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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 20th July 1866.*

No. 364. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 10th July 1866, No. 4,730.

Read the following letter from the Acting Deputy Accountant General, for Accountant General, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Fort Saint George, 19th April 1866, No. 6,211 :—

With reference to the Board's Proceedings, No. 2,340, dated 7th instant, I have the honor to point out that Government of India Orders distinctly prohibit the grant of Railway fare and Camp batta to certain servants for the same day, and I think, therefore, that I am yielding quite as much as I can in passing both on special explanation and special order. It can scarcely be necessary to remind you that I am warned not to consider my responsibility limited to registering the Board's counter-signature, and accepting it without question.

1. Resolved that the foregoing letter be submitted for the consideration and orders of Government. In this letter the Accountant General objects, under Orders of Government of India, to pass the grant of Railway fare and Camp batta for the same day, without the special sanction of the Board on each occasion, to servants drawing 50 Rupees and upwards. From the Board's Proceedings, dated 25th January and 7th April 1866, No. 588 and No. 2,340, (copies of which are forwarded,) Government will observe that there were special grounds, in both cases, for passing the regulated batta, in addition to the Railway fare. In one case, the Vernacular Head Clerk had to travel twenty miles by road, and forty miles by Railway, in one and the same day ; and in the other, the servants referred to travelled ten miles by road, and seventy-four miles by Railway, in one and the same day.

2. In order, however, to prevent any objection being raised hereafter by the Accountant General, the Board request that the Government will be pleased to rule that, in all cases in which a servant drawing 50 Rupees and upwards may travel by road in one and the same day a distance of more than three miles in addition to the Railway journey, he shall be allowed to draw the regulated batta, in addition to the Railway fare, according to the distance travelled ; that is, one day's batta for ten miles and under, two days' batta for from ten to twenty miles, and so on. The Government are aware that the Railway stations are in very many instances at a considerable distance from the nearest town.

3. In their Proceedings, dated 2nd January 1856, the Board ruled, on a letter from the Collector of Malabar, that regulated batta to servants should be paid according to distance, instead of by the day, in cases in which the exigencies of the Public Service require that they should travel more rapidly than by daily stages, each stage being ten miles. The Board request that this rule, also, may receive the sanction of Government, to prevent any objection being raised by the Audit Department, where cases of the kind occur.

No. 365. ORDER THEREON, 20th July 1866, No. 1,790.

Miscellaneous.

The Government sanction the rules proposed by the Board.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
*Acting Secretary to Government.*

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Accountant General.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 583.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 25th January 1866.

Read the following letter from G. A. BALLARD, Esq., Collector of Malabar, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the *Board of Revenue*, dated Calicut, 15th December 1865, No. 267:—

1. In reply to the Acting Sub-Secretary's Official Memorandum, No. 1,139, dated the 29th ultimo, I have the honor to inform you that under the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue noted, it has been usual to allow batta to the servants of this office by the number of stages instead of by day whenever they are made to travel more than ten miles a day; and accordingly, as my Vernacular Head Clerk had to travel twenty miles by land, and forty miles by railway in one and the same day, I allowed him two days' batta, and also the railway fare for the same day.

2nd January 1856.

2. The Board are aware of the expenses of travelling in this District, and when subordinate officers are required to travel long distances in one or two days, on account of the exigencies of the public service, it will be hard to allow them either railway fare, or batta only.

3. I therefore solicit Board's sanction for passing the railway fare of Rupee 1-0-8, to my Head Clerk.

4. The Head Assistant's Head Clerk drew batta and railway fare* for the same time, and no special reasons having been urged in support of the charge, I have ordered the sum of Rupee 1-6-11 to be refunded.

* Rupee 1-6-11.

5. The sum of Rupees 5, objected to by the Board, was paid for surveying the French ground at Calicut under the Government Order,† dated the 10th January last, and as the survey party was working in Wynad, and not available for this petty work, it was deemed expedient to have the land surveyed by a paid Surveyor, rather than send for any of the servants working in Wynad.

† No. 10.

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| April ... ... ... ... | 13 |
| May ... ... ... ... | 0 |
| June ... ... ... ... | 8 |
| July ... ... ... ... | 43 |
| August ... ... ... ... | 29 |
| September ... ... ... | 22 |
| Total ... | 115 |

6. A sum of Rupees 460, being fee for prosecuting criminal cases in the Calicut Sessions Court, was paid for ninety-two cases at 5 Rupees each; and the item, Rupees 115, fee for prosecuting similar cases in the Sessions Court of Tellicherry, was paid at the same rate for twenty-three cases; the marginal note will show how many cases were conducted by the prosecutors in each of the months from April to September last.

7. The Vakeel's receipts have been taken in an Acquittance Roll, but as now instructed, their receipts will be obtained in future, and furnished to the Board in support of the entries.

8. I beg that under these circumstances, the Board will see reason to pass the items disallowed, except the sum of Rupee 1-6-11, adverted to in paragraph 4.

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1. The Board observe that although, under existing rules, both railway fare and batta are not allowed to a servant drawing 50 Rupees pay and upwards, in the present case the Head Vernacular Clerk having travelled twenty miles in one day, besides performing a railway journey, is fairly entitled to batta for two days in addition to the fare by rail. The objection to the payment of Rupee 1-8-0 is, therefore, withdrawn. The railway fare of Rupee 1-6-11, paid to the Head Clerk of the Head Assistant Collector, should be recovered from him and deducted in the next bill.

2. With this exception, the remaining charges disallowed in the Board's Memorandum, dated 29th November 1865, will now be passed under the explanation afforded by the Collector, and the same communicated to the Accountant General.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASIER,
Acting Sub-Secretary.

To G. A. Ballard, Esq., Collector of Malabar.

Copy to F. Lushington, Esq., Accountant General.

Exd. J. Wright.

Enclosure with the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue & the Acting Govt. Sec. to Govt. dated 10th July 1866 No. 1473.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

*Dated 25th January* 1866.

No. 588.

Sanctioning with one exception, the charges disallowed in the Revenue Contingent bill of the Malabar district for October 1865.

No. 2,340.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 7th April 1866.

Read the following letter from G. A. BALLABD, Esq., Collector of Malabar, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Calicut, 13th March 1866, No. 89:—

1. In December last my Serishtadar, the Vernacular Head Clerk,* and another Clerk on Rupees 50, had to travel ten miles by land and seventy-four miles railway in one and the same day; and so I allowed them, as usual on such occasions, a day's batta and also the railway fare at Rupees 2-5-0 for each of them. They returned also in a similar manner, and the same allowance was given for the return trip.

* Salary Rupees 65.

2. This was in accordance with the Board's Proceedings, No. 588, dated 25th January 1866, and the railway fare, namely Rupees 13-14-0, having been included in the Contingent Bill for January 1866, was apparently passed by them.

3. The Accountant General objects, however, to pass the item without a special sanction from the Board of Revenue, and I beg you will be good enough to obtain the same.

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The Board observe that the Contingent Bill for January 1866, in which the charge referred to by the Collector is included, has already been passed by them. The Accountant General will be requested to state why he objects to pass the item without special sanction from the Board. The Board cannot see that such special sanction is needed.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Acting Sub-Secretary.

To the Accountant General.

Copy to the Collector of Malabar.

Exd. J. Wright.

Enclosure in the Proceedings of the Bd of Revl to the Ag. Genl to Govt Rs dated 10 July 1866 No 4730

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 7th April 1866.

No. 2,310.

Requesting Accountant General to state why certain charge in Contingent Bill of Malabar district for January 1866 is objected to.