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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

23rd November 1877, No. 3,303.

Read the following paper:—

No. 252. Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department, dated 26th October 1877, No. 2,591.

From W. DONALD, Esq., Officiating Accountant-General, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Fort St. George, 17th September 1877, No. 705.

Audit Department.

In continuation of this office letters, Nos. 58 and 460, dated 13th April and 19th July 1877, respectively, I have the honor to forward copy of a letter from the Financial Secretary to the Government of India, No. 2,918, dated the 8th instant, from which it will be seen that every halt for more than ten days which is not covered by a general or special sanction of the Government of India will need the special sanction of this Government.

2. As under present rules extra tentage is admitted to district officers whether they halt in one place for more or less than ten days, I request that the ruling of the Government of India that it cannot be drawn for a halt of more than ten days without special sanction may be communicated to all officers concerned.

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7. The Governor in Council directs that the Accountant-General's letter, dated the 17th September, No. 705, be communicated to the Revenue Department for consideration as regards Revenue Officers, and that the Inspector-General of Jails be permitted to retain the haltage allowance of Rs. 335 drawn by him.

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(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
for Chief Secretary.

No. 253. ORDER THEREON, 23rd November 1877, No. 3,303.

Miscellaneous.

G.O., 2nd August 1877, No. 4,277, Mis.
,, 2nd October ,, ,, 3,061, R.D.
,, 10th November ,, ,, 3,231, R.D.

PARAGRAPH 7 of the Government Order will be communicated to the Revenue Board with reference to the Orders of Government marginally noted.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. T. D. Ryan.

Govt. of (1877) Madras.

REVENUE.

To BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated November 23rd.

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G.O., 23rd November 1877, No. 3,303.

NOVEMBER.
Nos. 252-253.

Office Postage.—Communicating to the Board of Revenue Order in the Financial Department, the subject of —— not being admissible to Public Officers for bills of more than ten days.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

26th October 1877, No. 2591.

Halting Allowance.

Read the following papers :—

No. 219. *From L. C. PROBYN, Esq., Accountant-General, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Fort St. George, 13th April* 1877, *No.* 58.

Audit Department.

I have the honor to bring to the notice of His Grace the Governor in Council that a diversity of practice has been found to exist in the audit of the halting allowance bills of the Inspectors-General of Police and Jails.

2. Government are aware that Financial Resolution of the Government of India, No. 1964, dated 29th March 1875, regulating travelling allowances to the Inspector-General of Police, was extended by that Government on 24th September 1875, in letter, No. 3375, Financial Department, to the Inspector-General of Jails, but somehow or other the latter officer has been permitted, up to the end of last year, to draw a halting allowance of Rupees 10 per diem for the entire period of each separate halt, while the Inspector-General of Police and the officers of that department have claimed, and been allowed, haltage at that rate for only the first seven days of each halt, after which they received half that rate for the second period of seven days, and then no haltage at all under Government of India, 8th January 1863, No. 201-G, Financial.

3. It appears to me that the practice observed in the audit of the Inspector-General of Police's bills is the correct one for the following reason, viz., that haltage is governed by the last-named Government of India Resolution, while that dated 29th March 1875, No. 1964, regulated merely the rate of *travelling* allowance and did not supersede in the matter of haltage the Resolution of 1863.

4. The Inspector-General of Jails has been informed that Rupees 335 claimed by him on account of haltage has been admitted subject to recovery should the Government of India uphold the opinions now entertained by this department.

5. Colonel Tennant protests against this view as being at variance with that which, he states, was held by Mr. Lodwick.

6. I have the honor to request that the point may be submitted, with the views of the Madras Government upon it, to the Government of India for decision.

No. 861.

Referred to the Inspector-General of Jails for any remarks he may desire to make.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
16*th April* 1877.

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Offg. Chief Secretary.

No. 220. *From Lieutenant-Colonel T. E. TENNANT, Inspector-General of Jails, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Ootacamund, 14th May* 1877, *No.* 140.

With reference to letter, No. 58, dated 13th April 1877, from the Accountant-General, Madras, referred to me with your endorsement, No. 861, dated 16th April 1877, I have the honor to submit the following remarks.

2. Government in their Order, No. 1023, dated 5th June 1874, Judicial Department, withdrew the permanent travelling allowance of Rupees 250 per mensem, and directed that the Inspector-General of Jails should be put upon the same footing as regards travelling allowance as the Inspector-General of Police. In August and September 1874 I accordingly drew travelling allowance under the rules of the Government of India, dated 8th January 1863, Financial Department, but, on the bills being audited, my allowances were retrenched, and I was informed that I ought to draw travelling allowance under the orders of the Government of India, dated 29th April 1874, No. 2725. In obedience to these orders I accordingly drew travelling and halting allowance, claiming haltage only for the first seven days at full rates and for the second period of seven days at half rates.

