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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

23rd September 1878, No. 1,549.

Read the following paper :—

No. 268. From L. C. PROBYN, Esq., Accountant-General, Madras, to C. G. MASTER, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Fort St. George, 16th August 1878, No. 5,293.

With reference to Proceedings of Government, in the Revenue Department, No. 1,222, dated the 3rd instant, I have the honor respectfully to point out that the above order does not appear to set the question at rest so far as it limits extra tentage or travelling allowance to journeys of more than five miles; it is merely a repetition of the one which has long existed, but it appears to me the expression "moving camp or quarters" is almost as ambiguous as a "march."

2. By "moving camp" I conclude is meant moving a tent; but I cannot fix on any definition of "moving quarters" sufficiently precise to be the guide of the Audit Department, and yet sufficiently general to meet the cases which I presume it is the intention of Government to embrace. For instance, it can scarcely be the intention of Government to refuse travelling allowance in the following cases:—

(*a.*) An officer travels through the night to a place 30 miles distant, and rides back after having done his work the next morning.

(*b.*) An officer goes by Railway 40 or 50 miles in the morning, transacts his business and comes back in the evening.

But as no definition of "moving quarters" could embrace such cases under the orders now issued the officers making such journeys would not be entitled to travelling allowance, unless indeed they went through the form of taking with them tents which would probably be only an encumbrance.

3. It seems to me that an officer who travels outside a radius of 5 miles from his head-quarters or last halting place should be entitled to mileage or extra tentage as the case may be, and that his case should be settled by the clear and tangible test of distance, and not by the ambiguous one of whether it does or does not come under the category of a morning ride (as decided by the Board in December 1866) or a "march" or a "move of camp or quarters" as settled by Government in the orders noted in the margin.

G.O., 8th November 1877, No. 3,319.
„ 16th January 1878, „ 85.
„ 3rd August „ „ 1,222.

4. Independently of the general question raised, I find myself quite unable to gather from the orders whether it is or is not the wish of Government that Lieutenant Coats should be considered entitled to the allowance he claims and which has not yet been passed to him. I beg accordingly that I may be instructed how to act in this particular case.

5. I take the present opportunity of sending copy of a letter received from the Government of India and of mine to which it is a reply upon the point discussed in Proceedings of Government, dated 8th November 1877, No. 3,319, Revenue Depart-

ment, and I venture to suggest that the present opportunity may be taken of submitting for the orders of the Government of India, not merely the particular point which I have been directed to refer for their consideration, but also a short but clear digest of all the rules affecting the travelling allowances of Collectors and their subordinates when moving within the districts, so that if these be approved and confirmed the numerous petty references which are constantly cropping up owing to the obscurity of the present rule will no longer be necessary.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From L. C. PROBYN, Esq., Accountant-General, Madras, to the Financial Secretary to the Government of India, dated Fort St. George, 31st May 1878, No. 2,633.

WITH reference to the Resolution of the Government of India in the Financial Department, No. 324, dated the 11th ultimo, granting certain travelling allowances "on the usual condition that only one of them may be drawn for the whole period of any tour," I deem it right to point out that in this Presidency a different rule prevails, and that officers are allowed to draw both kinds of travelling allowance, viz., "extra tentage" and "travelling", during the same tour.

2. As the application of this rule was very inconvenient, and was certainly unequal, and as the rule itself had not received the special confirmation of the Government of India, I ventured to suggest, for the consideration of this Government, whether the convenient rule in force in other parts of India to which reference has been made above should not be extended to Madras.

3. I forward, for the information of the Government of India, copies of the Proceedings of the Madras Government on this subject, in case it may be thought advisable in the consideration of the Travelling Allowance Code to introduce a more simple rule and one less likely to give rise to correspondence than the one at present in force in this Presidency.

Madras Government, No. 83, dated 10th Janv. 1878.
Do. „ 3,219, „ 8th Nov. 1877.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

From E. J. SINKINSON, Esq., Officiating Under-Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, to L. C. PROBYN, Esq., Accountant-General, Madras, dated Simla, 15th July 1878, No. 1,604.

