

Revenue Department

G. O. No 700

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No. 36. Read the following letter from H. NEWILL, Esq., Director of Revenue Settlement; to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Masulipatam, 11th May 1859, No. 385.

I have the honor to place before Government the subject of the batta now allowed to the servants of my office when with me on circuit, with the view to its being placed on a more suitable footing.

2. While this item was included in the estimates for the establishments in a general way among the contingent charges, it was proposed that the rules applicable to the Collector's establishments for drawing batta when on circuit should be adopted for this Department, as it was not easy to foresee exactly what would be a suitable allowance under circumstances which were still future.

3. A year's experience has however now shewn that the extra expenses required to be incurred by the servants of this Department when travelling are very different from those incidental to the servants of the Collector's establishment; for the latter never travel out of the sphere of their own District, within which they are able to make arrangements with convenience and economy, while the servants of the Settlement Department have often, perhaps 2 or 3 times a year, to travel several hundreds of miles with the Director, the mode of travelling also being different. The allowances which enable a person to travel comfortably within his District do not suffice for a necessarily more expensive mode of transit for longer distances, and I can state in confirmation of this that some of my establishment were considerably out of pocket by accompanying me in my recent tour in South Arcot and Trichinopoly, and that not from any superfluity of comfort or extravagance. I may add also that I have found it necessary for the stability of the office to hold out on my own risk and responsibility the hope of matters being placed on a more suitable footing.

4. There are also some anomalies in the Collector's scale of batta, which are very inconvenient to this Department; for an Accountant on a salary of 35 Rupees a month has a daily allowance of 2 coolies a day, which is Rupees 14-1-0 for the whole month, while a respectable Clerk or Examiner on a salary of 70 or 80 Rupees a month gets no more, though it will be admitted that the latter may reasonably be expected to incur more expense in travelling, particularly if they are respectable East Indians.

5. When the office of the Commissioner for the Northern Circars was set on foot, the servants drafted temporarily into it from the Revenue Board office were allowed a deputation allowance of $\frac{1}{3}$ of their salaries, as well as batta according to the rules for the Collector's Establishment when on circuit away from the Commissioner's Head quarters.

6. The Establishments of the Director of Public Instruction and of other Heads of Departments are allowed when absent from the head quarters at Madras batta at $\frac{3}{10}$ of their pay with a travelling allowance of 4 annas a mile, and the circumstances of my office servants seem pretty much the same as those of such Departments.

The travelling rate of 4 annas a mile is however I think higher than may be absolutely necessary for the servants on low pay, who generally travel much cheaper than the others, and perhaps 2 annas a mile may suffice under ordinary circumstances for those drawing under 40 Rupees, while a discretion might be allowed me to increase the latter to 4 annas a mile when such servants are required to travel by dawk.

7. The accompanying table shews the batta which can now be drawn by each individual of my whole establishment for the full month, and the effect of applying the rules of the late Commissioner in the Northern Circars and also those of the educational and other Departments with the modification above proposed and a calculation of mileage for 100 miles; I trust the Government will be pleased to admit the propriety of placing my office on a somewhat similar footing to that of the Director of Public Instruction, &c., when on circuit by allowing $\frac{3}{10}$ of the salary to be drawn as batta when absent from the Head Quarters with an allowance of 4 annas a mile for travelling, on all salaries of 40 Rupees and upwards, and of 2 annas a mile on all below 40 Rupees. It would be inconvenient to give any order of the kind retrospective effect as re-

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gards bills already passed by the Civil Auditor, but I trust the batta, &c., for the servants on the present tour may be brought under the new rule by its being made applicable for the month of April for which the contingent bills have not been yet sent in owing to my absence from Madras.

8. The additional monthly expenditure cannot be inferred from the totals of the Statement as it would rarely happen that the whole of the establishment would be out on circuit.

9. As described in my report on last year's operations I have had (and still have) the greatest difficulty in getting qualified persons for my office in consequence of the inconvenience of travelling and of the insufficiency of allowance to meet its expenses. I have abstained from sending in this proposal till actual experience has shown that there are the strongest grounds to support it, and I may respectfully add that it would be the very worst economy to keep respectable persons from joining the office by any imagined saving which might follow from continuing the present batta, an allowance which has proved insufficient for the purposes for which it was designed. The salaries of the office were also arranged on a scale somewhat similar to those of the Revenue Board Office, and consequently were not made larger than need be on any consideration of travelling, for which a separate though as it now appears inadequate provision was at the same time made.

10. I do not propose to alter the present arrangements of batta for the offices of my Deputies in the Provinces as they work within a limited sphere and under circumstances very similar to those of the ordinary Revenue establishments as regards travelling, nor do the circumstances of the Deputies themselves require any alteration in the extra tentage they draw in common with the ordinary Revenue officers.