3. In auditing the bill for December 1874 the Deputy Accountant-General remarked as follows:—"Rupees 45 should be further paid, as no diminution of the daily allowance is laid down in Government of India, 29th April 1874, No. 2725, for halts at a station after a specified period." Accordingly, in obedience to these instructions, I drew the full amount for halting and continued to do so until February 1877, when, on the arrival of a new Auditor in the Accountant-General's Office, I was retrenched 115 Rupees, as that officer considered "that the rule allowing full batta for the first seven days of a halt and half batta for the second week and nothing thereafter had not been rescinded."

4. In reply I respectfully pointed out that I had drawn the allowances under the special instructions from the Accountant-General's Office and requested to be furnished with a copy of the order of Government under which it was now decided that I was not entitled to the daily allowance which, up to that time, had been passed to me without demur; to this reference I received a reply from Mr. Donald, Officiating Accountant-General, stating that the view taken by the Officiating Deputy Accountant General was correct, that the retrenchment of 115 Rupees will stand good, and that a further sum of 335 Rupees [illegible] former bills said to be overdrawn.

5. This ruling being at variance with that held by the former Accountant-General, I protested against this reading of the order and submitted that allowances already passed and paid to me under the express authority of his predecessor ought not to be thus arbitrarily retrenched by the Officiating Accountant-General without explanation.

6. In the Resolution of the Government of India, No. 1964, dated 29th March 1875, Financial Department, it is stated that "the following rules are passed in supersession of previous rules," and the Order distinctly states that "a Police officer on tour is entitled to travelling allowances at the authorized daily rates reckoned on the total number of days of his absence from head quarters." It appears to me, therefore, that these orders entirely supersede the rules of 1863, and that the daily allowance must be reckoned for the total number of days an officer is absent from his headquarters.

7. In conclusion I venture to request that, whatever the decision of Government may be, the allowances passed and paid to me under the orders of the late Accountant General may not be now disallowed, and, in order to prevent any future misunderstanding, I may be permitted to draw the fixed permanent travelling allowance* granted to my predecessors.

* Rupees 250 per mensem.

The rule restricting full halting allowance to seven days is, I submit, not applicable to the Inspector-General of Jails as the inspection of a Central Jail, if thoroughly made, must frequently occupy more than one week, and circumstances such as detained me last year at the Coimbatore Central Jail may occur, rendering it necessary for the Inspector-General of Jails to remain at a station for a considerable time, and it seems scarcely equitable to reduce his allowances on such occasions. The Government may confidently rely that the inspections of the jails will be as honestly, and as frequently, made if the permanent allowance is granted as they are under existing rules.

No. 221. *From L. V. PROBYN, Esq., Accountant-General, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Fort St. George, 19th July 1877, No. 460.*

Audit Department.

With reference to this office letter, No. 58, dated 13th April 1877, I have the honor to inquire whether the Financial Resolution of the Government of India, dated the 30th ultimo, No. 1582, may be taken to settle the question of the halting allowance admissible to the Inspector-General of Jails. Although it partially disposes of my reference to Government in the letter in question so far as regards the future, special orders are needed to govern the past as well as to decide whether his halting allowance should be reduced as that of the Inspector-General of Police is after the seventh day.

No. 222. *From W. DONALD, Esq., Officiating Accountant-General, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Fort St. George, 17th September 1877, No. 705.*

Audit Department.

In continuation of this office letters, Nos. 58 and 460, dated 13th April and 19th July 1877, respectively, I have the honor to forward copy of a letter from the Financial Secretary to the Government of India, No. 2918, dated the 8th instant, from which it will be seen that every halt for more than ten days which is not covered by a general or special sanction of the Government of India will need the special sanction of this Government.

2. As under present rules extra tentage is admitted to district officers whether they halt in one place for more or less than ten days, I request that the ruling of the Government of India that it cannot be drawn for a halt of more than ten days without special sanction may be communicated to all officers concerned.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From E. J. SINKINSON, Esq., Officiating Under Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, to the Accountant-General, Madras, dated Simla, 8th September 1877, No. 2918.

With reference to your letter, No. 4374, dated the 19th July 1877, regarding the interpretation of Financial Resolution, No. 1582, dated the 30th June 1877, I am directed to state that the intention is to empower the Local Government to permit halting allowance to be drawn for halts exceeding ten days. The "extra tentage" alluded to in your letter being simply travelling allowance under another name, the restriction of the ten days' halt applies to it also.

No. 223. ORDER THEREON, 26th October 1877, No. 2591.

