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# MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

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## Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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| G.O. No. 2438 | Press Mis. |
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| Dated 18—12— 1860. | |

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No. 303. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 26th October 1860, No. 4,958 :—.

From V. H. LEVINGE, Esq., Collector of Madura, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Fort Saint George, dated Arpukottai, 2nd October 1860, No. 197.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to report with reference to the Board's letter No. 4,380, dated the 25th September 1860, that I fixed the rates referred to on the following consideration.

2. I find that the usual rate of hire in Madura at present for a bandy driver and pair of bullocks is 21 Rupees, and 25 Rupees per month on an emergency. I pay 21 Rupees on my own account and at that rate on account of Government, and I know others who have been obliged to pay the same. The hire of a bandy at 21 Rupees gives a daily rate of 11 Annas 2 Pice.

3. The pay of a driver is 2 Annas a day, feeding working bullocks about 5 Annas 4 Pice ; fair return for wear and tear of bullocks and return on outlay on them and bandy 4 Annas a day ; total 11 Annas 4 Pice per day.

4. This may be taken as the average charge for the town of Madura, but natives who wish to have their bullocks in good condition spend 6 Annas and more in their feed ; in the country the feed of village bullocks is at the rate of 3 and 4 Annas a day.

| | *As.* |
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| 20 *days at* 15 *Annas*..... | 300 |
| 10 *days at* 4 *Annas*..... | 40 |
| | 340 *or* |
| *Rs*.... | 21 4 0 |

5. The old nerrack for travelling was 1½ Annas per mile. The usual rate of travelling for which it was calculated was slow marching or at the rate of ten miles per day with a halt every third day with a batta of 4 Annas, which would give a result much the same as that shown in paragraphs 2 and 3.

6. I consider the above nerrack is not sufficient for travellers' posted bullocks, while it is too much for slow travelling in the District where bullock bandies are changed, if possible, nearly every halt, to save the batta ; but it is a fair rate for bandies slowly conveying goods from town to town to Madras, &c.

7. I say it is not sufficient for posted bullocks, for, of course the day an owner is warned to post for a long stage, his bullocks do no work that day, nor the day they return from their stage, so that the owner requires to be paid for two days hire for which he should get either 22 Annas 4 Pice or 22 Annas 8 Pice.

8. The owners of bullocks do not like posting their cattle, to be forced quickly along roads full of ruts, holes, stones, rocks and sand ; their cattle suffer from it ; the drivers do not like standing under trees, perhaps for hours, during part of a dark night waiting for the traveller, and having perhaps to lead back the cattle eight or nine miles.

9. These inconveniences and others are felt, and owners and drivers expect more pay for undergoing them than they regularly derive with less wear to their cattle and with more ease and comfort to the driver.

10. Short stages of five or six miles will be done within the day, a rate of 3 Annas a mile gives the owner something over the regular hire, while stages of eight and nine miles which are usual in this District and which require two days for the return of the cattle to the owners' work, at the same rate also, gives the owner something extra.

11. For the above reasons I fixed the rate at 3 Annas per mile.

12. According to the above rates, I have fixed detention batta too low, it should be at least 7 Annas per day, but I was told that the day the bullocks were not working they would not probably get Cotton seed or gram, merely straw, so that 2 Annas for the man and 3 for feed of bullocks would be sufficient, if I find any difficulty about the rate I shall raise it.

13. Since the reduction of the Peons, the Tahsíldárs and Collectors have no Peons to spare to send out to any distances on sudden calls to post bullocks ; besides the traveller should bear the whole cost of his own journey, therefore, I charge for a Peon for doing the posting service. I have fixed 1 Anna a mile to be charged on that account, but in settling the bill the real cost only of the service would be charged. As the batta Peons are not to be allowed to seize the first bullocks they come across, at times they will have to go in search of bullocks,

entailing more trouble and travel on them than the distance the traveller will have to go over, and such batta Peons will require to be paid more than common coolies, and should be well paid to ensure proper exertion and a desire to obtain the service and to oblige.

14. For the Mashálchi's pay, two days hire or 8 Annas would be required for every ten miles travelled, cost of torch 3 Annas, cost of oil 6 Annas, total 17 Annas. The total of my charge is 20 Annas or 3 Annas in excess. The correct charge would be made when the bill was settled.

15. Half hire for travelling has always been allowed, but it would only be given to owners sending their cattle to be posted at a place distant from their village, and along a road which would not be passed over by the traveller.

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1. The Board have carefully considered the above letter and have come to the following conclusions:—

(1.) They consider 3 Annas per mile a fair rate for posted bullocks with a driver.

(2.) They think 2 Annas per mile much too high for the torch-bearer, oil and torch, 9 Pice per mile or 4½ Annas per stage of six miles seems ample.

(3.) One Anna per mile for Peon hire in all cases is excessive. In most instances orders to have bullocks ready can be sent by the Táluq or regular post to the Village Officers who will do this duty quite as well as Peons. In some cases, however, Peons will be required, and it is necessary to provide for other contingencies. For all these the Board propose an uniform charge of 6 Pice per mile, the exact amount to be adjusted after the journey is ended.

2. The Board's rates thus are:—

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| For bullock and driver, per mile..... | 3 | 0 |
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| For contingencies..... | 0 | 6* |
| Per mile... | 4 | 3 |

* In paragraph 25 of the Board's Proceedings, dated 26th October 1860, No. 4,926, a fee is proposed in lieu of this.

If the traveller proceeds only by day-light the second item will not be charged. For detention batta the Board consider 8 Annas per diem fair.

3. When the bullocks must be procured from a distance exceeding two miles from the posting place, half hire to be allowed per mile.

4. The Board apprehend that Mr. Levinge has acted in this matter as Magistrate, and they resolve, therefore, to submit his letter and these Proceedings for the orders of Government.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM, *Secretary.*

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No. 304. ORDER THEREON, 18th December 1860, No. 2,438.

1. The Government agree with the Board of Revenue in the conclusions at which they have arrived as to the rates which should obtain in the District of Madura for bullocks posted for the service of travellers, and accordingly approve, for adoption, the charges specified in paragraphs 2 and 3 of these Proceedings with the addition to paragraph 3 of the words "provided that they do not return over the same ground."

*Order, 10th December 1860, No. 2,357, para. 5.*

2. The charge of six Pice per mile on account of contingencies will be levied until the fee which it proposed to substitute for it has been fixed.

3. Resolved that the Board's Proceedings recorded above and this order be forwarded direct to the Collector and Magistrate of Madura for his information and guidance.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
*Acting Secretary to Government.*

Revenue Departt

№ 4958

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
dated 26th October 1860

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of Madura dated 2d October 1860 №197

(In Cons. 23 October 1860 №5374)

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/ A true Extract /

/ signed / J. D. Sim
Secretary

To
W. A. Levinge Esq:
Collector of Madura

/ True Copy /

J D Sim
Secretary

To
J D. Bourdillon Esq:
Secretary to Government
Revenue Departt.
for information.-

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No. 2438.

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 18th December 1860.

Read the following Proceedings
of the Board of Revenue -

Submitting a letter from the Collr. of Madura with the Board's views therein as to the fare rate to be charged for posting Bullocks for travellers.

(Here enter 26th October 1860 No. 4958)

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Dated 26th

Rec'd 29th October 1860

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Or Order &c dt 23rd Feb 5

3 Resolved that
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above and this order
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Regarding the
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