11. In reviewing the travelling allowances of the Department it appears proper not to omit notice of the head of it. The Government in Extract Minutes of Consultation dated 8th September 1857, No. 903, sanctioned my drawing extra tentage at Rupees 5-4-0 a day when on tours, the rate allowed to Collectors and Sub-Collectors, and also to my Deputies, and considered that it might be sufficient to cover all my expenses. My tours however are very different from those of a Collector, for I have often to make rapid journeys by horse transit or by sea, and it is evident the extra tentage for the 2 or 3 days thus employed would only be a small fraction of the expense actually incurred. The Civil Auditor under the precedent contained in para. 10 of Chapter 8 of the Civil Auditor's Manual has however allowed me on such occasion to draw not for the 2 or 3 days thus occupied in travelling but at the rate of a stage a day for the number of stages got over. The Government may perhaps think it better that I should draw a travelling allowance at a fixed rate per mile, and it will recur to them that the Director Public Instruction and other heads of Departments are allowed 8 annas a mile for the distance travelled. With regard to the halting allowance for such heads of Departments, viz. 4 Rupees a day for 12 days, it seems proper for me to point out that while they travel without camp equipage, I am required to provide in many of my tours during the whole period of my absence from head quarters for the transport of a complement of tents with other equipage also on a tolerably large scale suited for out door work, to enable me to conduct my duties in the supervision of the operations in the provinces so that the present rate of Rupees 5-4-0 per diem allowed for this purpose to Collectors, Sub-Collectors, and my own Deputies as well as to myself will certainly not appear on the side of excess.

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Designation of Office.	Salary.	Present batta of 30 days w	Deputation a	ance of id to	Board.	Batta at the	paid to Collec	servants.	Total.	Batta at $\frac{10}{100}$ th	from the Pre	deny.	Mileage of 1	a mile.	Total of batta	Batta at $\frac{10}{100}$ th	from the Pre	deny.	a mile to those on receipt of 40 Rs. and upwards and 2 annas to those receiving under 40 Rupees.	Total of batta	Total of batta mileage.
Manager,	250	56	4	83	5	56	4	4	139	75	51	4	25	100	76	75	51	25	100	100	...
Deputy do.	170	28	4	56	10	28	4	1	84	24	14	4	25	49	49	24	14	25	76	76	...
Examiner,	80	14	1	26	10	14	1	1	40	21	14	4	25	46	46	21	14	25	49	49	...
Head Clerk,	70	14	1	23	5	14	1	1	37	15	14	4	25	40	40	15	14	25	46	46	...
2d Do.	50	14	1	16	10	14	1	1	30	12	14	4	25	37	37	12	14	25	40	40	...
3d Do.	40	14	1	13	5	14	1	1	27	10	14	4	25	35	35	10	14	25	37	37	...
Computer,	35	14	1	11	10	14	1	1	25	9	14	4	25	32	32	9	14	25	35	35	...
Writer,	30	7	6	10	8	7	6	6	17	6	14	4	25	34	34	6	14	25	32	32	...
Do.	24	7	6	8	8	7	6	6	15	6	14	4	25	32	32	6	14	25	34	34	...
Do.	17	7	6	5	10	7	6	6	12	5	14	4	25	30	30	5	14	25	32	32	...
Do.	15	7	6	4	8	7	6	6	11	4	14	4	25	29	29	4	14	25	30	30	...
Do.	12	7	6	4	8	7	6	6	11	3	14	4	25	28	28	3	14	25	29	29	...
Record keeper,	80	14	1	26	10	14	1	1	40	24	14	4	25	49	49	24	14	25	49	49	...
Translator in 3 languages,	80	14	1	26	10	14	1	1	40	24	14	4	25	49	49	24	14	25	49	49	...
Uncovenanted Assistant,	280	56	4	93	5	56	4	4	149	84	51	4	25	109	109	84	51	25	109	109	...
Accountant	75	14	1	25	8	14	1	1	39	22	14	4	25	47	47	22	14	25	49	49	...
Do.	50	14	1	16	10	14	1	1	30	15	14	4	25	40	40	15	14	25	47	47	...
Do.	35	14	1	11	10	14	1	1	25	10	14	4	25	35	35	10	14	25	40	40	...
Do.	25	7	6	8	8	14	1	1	25	10	14	4	25	32	32	10	14	25	35	35	...
Do.	20	7	6	6	10	7	6	6	13	11	2	6	25	31	31	6	14	25	32	32	...
Do.	15	7	6	5	8	7	6	6	12	6	14	4	25	29	29	4	14	25	31	31	...
Vernacular Record keeper,	45	14	1	15	8	14	1	1	29	13	14	4	25	38	38	13	14	25	38	38	...
	1,448	337	8	482	10	337	8	8	820	449	6	3	550	999	999	449	6	3	425	874	6
Peons &c. ...	134	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

(Signed) H. NEWILL,
Director of Revenue Settlement.

Proposed to be continued as at present.

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No. 37. ORDER THEREON, 23rd May 1859, No. 700.

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(Signed) W. C. SIM,
Acting Deputy Secretary to Government

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