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Pay and Allowances,
Travelling.

Read the following papers :—

No. 306. From Colonel T. JAMES, C.B., Controller of Military Accounts, to Colonel H. K. BURNE, Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department; dated Calcutta, 27th July 1874, No. 4910.

As under the orders at present in force different rules obtain with reference to the department to which the travelling allowances of Military officers and of hospital assistants proceeding to, and returning from, appointments in the Civil Department are debitable, I have the honor to solicit the orders of Government on the point, with reference to the several decisions on the subject cited below, and to suggest that the travelling expenses of all grades, whether commissioned, warrant or subordinate medical officers, be dealt with under one rule, either as a military or a civil charge, as may be determined, as the principle is the same for all ranks.

2. As these charges are incurred solely for the benefit of the Civil Department, I am of opinion that it is only fair that they should be debited to that department.

3. The following are the decisions that have been issued from time to time on the subject:

Extract of the Proceedings of the Board of Audit, No. 24 of 19th June 1863.

“The Board are of opinion that travelling allowances payable under the orders in force to a military officer proceeding to join a civil appointment, should be borne by the Civil Department, and not be treated as a military charge.”

“In the case under reference, the passage money of the hospital assistant should accordingly be passed in the Civil Department.”

In Military Department memorandum No. 639, (^{Accounts}_{Adjustments}) of 21st August 1872, it was stated that the travelling allowances of Captain V. E. Law, on the occasion of his proceeding from Ajmere to join the Foreign Office at Simla, appear to be a charge that should not devolve upon the Military Department, and in Military Department No. 279, (^{Accounts}_{Adjustments}) of the 7th October 1872, the charge was authorized as an ordinary contingency of the Foreign Department.

In Colonel Atkinson's letter, No. 6200 of the 22nd November 1872, copy of which is enclosed, he decided, with reference to the case of Assistant-Surgeon K. M. Downie, that his claim to travelling expenses on the occasion of his proceeding to join a civil appointment, was not admissible in the Military Department.

In memorandum, No. 460-E of the 23rd November 1870, the Examiner of Claims stated “that when Native Doctors proceed from a military to a civil appointment, or when on being relieved of a civil appointment, they return to the Military Department, their pay for the transit period is regarded as a military charge, on the consideration that they are not at the time connected with the Civil Department. On the same ground the passage money of Native Doctor Jowahir Lall, when returning from civil employ, would seem to be payable by the Military Department.”

4. This view was concurred in, in Military Department letter No. 1206 of 22nd February 1871, and the travelling expenses of the Native Doctor were ordered to be debited to the Military Department.

5. Under the decisions cited, the practice is to debit the Civil Department with the travelling expenses of military officers, proceeding to, and from, civil appoint-

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17th December 1874.*

ments; but the travelling expenses of hospital assistants, under similar circumstances, are debitable to the Military Department, and the object of this reference is, as already stated, to obtain a rule applicable to all cases alike.

Copy of a Memorandum from Colonel F. D. ATKINSON, Controller of Military Accounts, to the Examiner, Pay Department; dated 22nd November 1872, No. 6200.

With reference to Pay Examiner's memorandum, No. 819-M-B, dated the 4th November 1872, relative to the claim of Assistant Surgeon K. M. Downie, for travelling expenses from Peshawar to Bhurtpore, states that the claim is inadmissible in the Military Department. If the Civil Department will admit his travelling expenses on the occasion of his joining his appointment at Ulwar, Dr. Downie must present his claim to the Comptroller-General of Accounts to whom the papers received with his memorandum under acknowledgment, have been transferred. Application should be made to that functionary for any further information that Assistant Surgeon Downie may desire to obtain.

2. The certificate on which that Officer seems to base his claim is merely given to entitle him to travel in a 1st class carriage at 2nd class fare, and not to claim payment from Government.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Government of India, in the Military Department, dated Fort William, 31st August 1874, No. 1657, Pay and Allowances Travelling.

Read letter from the Controller of Military Accounts, No. 4910, dated the 27th July 1874, and enclosure, suggesting that the travelling expenses of all grades, whether Commissioned, Warrant or Subordinate Medical Officers, proceeding to, and returning from, appointments in the Civil Department, be dealt with under one rule, either as a military or a civil charge, as may be determined, as the principle is the same for all ranks.

ORDER.—Ordered that the documents* above adverted to, be forwarded to the Financial Department, for consideration, with the remark that, in the opinion of the Military Department, the charge in such cases should plainly be borne by the Civil Department.

* Return requested.

(Signed) H. K. BURNE, Colonel,
Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 6538.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.
Accounts.

FORT WILLIAM, 12th November 1874.

Read—

Extract from the Proceedings of Government, in the Military Department, No. 1657, dated 31st August 1874, (Pay and Allowances Travelling) and enclosures, containing a proposal that the travelling expenses of Military Medical Officers, whether of the commissioned, warrant or subordinate grades proceeding to, and returning from, appointments in the Civil Department, be borne by the Civil Department.

RESOLUTION.—The Governor-General in Council is pleased to rule that the cost of travelling allowance to Military (including Medical) Officers of any rank proceeding to join, or returning from a civil appointment, if joining from, or returning to, military duty, shall be met by the Civil Department.

ORDERED, that the foregoing Resolution be communicated to the Military Department,* the Comptroller-General, the several Accountants-General, and the several Deputy Accountants-General, in independent charge.

* Original papers returned—copies kept.

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17th December 1874.*

Ordered also, that copies of the Resolution be forwarded to the Public Works Department, the Department of Revenue, Agriculture and Commerce, and the Director-General of the Post Office of India, for communication to the Officers of audit under their control.

(Signed) J. A. BOURDILLON,
Offg. Under-Secy. to the Govt. of India.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT, FORT WILLIAM, THE 3RD DECEMBER 1874.

No. 170.

Copy of the above forwarded to the Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, Military Department, for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, with an intimation that the present decision, which applies to all grades in the Military and Medical Departments, whether commissioned, warrant or non-commissioned officers and subordinates, supersedes the ruling in the communication from the Military Department, No. 1208, dated the 22nd February 1871.

(By order.)

(Signed) O. R. NEWMARCH, Captain,
Asst. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 307. ORDER THEREON, 17th December 1874, No. 4124.

Communicated to departments generally, in supersession of Proceedings of Government, No. 818, dated 7th March 1871.

(True Extract.)

Mineral
Secretary to Government.

To the Adjutant-General.

- „ Quartermaster-General.
- „ Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department.
- „ Surgeon-General, British Medical Service.
- „ Controller of Military Accounts.
- „ Commissary-General.
- „ Inspector-General of Ordnance.
- „ Clothing Agent.
- „ Public Department.
- „ Revenue Department.
- „ Public Works Department.

Exd. F. P. Joachim.

No 44
Communicated to the Board of
Revenue, Director of Revenue and Supt of
Peo Survey and Inspector of Forests.

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1 The Dir of Rev. Secy
1 The Supt of Rev. Survey
1 The Inspector of Forests

No 4507
Revenue Department
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MILITARY.

THE ADJUTANT-GENERAL.

Co., Sec., &c.

Dated Decrbr, 17th.

19.

Secy.

G. O. 15th Decrbr 1874, No. 4124.

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DECEMBER.
Nos. 306-307.

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Communicating (in suppression of Proceed-
ings of Government, No. 818, dated 7th March
1874) the decision of the Government of India,
that the cost of travelling allowance to Military
(including Medical) Officers of any rank, pro-
ceeding to join, or returning from a civil appoint-
ment, if joining from, or returning to, military
duty, shall be met by the Civil Department.

No 44-8 January 1875

With order