I AM directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 2,633, of the 31st May 1878, and in reply to point out that you should follow with respect to the orders therein referred to the course prescribed in the Resolution of the Government of India in this Department, No. 3,270, dated the 27th December 1871. I am directed at the same time to observe that the rule to which you refer as being "in force in other parts of India" is general with respect to officers drawing daily travelling allowance at the rates of Rs. 5 and Rs. 3 a day only (see Article 77 of the Draft Civil Travelling Allowance Code), and that it is under consideration as regards officers on Rs. 3 a day in the Revenue and Magisterial Department in Madras in connection with your letter, No. 4,031, of the 11th July 1877. "The different rule" you refer to as prevailing in the Madras Presidency does not seem to be connected with the order of the Local Government, No. 3,209, dated the 6th November 1877, which appears to have been forwarded with your letter instead of an Order, No. 3,219, of the 8th idem.

No. 269. ORDER THEREON, 23rd September 1878, No. 1,549.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government resolve to adopt with a slight modification the Board's proposal in their Proceedings of 21st June (in Government Proceedings, 3rd August 1878, No. 1,222), and to declare that a journey on duty of more than 5 miles from permanent or temporary headquarters coupled with absence therefrom for upwards of 12 hours shall be deemed *a march* entitling an officer to draw extra tentage or travelling allowance. Such a duty-journey is practically a temporary shift of quarters.

2. The Accountant-General will submit for decision in the Revenue *Famine* Department any difficulty he may experience in disposing of Lieutenant Coats' claim to travelling allowance.

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3. A requisition has been made to the Government of India for a copy of the Draft Travelling Allowance Code, and on its receipt the Accountant-General's suggestions will receive attention.

(True Extract.)

Under-Secretary to Government.

To the Accountant-General.
„ the Board of Revenue.
„ the Revenue (Famine) Department.

Exd. W. J Lewis.
Spare Copies.

Received
Sept 1878

Vide ant 681.
Fedsfpl 5624/pp.
Penal cancelled by Act 8 278/81.
Fin-Sc. 17-9-81 no 1742.

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Revenue Dept.

Read the following letter from the Accountant General dated 16th August 1878 No 6293.

The Govt decline to re-open this matter or to discuss hypothetical cases put by the Accountant General but observe that it has always been the policy of Govt in this Presidency to discourage rapid journeys from and back to head quarters and to prevent extra heritage or travelling allowance being made a profitable source of income.

2. The Accountant General

Read the following letter from the Accountant General dated 16th August 1878 No 6293.

Ack. receipt of the Bd's proceedings No. 1549 dated 21st August 1878 and returning the enclosure.

Proceedings of the Madras Government under date the 3 Aug 1878

a journey of more than 5 miles from H.Q.rs or duty.

Rule 681 provides that the absence from H.Q.rs exceeds 12 hours shall be deemed a march entitling to drawal of Tentage & Transport. Such a duty journey is practically a temporary change of quarters. Should the case be dealt with on the principle that travelling allowance is not admissible for

Mr. Pogson's efforts to get Government to sanction a Rule which shall allow travelling allowance for a complete ride which does not exceed two days.

As this hospitality cases it is to be observed that (a) is never likely to happen. After travelling all night a man would rarely halt & while & expect to have his charges Quarters.

So also with (b) A man quite rarely be employed & return to Quarters by the route stated in the draft Govt. must deal with unforeseen duty through other channels & not in advance.

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Will submit for decision in [illegible] Revenue Secretary
any difficulties they may have to Govt. Coats

claim to travelling allowance.

finds himself unable to decide
any of Limitt Coats claims he
should submit each doubtful
point for the decision of Govt.
who are at present unable to
understand wherein the diffi-
culty lies.

3. The Govt. have already
made a requisition to the Govt.
of India for a copy of the draft
travelling allowance Code and
on its receipt the Accountant
General's suggestions will re-
ceive attention.

Note
The Govt. of India have promised to send the draft Code "for preliminary remarks" "before the promulgation" (See 30 Financial Letter No. 8140)

(No 5) G.O.

Extra tentage allowed 7 Light Cavalry

No 3645—

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Revenue Department.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government.

Under date the 28 September 1878

Read the following letter from the Accountant General dated 16th August 1878 No 5293.

