Revenue Department

№ 239

Dated 25-2-1859

Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 25th February 1859.

No. 53. Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Financial Department, dated 14th February 1859, No. 104.

Communicating to this Department Resolution from the Government of India, stating that cases in which officers are furnished with passages in Government vessels, are sufficiently provided for by the Resolution passed in this and the Home Departments dated respectively 1st September 1854, and 14th March 1856; and in other cases in which journeys are made in private vessels, that the actual passage money should be allowed.

(Vide Financial Cons. 15th February 1859, Nos. 27-28.)

No. 54. ORDER THEREON, No. 239; dated 25th February 1859.

Ordered to be communicated to the Board of Revenue for information.

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

No. 104.

the Minutes of Consultation under date the 14th February 1859.

solution of the Government of India in the Financial Department.

ıe Proceedings of the Government of India, in the Foreign Department, .e 17th December 1858, No. 4147 A.

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Captain Briggs, dated 4th November.
Civil Auditor, dated 2nd December, No. 3336.
ımmissioner, Tenasserim and Martaban Provinces, dated 17th December 17.

BRIGGS, Deputy Commissioner, Tenasserim and Martaban Provinces; to ADON, Esquire, Secretary to Government of India,—(dated, Calcutta, er 1858.)

to the accompanying Bill for the travelling allowance, and copy of letter, as per margin, (with order of retrenchment by the Civil Auditor, requiring the orders of Government of India, because Boat allowance had already been drawn;) I have the honor to explain that I was ordered to Calcutta on the public service; that, under ordinary circumstances travelling on duty, I should be entitled to the usual allowance of 8 Annas per day, but the Boat Allowance already granted is for the purpose of keeping up an Office connected with my proceeding on duty to Calcutta.

8th December 1856, *from* *nment of India, to Colonel* *r, Tenasserim and Mar-*

fore to solicit the favor of your submitting the Bill for the orders of His in Council.

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CIVIL AUDITOR'S OFFICE, THE 12TH JANUARY 1858.

Returned, unaudited, for the orders of the Government of India, authorizing Captain Briggs to draw Travelling allowance at 8 Annas per mile, for proceeding to Calcutta; he having already drawn Boat Allowance at Rupees 100 per month, for the same period.

W. P. PALMER,
Civil Auditor.

Received Payment.
J. P. BRIGGS,
Deputy Commissioner, Province Amherst.

JSTONE, Esq., Secretary to the Government of India; to Colonel Sir A. r., Commissioner, Tenasserim and Martaban Provinces,—(No. 6114, dated n, 13th December 1856.)

SIR,

I am desired to acquaint you, that the Right Honorable the Governor in Council has directed Lieutenant Briggs, Officiating Deputy Commissioner, to proceed to Calcutta, without delay, in order to give his evidence in the Supreme Court in the case of murder on the Coco's Island.

From W. P. PALMER, Esquire, Civil Auditor; to CECIL BEADON, Esquire, Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, Foreign Department,—(No. 3336, dated Fort William, 2nd December 1858.)

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the letter from your Office, No. 3935, dated the 26th Ultimo, requesting me to report, what is the usual custom in regard to the travelling expenses of Officers of Government required to give evidence in the Supreme Court, and in reply to state, that the amount authorized by Government is 8 Annas a mile.

2nd. Captain Briggs, whose claim to travelling allowance has given rise to the present reference, was summoned, while officiating as Deputy Commissioner of Moulmein, to give evidence in the Supreme Court in a case of murder on the Coco's Island. This Officer's substantive appointment was Deputy Commissioner of Tavoy; but, while officiating at Moulmein, he drew an additional allowance of Rs. 200 a month; that is a 100 Deputation and Rs. 100 Boat allowance. During his absence from his Station, I retrenched this additional allowance, as, under the Rules, an Officer is only entitled to draw these allowances so long as he performs the active duties of his Office. In Mr. Secretary Edmonstone's letter, No. 3454, dated the 28th August 1857, the retrenchment was remitted on the ground, it is presumed, that Captain Briggs, while absent from his Station attending the summons of the Supreme Court, was actually absent on public duty.

3rd. If this surmise be correct, it becomes a question, whether Captain Briggs can, in addition, claim travelling allowance at 8 Annas a mile.

4th. The original enclosures are herewith returned.

From the Officiating Under Secretary to the Government of India; to the Commissioner in the Tenasserim and Martaban Provinces,—(No. 4147, dated Fort William, the 17th December 1858.)

Foreign Department. SIR,

Captain Briggs having submitted a Bill for travelling allowance, at the rate of 8 Annas a mile, for the distance (1500 miles) between Moulmein and Calcutta and back, on the occasion when he was required to give his evidence in the Supreme Court on the trial of the Burmese for a murder in the Coco's; I am directed to inform you, that the Honorable President in Council declines to allow Captain Briggs the rate he has charged, which is obviously inapplicable to journeys by sea. But His Honor in Council is prepared to pass Captain Briggs' actual travelling expenses, and you are accordingly requested to direct that Officer to submit a Bill for the same.

ORDERED that copies of the foregoing papers be furnished to the Financial Department, in order that the propriety of laying down some general rule upon the subject of Travelling expenses for journeys by sea may be considered.

No. 378.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT, FORT WILLIAM, THE 14TH JANUARY 1859.

The Honorable the President in Council observes, that cases in which Officers are furnished with passages in Government vessels, are sufficiently provided for by the Resolution passed in this and the Home Departments, dated, respectively, the 1st September 1854, and 14th March 1856. In other cases in which journeys are made in *private* vessels, His Honor in Council thinks that the actual passage money (being, of course, reasonable) should be allowed.

COPY forwarded to the Foreign, Home, Military, and Public Works Departments, together with a copy of the Resolution, dated 1st September 1854, to the last mentioned Department.

Copy sent to the Civil Auditors, Fort William, Fort Saint George, Bombay, North West Provinces, and the Punjab, for information.

Copy sent to all the Local Governments, for information and guidance.

By order of the Honorable the President in Council,

(Signed) C. HUGH LUSHINGTON,
Secretary to the Government of India.

Order.—Ordered to be communicated to the several Departments of the Secretariat.

(True Extracts.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Military Department.
" Revenue "
" Public Works "
" Judicial "
" Public "
" Political "
" Railway "
" Marine "
" Ecclesiastical "

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

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Communicating to the Bd
of Revenue for their infor-
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Government of India re-
garding passages for
officers on Government
Vessels.

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