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Pro. of the Madras Court
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Order of Cur.s of
Judica. 8th to 11th January 59 re-
garding Annuity allowance
to be applied to the case
of Mr. Monckton and the
parties referred to.

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to procure effectual orders effect-
-ing his deportment from being
there overlooked or disregarded.

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question is referred for the orders of Government.

2. The Government commit Convicts from the Civil Stations to Cells at Hobart Town and Launceston, under the charge of travelling officers to whom travelling allowances for journeys by sea are not provided with or free passages. Instances have indeed occurred in which both have been allowed under special orders from Government, but these are considered irregular and to be disallowed.

3 Mr Lethbridge's office contains a recent order from the Government of India on record in the following terms, sent to him direct from Calcutta for his guidance, which ought to have governed both the cases above noticed. That order directs the grant only of the actual and reasonable

* Hobart Town Gazette 15th Oct 1852 - 53
Sec Dept - 15th Feby 1858 - 637
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† dated 11th August 1859 - 2378 - Fin Dept

reasonable postage money in case of Convicts to Cells, or actual expenses of free passengers on Government Boats, discontinuing the system of travelling allowances to travelling officers, in addition.

4. This is a clear and plain rule, and it ought to have been applied to Mr Lethbridge's case. It will now be applied to the case of the Convicts to whom however the amounts of the actual postage charges may be allowed as being in reality a part of the postage money.

The Governor in Council again requests Mr Lethbridge to adopt measures

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, from 10th to 16th September 1859.

No. 20. Read the following letter from J. L. LUSHINGTON, Esq., Civil Auditor; to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated 25th August 1859, No. 644.

Mr. Newill has submitted a bill for travelling allowance at 4 annas a mile on account of a Clerk attached to his office for proceeding with him to and from Masulipatam which was objected to by this office on the ground that the sanction of Government should be obtained to enable this office to admit the charge.

The Writer in question paid from his own funds the charge for messing though provided with a free passage.

Mr. Newill found his claim upon the order of Government No. 1319 dated 12th October 1857, in which Government were pleased to allow Mr. Ratliff to draw travelling allowance besides being provided with a free passage. Under the above order I have passed Mr. Newill's travelling allowance but I do not feel authorised to pass it to any of his establishment without first obtaining the sanction of Government I have therefore the honor to request that you will obtain for me the orders of Government on the subject for my guidance.

No. 21. ORDER THEREON, 12th September 1859, No. 1226.

Para. 1. Mr. Newill went to Masulipatam and back by sea, accompanied by a Writer; a free passage being provided for both. Mr. Newill has been allowed by the Civil Auditor to draw travelling allowance in addition; but on a similar application being made on behalf of the Writer, the question is referred for the orders of Government.

2. The Government cannot learn from the Civil Auditor's letter that any rule exist. permitting officers to draw travelling allowance for journeys by sea when provided with a free passages Instances* have indeed occurred in which both have been allowed under special orders from Government; but these instances must be regarded as exceptions.

* *Judl. Dept. 13th Oct.* 1857, *Nos.* 32-33.
Eccl. Dept. 18th Feb. 1858, ,, 57.
Judl. Dept. 1st April 1859, ,, 442.

3. Mr. Lushington's office contains a recent order from the Government of India as noted in the margin,† sent to him direct from Calcutta for his guidance, which ought to have governed both the cases above noticed. That order directs the grant only of the actual and reasonable passage money in the case of a private vessel, or what is equivalent, a free passage on a Government vessel; disallowing the right of parties to travelling allowance in addition.

† *Dated 14th Jan.* 1859, *No.* 378, *Finl. Dept.*

4. This is a clear and definite rule, and it ought to have been applied to Mr. Newill's case. It will now be so applied, the Civil Auditor's erroneous orders being cancelled. It will also be applied to the case of the Writer; to whom however the amount of his actual messing charges may be allowed, as being in reality a part of the passage money. The Governor in Council again requests Mr. Lushington to adopt means to prevent essential orders affecting this department from being thus overlooked or disregarded.

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