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5th January 1876.*

No. 21. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 15th October 1875, No. 2,879:—

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3. In reply, I gave it to him as my opinion that, under the provisions of G.O., No. 779, dated 22nd May last, he was entitled only to extra tentage at the prescribed rate for the number of days he was away from the head-quarter station.

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5. This question is raised as the Board of Revenue have, in paragraph 10 of their Standing Order No. 379, laid down that extra-tentage may be drawn by officers "provided that they have their tents with them."

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Sometimes tents are not taken if the move is for a short period only as they are not required. For instance, during the annual settlement I have to run into Gooty for Municipal or Local Fund Meetings for a few days, returning again to camp, where my tents are. On other occasions I have to visit a certain spot for inspection, returning to head quarters in a day or two. In some such cases tents are not required, and are not therefore taken out; but, as the distances in this sub-division are very great, the cost of travelling even without tents is not trifling.

From the Collector, to the Acting Sub-Collector, No. 1,224, dated 28th August 1875.

With reference to your letter, No. 560, dated 21st instant, I have the honor to inform you that, under the instructions contained in G.O., No. 779, dated 22nd May last, I am of opinion that you are entitled only to extra tentage at the prescribed rate for the number of days you were away from the head-quarter station. The Government Order also contains information on the points referred to in the previous letter alluded to by you. If you wish, however, that the matter should be referred to the Board of Revenue for their opinion, it will be done.

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(True Copies.)

(Signed) J. H. MASTER,
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The Board are of opinion that there was no necessity in the case under reference for expeditious travelling so as to bring the case under Standing Order No. 379-1, as Mr. Crosthwaite need not have deferred his tour of inspection till the last moment.

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3. The Board believe that the rule is not adhered to in practice, officers being frequently unaccompanied by their catcherry servants on tours of inspection and tents not being required for their accommodation. Extra expense is

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(True Copies and Extract.)

Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Acting Sub-Secretary.

No. 22. ORDER THEREON, 5th January 1876, No. 10.

Miscellaneous.

G.O., 19th Jan. 1875, No. 109.
,, 22nd May 1875, No. 779.

'As some confusion seems to have been caused by different readings of the Orders noted in the margin, and as the use of the term extra tentage in cases where tents are not carried is somewhat anomalous, the Government resolve to lay down clearly the rules which are to regulate the grant of travelling allowance to officers marching in their own districts.

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RS. A. P.

3. In the matter of halts and of expeditious travelling by road when tents are carried or sent out, extra tentage will be allowed under the present rules, and the Board will decide in what cases it may be necessary to call for any special explanation as to the rate of travelling.

4. The rule as to marches by road without tents does not apply to Malabar and Canara, where the existing practice may continue.

Paragraph 2 *supra*.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Secretary to Government.

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

Exd. J. W. Fischer.

No. 2,879.

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Boat. of 1876: 30th Dec.

REVENUE.

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Rs. Rs. Rs.

1st January 5th.

Head.

Foot.

G. O. 5th January 1876, No. 10.

JANUARY.

Nos. 21-22.

Travelling Allowance to Officers marching as their own Disbursements.—With reference to the question of tentage overdrawn by Mr. Crosthwaite, Acting Sub-Collector of Bellary, having done so to regulate the grant of...

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Acting Sub-Secretary.

To the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
,, the Collector of Bellary.

Erd. J. W. Fischer.

Memorandum

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Traveling allowance
at 3 x 1 1/2 anna per mile
as allowed to Government
& unencumbered officers
for railway journeys with
reference to the notification
of the Govt of India dated
17 Nov 1859 No 9888
vide page 1119 Gazette of
1859.

The question is, whether
the above notification is
applicable only to journeys
performed from one St to
another, or to journeys
within the St also —

The Bd & the Account
Gf have always been
accepted it as applicable
to both the descriptions
of journeys &
considered that it
was optional with

7th August 1876 No 378 — 246
16th August 1876 — 2232 OM
22nd Aug 1876 — 218-219 Ann

No 4177
Revenue 1875. do do
Board of Revenue,
MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 15TH OCTOBER 1876, No. 2,879.

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Received 25 Oct 1876

OCTOBER.
No. 2,879.

Tentage—overdrawn by Mr. Crosshwaite,
Acting Sub-Collector of Bellary District —
Passing orders on Collector's letter regarding
objection taken by Board to —, and recommend-
ing to Government a relaxation of the rules to
admit of extra tentage being drawn when tents
are not carried.

Officers travelling
either to draw mileage
or tentage - vide

Ord Pro: 2^d Aug 1866 no 5292

& that dated 12th March
1867 no 1523.

