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Revenue Department

G. O. No. 562

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Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 29th April 1859.

No. 20. Read the following letter from G. N. TAYLOR, Esq., Inam Commissioner ; to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government ; dated 9th April 1859, No. 35.

SIR,

In reference to the Civil Auditor's letter forwarded to me with Extract Minutes of Consultation dated 5th Instant, No. 473, I have the honor to explain that the whole of the charges objected to by the Civil Auditor were incurred in consequence of my unavoidable detention in the Island of Ceylon while proceeding to Bombay on the public service. Owing to the departure of the China Steamer for Bombay a day or two before my arrival at Galle on the morning of the 16th January, I was compelled to wait for the following steamer which left that place on the afternoon of the 31st.

Living in Ceylon is, to a stranger, very expensive, and at Galle I was obliged to live at a Hotel where the charges for 4 days amounted to upwards of 40 Rupees, which form the first and fourth items of the "Board" charges. The second item was incurred for Hotel expenses during the portion of a day at Colombo, and the third for 2 days at Kandy. At both the latter places I was fortunate enough to find friends and lived at their cost for 9 days, being the remainder of my stay in the Island.

The charges for Coach hire were the fares actually paid for transit by Mail Coach from one place to the other, with the exception of the item of 3 Rupees which was the charge for a conveyance at Colombo to carry me to the Coach office from the house where I was staying. Although my visit to the capital of the Island and to Kandy enabled me to obtain information in regard to the working of a Temple lands Commission similar to that with which I am charged in this Presidency ; I should not on this account alone have felt justified in entering these travelling items in the bill ; but I also felt that the Government was not put to greater charges by my journey into the interior, than it would have been had I remained at a Hotel at Galle during the whole period of my stay in the Island.

These extra expenses seem therefore to come within the definition of "costly tavern living" alluded to in the Extract Minutes Consultation quoted by the Civil Auditor, and the Government will probably recognize some distinction between the cases of an officer deputed to places beyond his own presidency and of one employed within its limits. The personal expense incurred was considerably in excess of the items actually entered in the Memorandum, and the whole charges for which reimbursement is solicited were believed to be in accordance with former precedent.

With this explanation the Government will decide whether or not they are admissible.

No. 21. ORDER THEREON, No. 562 ; dated 21st April 1859.

Under the explanation now afforded, the Governor in Council sanctions the items objected to by the Civil Auditor in Mr. Taylor's bill of Travelling expenses.

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

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Under the explanation
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