The Accountant-General brings to notice in his letter, dated 13th April 1877, No. 58, the diversity of practice which existed in the audit in his office of the halting allowance bills of the Inspectors-General of Police and Jails.

2. He explains that under the Resolution of the Government of India, dated 8th January 1863, No. 201-G, both officers were entitled to an allowance of Rupees 10 per diem.

"This rate shall only be drawn during a march or while under canvas. A halt in camp of more than one week shall entail the reduction of the allowance by one-half; when the halt exceeds a fortnight, the allowance shall altogether cease."

3. By some oversight the Inspector-General of Jails was permitted to draw the allowance up to the end of 1876 "for the entire period of each separate halt;" but the Accountant-General considers that the audit observed in the case of the Inspector-General of Police is the correct one, as haltage is governed by the Government of India Resolution of 1863, while the rate of travelling allowance is regulated by Resolution, dated 29th March 1875, No. 1964.

G.O., 3rd May 1875, No. 1061.

4. Adopting this view, the Inspector-General of Jails was informed that Rupees 335 claimed by him on account of haltage was admitted, subject to recovery should the Government of India uphold the views of the Audit Department. Colonel Tennant protests against this, and explains, in paragraphs 1 to 5 of his letter, dated 14th May 1877, the course followed by the Audit Department. In paragraph 6 he holds that the Resolution of the Government of India, dated 29th March 1875, No. 1964, supersedes the Resolution of 1863. In paragraph 7 he requests that the "halting allowance passed and paid" may not be now disallowed; that, to prevent any future misunderstanding, he be permitted to draw the fixed travelling allowance of Rupees 250 a-month, and submits that the rule restricting full halting allowance to seven days is not applicable to him "as the inspection of a Central Jail, if thoroughly made, must frequently occupy more than one week, and circumstances such as detained him last year at the Coimbatore Central Jail may occur, rendering it necessary for him to remain at a station for a considerable time," and he adds, "it seems scarcely equitable to reduce my allowance on such occasions. The Government may confidently rely that the inspections of the jails will be as honestly, and as frequently, made if the permanent allowance is granted as they are under existing rules."

5. The Accountant-General inquires in his letter, dated 19th July 1877, No. 460, whether the Financial Resolution of the Government of India, dated 30th June 1877, No. 1,582, which prescribes—

> "Halting allowance may only be drawn when the halt is—
> (*a*) on duty, or
> (*b*) on an authorized holiday, and
> (*c*) may not be drawn for more than ten days at one place, unless in any case a longer period is allowed by some general or special order of the Government of India,"

may be taken to settle the question of the halting allowance admissible to the Inspector-General of Jails.

6. With his letter of 17th September 1877, No. 705, the Accountant-General forwards a copy of [illegible] from the Government of India, "from which it will be that every halt for more than ten days which is not covered by a general or special sanction of the Government of India will need the special sanction of this Government," and requests that "as under present rules extra tentage is admitted to district officers whether they halt in one place for more or less than ten days," the ruling of the Government of India "that it cannot be drawn for a halt of more than ten days without special sanction may be communicated to all officers concerned."

7. The Governor in Council directs that the Accountant-General's letter, dated the 17th September, No. 705, be communicated to the Revenue Department for consideration as regards Revenue officers, and that the Inspector-General of Jails be permitted to retain the haltage allowance of Rupees 335 drawn by him.

8. The Inspector-General will observe that, under the recent ruling of the Government of India, he may halt at a station for ten days and draw the full haltage allowance for that period. He should, of course, stay at a station as long as is necessary, obtaining the special sanction of Government for any halt for more than ten days.

9. The consideration of the Inspector-General's request to draw the fixed allowance of Rupees 250 in lieu of present rates must be deferred till the working of the arrangements now ordered is known.

(True Extract.)

for *Chief Secretary.*

To the Revenue Department.
" Inspector-General of Jails.
" " of Police.
" Director of Public Instruction.
" Inspector-General of Registration.
" Accountant-General.

Exd. J. W. Fischer.

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Paragraph 7 of the G.O. will be communicated to the Revenue Board with reference to the orders of Govt marginally noted

G.O. 2 Aug 1877 No 4277 Mis
G.O. 2 Oct 1877 No 3061 R.D.
G.O. 10 Nov 1877 No 3231 R.D.

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The Revenue Department &c. &c. &c.

Dated October 26th.

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G.O. 265 Dated October 1877, No 3501

OCTOBER.
Nos. 219—223.

Halting Allowance.—Communicating letter from Accountant-General forwarding copy of one from Government of India and requesting that the ruling of that Government regarding extra tentage may be communicated to the officers concerned, and permitting the Inspector-General of Jails to ret ain the halting allowance of Rupees 335 drawn by him.

Write an order.