The Ord however afterwards
said that ~~for land journeys~~
they would ^{only} allow tentage & not

mileage. Ord Pro: 22^d

Apr 1870. no 2651, but the order is inapplicable

When the Ord issued their
standing order no 1 of 1867

that no tentage may
be claimed with reference

to the distance, they

took care to mention

that that order was applicable

only to journeys by road

Whether the Ord
& the Acc^{ts} were
right in thinking that
mileage could be drawn
within the D^o also, with
reference to the above
notification, is a

to journeys by land - 20
for, mileage for
railway journeys
was never disallowed,
and

question on which
difference of opinion
is quite possible ^{10/6}

Mr Donald who compiled
the Civil Service manual
evidently thought the
notification as applicable
to journeys ~~between~~
the D^o made in joining
for one appointment
to another - vide rule 231.

Whatever was the
intention of the
notification, it ~~has~~
has been all along
held applicable
to journeys within the
D^o also, & it is but
right that it should
be made so applicable

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Memo: to
 Genl. Pitt-Rivers
 Mr. Pitt-Rivers
 Mr. Pitt-Rivers
 Mr. Pitt-Rivers

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Memo for
 Sub Secy

Account Dept

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Memo for Orders

Res. B. of A.

Passing orders on Mr. Little's
 regarding objection taken by Board to tentage
 ordered by Mr. Pitt-Rivers, by Sub-Com.
 of Hillary D., and recommending a relaxation
 of the rules to admit of extra tentage being drawn
 when tents are not carried

15. Oct/75 N. 2875

Two points came
 up for orders in connection
 with the extra tentage rules:-
 the 1st is virtually this -
 what constitutes a "necessity"
 for expeditions travelling "2"
 2. The Sub-Com. of
 Hillary sent his tents by train
 in one day 75 miles, as he
 "had to muster persons
 and

and examined subjects
and look-ups before
the end of the month

The Collector, under
G.O. 22? May 1875 N. 779,
would only allow him
one day's limbo and the
Board said he need not
have travelled fast
but might have started
earlier and gone by
road.

The Sub-Collector
says he could not conveniently
do this and, had
he done so, he
could have charged

R. 30, instead of
R.

R. 13.7-- as now
claimed by him ^{10/8}

3 It is submitted
that the Board have
become unnecessarily
critical. However

they seem to have mis-
understood G.O. 15th
January 1875. N. 109.

In their proceedings
in that G.O., the
Board clearly state
that they used to admit
3 annas a mile by
rail, or actual charge,
and they asked to be
permitted to allow both

The

The Govt.
refused to
sanction a
further extension
but the Board
have gone beyond
this and
decided the
3 miles a
mile by rail.

It is
suggested that
the

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the Board might be told
that there was no intention
to alter the practice as to
mileage by rail.
4. Moreover the Board now
require very special reasons
for quick travelling. This
is apparently with reference
to para 4 of the G.O. of
the ¹⁹¹² 22nd of January and to
G.O. 22nd May 1875, No 779,
but it appears that the
former order goes beyond
the intentions of the
Members of Govt as expressed
in their Notes, and the
latter, as I understand it,

was

was not meant to impress
this point but simply to
show that extra tentage
could not be drawn for
rail journeys -

5. The second question
raised is whether an
officer must have tent
with him on a tour to
enable him to draw
extra tentage for it.

There was an old order
to this effect, but it
is not adhered to and
the Board recommend

its

As far as I am
aware, it is only
devised in the case
of Malabar & Jannar
& an extra

as the climate renders
tent liable to rapid
decay. & unsuited for
its true purposes
in great part of the year
& the S. officers build
& maintain bungalows
instead.
Probably they all carry
light tents with them
very generally. but in
many parts of the S.
in my time it had been
found simply impossible
to carry a large tent & camp
equipment.

I think the rule sh^d. ^{training} -
be that when extra tentage
is drawn tent sh^d. be carried - (already done)
~~used~~ as regards expenses
or calculations depending
on distance. When tents are
not carried. mileage sh^d. be
drawn. For Malto. & ten tentage

may be allowed in both
cases. It is then simply
an allowance for camp expenses. ~~off~~

its cancellation. It is
submitted that this may
be allowed for if the
officer has no tent he
must live in a bungalow
which he has to pay rent
for and which, (now that
public bungalows are
being given up as an
Imperial to local fund
charge), he generally has
also to assist in main-
taining -

Yes
md
23/11

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for journeys by rail - 3 Rs
" " road - 8 "

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by road when tents are carried,
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special explanation as to
the rate of travelling.

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by road without tents does
not apply to Malabar and
Canara

Para 2 Supra

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practice may continue

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to the Accountant General 5



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Register of the Christian
Ladies' Association