	4 8	5	9 6
17 English Writers and Moonsees, ...	10 & 10 1/2	7 6	5	9 6	1 7	3	5	9 6
18 Hoozoor Duffadars and Surchashums, ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
19 To all other Duffadars including Collector's Orderlies, ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
20 To all other Peons and Menials, ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
<i>Talook.</i>								
1 Tahsildar, ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	30
2 Sheristadars, ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	15
3 Peshcars, Goomastahs &c. ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	7 8
4 Duffadars, ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1 6	2 13
5 Peons, ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1 14

(Signed) C. PELLY,
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ORDER THEREON, No. 76; dated 18th January 1859.

Ordered that the foregoing letter be recorded.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,
Secretary to Government.

those at present in force, and the Bombay and Bengal rates.

Bay & Rs per Bengal Propose of Bellary
Scale Scale

Amount Amount Amount Amount Amount
per diem per diem per diem per diem per diem

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8	3	8	105	2	60
12	1	12	52	8	45
4	1	8	45	1	8
10	1		30	1	30
14		11	2	1	30
14		10	5	1	30
2		8	10	1	30
2		6	5	1	30
6		5	7	8	15
6		4	10	8	15
6		4	6	8	15
6		4	2	7	12
6		4		8	15
6		3	4	6	4
10		2	11	5	6
10		2	8	4	8
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12					3
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