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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

25th November 1878, No. 2089.

Travelling—Allowances.

Read the following paper :—

No. 133. *Proceedings of the Government of India, Financial Department, (Pay and Allowances—Travelling Allowances), dated Simla, 9th November 1878, No. 3849.*

Read the under-mentioned papers regarding the travelling allowances of public officers halting away from their head-quarters :—

Orders of the Government of India in this Department—

No. 1582, dated the 30th	June	..	..	
" 2918	" 8th	September	..	1877
" 3408	" 27th	October	..	
" 3478	" 6th	November	..	
" 3614	" 9th	December	..	
" 2326	" 30th	January	..	
" 1124 to 1127, dated the 28th	February	..	..	
" 500, dated the 22nd	May	..	..	1878
" 606	" 24th	June	..	
" 800	" 31st	July	..	
" 1100 and 1101, dated the 25th	June	..	..	
" 2010, dated the 31st	July	..	..	

Letters from the Chief Secretary to the Government of Bombay, No. 2565, dated the 18th, No. 2575, dated the 20th, and No. 3771, dated the 26th July 1878, and their enclosures.

Letter from the Secretary to the Government of the North-Western Provinces and Oudh, No. 913A, dated the 20th July 1878.

RESOLUTION.—In 1877 a public officer who, after leaving his head-quarters on duty, was confined to his bed by sickness for a period of little less than a month, claimed for the whole of that period the travelling allowance to which he would have been entitled under rule, had he been marching on duty. The submission of his claim drew attention to the absence of a general rule regarding the period for which a public officer could draw travelling allowances while halting away from his head-quarters, and to the necessity for a general rule on the subject, in order to obviate the expense which would be entailed on the State and the possible abuses, if officers on tour were permitted to make halts of unlimited duration. It was accordingly decided, in a Resolution of the Government of India in this Department, No. 1582, dated the 30th June 1877, "that, except with the permission of the local Government, which should only be given on public grounds, halting allowance may only be drawn when the halt is—

"(a) on duty, or

"(b) on an authorised 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."

It was soon afterwards explained, in an order by the Government of India in this Department, No. 2918, dated the 8th September 1877, that the Resolution of June 1877

was intended "to empower the local Government to permit the halting allowance to be drawn for halts exceeding ten days," and it has since been decided—

in Order No. 3408, dated the 27th September 1877, that the cases of Forest Officers are exempt from the operation of Clause c of the Resolution of June 1877;
in Order, No. 3478, dated the 6th October 1877, that the Resolution of June 1877 "limited the grant of halting allowance, under any circumstances, to ten days, and did not extend to ten days any shorter period for which, by existing orders, such allowances were admissible;"

in Order, No. 2326, dated the 30th November 1877, that "the special sanction of the local Government is necessary in every case in which halting allowance is drawn for a longer period than ten days;"

in Order, No. 1127, dated the 28th February 1878, that "officers in Sindh and their establishments" are "exempt from the restriction as to duration of halts imposed in the Resolution of June 1877," but that it is "unnecessary to extend the exemption to subordinate establishments generally;"

in Order, No. 1100, dated the 25th June 1878, "that if a relaxation of the Rule" of June 1877 "in favor of any class of officers is desired, so as to enable such class of officers to draw halting allowance irrespective of the period of halt, the sanction of the Government of India is required;" and,

in Order, No. 2010, dated the 31st July 1878, that Deputy Magistrates and Deputy Collectors and Additional Munsifs in Bengal stationed on duty in the interior of districts are not subject to the Rule of June 1877, but to another special Rule.

2. With reference to the Order, No. 1100, of the 25th June 1878, the Government of the North-Western Provinces and Oudh now proposes that the travelling allowances of the Commissioner of Kumaon "and his district officers generally" should be exempted from the operation of the Rule of June 1877; and the Government of Bombay submits a series of Resolutions, tending that Rule in favor of members of the

Office establishments of Political Officers, Collectors and their subordinates, Superintendents and Deputy Superintendents of Revenue Surveys, District Registrars of Assurances, and the License Tax Commissioner. office establishments mentioned on the margin, and solicits that these Resolutions may be retrospectively confirmed, as also that the Rule may be relaxed in favor of members of the office establishments of the Inspector-General of Registration and Stamps and Inspectors and Deputy Inspectors of Schools.

3. The proposal with regard to the Commissioner of Kumaon seems unnecessary, because it is understood that this officer, like other Divisional Commissioners in the North-Western Provinces, draws a travelling allowance of Rupees 250 a-month throughout the year, whether he travels or not, and to such an allowance the Rule of June 1877 does not apply.

4. With reference to the proposal regarding the district officers in Kumaon, and to the application of the Government of Bombay, the Governor-General in Council observes that it is manifestly objectionable to neutralise, by gradual exceptions, a Rule which is *prima facie* reasonable, and that it would be better to abrogate the Rule if it can be shown to be wrong.

5. His Excellency in Council, therefore, desires that the several local Governments and Administrations will consider and report whether the Rule of June 1877 should be maintained or not, and if not, what expedient should be adopted to check the unnecessary expenditure on account of travelling allowances and the possible abuses which that Rule was designed to prevent. In considering these questions, it is necessary, His Excellency in Council observes, to keep in view the general principle that the travelling allowance of a public officer on tour is intended to do no more than cover the expenses he actually incurs on account of locomotion and shelter, and is not intended to provide for other personal expenses, still less to yield him any profit.

Ordered that this Resolution be communicated to the other departments of the Government of India and to all local Governments and Administrations.

(Signed) E. J. SINKINSON,
Under-Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 134. ORDER THEREON, 25th November 1878, No. 2089.

The Revenue Department and the Heads of Departments noted at foot will be requested to furnish Government, at an early date, with their views on paragraph 5 of this Resolution.

(True Extract.)

W. J. S. S. S.
 Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Revenue Department.

- " Inspector-General of Police.
- " " of Jails.
- " " of Registration.
- " Director of Public Instruction.
- " Sanitary Commissioner of Fort St. George.
- " Agents to the Governor of Fort St. George in Ganjam and Vizagapatam.

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