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No. 277. Read the following letter from E. F. HARRISON, Esq., Civil Auditor to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated 7th July 1860, No. 683 :—

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of the Orders of Government of the 2nd instant No. 1,090, Revenue Department, directing me to report on two cases in which claims to Fixed Tent allowance have recently been disallowed by this Office.

The first case is that of Mr. J. Fraser, who was transferred on promotion from Cuddapah to South Canara, and who claims Tentage for the time occupied in travelling.

The claim is opposed to the 2nd of the Fixed Tentage Rules, which is as follows: "The "Fixed Tentage of either grade shall not be payable to any Officer until he shall have assumed "charge of the Office to which he may be appointed, and then only from the date of such "assumption of Office."

The case of Mr. Hall, disposed of in Orders of the 22nd January 1857, appears to have been similar to that of Mr. Fraser and was decided adversely to the claim.

My attention is drawn to the circumstance that Mr. Fraser, took his Tents with him from Cuddapah to South Canara; but I cannot think that this fact adds any thing to the strength of the claim nor does the case appear to differ in this respect from that of Mr. Hall.

If it is admitted (and unless this admission is made, the Rule I have quoted seems to have no meaning or application), that an Officer who has not previously been in the receipt of Tentage, is not entitled to the allowance until he takes charge of his appointment, I do not see how any title can consistently be set up on behalf of Officers already drawing Tentage.

Mr. Fraser, it is evident, took his Tents from Cuddapah to his new station, because he considered it would be more to his own advantage to do so than to dispose of those he possessed when his title to Tentage ceased and to purchase another set on arrival at Mangalore.

The rate of the allowance for Fixed Tentage (Rupees 87-8-0 monthly), is very liberal, and the Rules under which it is issued should, I think, be construed strictly. I cannot think that any Officer even if moved from one District to another more frequently than is customary, can under ordinary circumstances, if a fair account is made up, be considered to be a loser by the obligation he lies under to maintain Tents.

The case of Mr. Levinge differs from that of Mr. Fraser in so far that he was not moved from North Canara to Madura on promotion, but on public grounds. I do not, however, think that this is a sufficient reason for an extension of the Rules.

No. 278. ORDER THEREON, 24th July 1860, No. 1,223.

A copy of this letter will be forwarded to the Board of Revenue with reference to their Proceedings of June 12th, No. 2,775, for communication to Mr. Fraser; a copy will also be sent direct to Mr. Levinge in reply to his letter of the 12th June to the Civil Auditor.

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

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24th July 1860

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Board of Revenue
1 " T. H Levinge Esqr Collr of Madura
3 " Civil Auditor

The rules are doubt is correctly
laid down. — But
Can not Officers travel
from one Station to another
either by Government or for
the Public convenience
entitled to some Travelling Allowance