Granted

MR 6/9/79

The Govt resolve to adopt a modification of the Board's proposal in their Proceedings of 21st June/ in Govt Ros 3rd August 78 No 1222 and to declare that a journey on duty of more than 5 miles from permanent or temporary Head quarters completed with absence thereon for upwards of 12 hours shall be deemed a march entitling an officer to draw extra tentage or

Note. The words "necessarily absent therefrom" which appear in the Board's proposal do not appear in the Govt Ros. Authority not to have omitted here as they are likely to cause inconvenience if the Govt should entertain an application for sanction to pay to officers absence not necessary

J. These words are added to include absence from Camp.

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Yr.

My opinion in d/ [illegible] case is that he was illegible to compensation the Remarks that the only qualification was between Lucknow & Cawnpore

I have perused the draft Code for reference and remark & do before the promulgation / see 30 Remark / 28 Feb 25

b Sd Accountant General Dec 28/24
14 Mch Board of Revenue Dec 28/24
c Sd Revenue Dept Dec 28/24

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Audit Depart. No 2633

Fort St. Geo. Accountt Genl's Office 31st May 1878

From

The Accountant General Madras

To

The Financial Secretary to the Government of India

Sir

With reference to the Resolution of the Government of India in the Financial Department No 324 dated the 11th Ultimo granting Extra Tentage allowances "on the usual condition that only one of them may be drawn for the whole "period of any tour" I deem it right to point out that in this Presidency a different rule prevails and that officers are allowed to draw both kinds of travelling allowance viz "Extra Tentage" and "travelling" during the same tour.

2 As the application of this rule was very inconvenient and was certainly unequal, and as the rule itself had not received the special confirmation of the Government of India, I venture to suggest for the consideration of this Government whether the convenient rule in force in other parts of India to which reference has been made above,

should

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3 I forward for the information of the Government of India Copies of the proceedings of the Madras Government on this subject, in case it may be thought advisable in the Consideration of the Travelling allowance Code to introduce a more simple rule, and one less likely to give rise to Correspondence than the one at present in force in this Presidency

Madras Govt. No 83 dated 16 Jany 1878
Madras Govt. No 3219 dated 8th Nov 1877

I have &c
Signed L. C. Probyn
Accountant General

True Copy

L. C. Probyn
Accountant General

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No 1604.

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To

The Accountant General, Madras.

Financial Deptt. Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter (No 2633 of the 31st May 1878, and in reply to point out that you should follow with respect to the orders thereon referred to the course prescribed in the Resolution of the Government of India in their Department (No 3270 dated the 27th December 1871. I am directed at the same time to observe that the rate to which you refer as being in force in other parts of India in general with respect to officers drawing daily travelling allowance at the rates of Rupees 5 and Rupees 3 a day only, (See Article of the Draft Civil Travelling allowance Code) and that it is under consideration as regards officers on Rupees 3 a day in the Revenue and Magistrial Department in Madras in connection with your letter No 2031 of the 11th July 1878. The different rule you refer to as prevailing in the Madras Presidency does not seem to be connected with the order of the local government (No 3209 dated the 6th November 1877 which appears to have been forwarded with your letter instead of an order (No 3219 of the 8th idem.

I have &c.

(Signed) E J Sinkinson
Offg under Secretary
to the Govt of India

Simla
the 15th July 1878 3

(True Copy)

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Accountant General.

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Audit Department

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No. 5293

Fort Saint George
Account Genl's Office
16th August 1878

From

The Accountant General
Madras

To,

The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department

Sir

With reference to proceedings of Government in the Revenue Department No 1222 dated the 3rd Instant I have the honor respectfully to point out that the above order does not appear to set the question at rest so far as it limits extra tentage or travelling allowance to journies of more than 5 miles it is merely a repetition of the one which has long existed, but it appears to me the expression "moving Camp or Quarters" is almost as ambiguous as a "march"

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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obed.t Servant

L. Mackye
Accountant General

Employ

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From No 3645
The Accountant General
Madras
To
The Secy to Govt
Rev Deptt

Dated 16 Augt 1878
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Relating to the question of
Extra tentage & Travelling
Allowance to journies from
Ootacamund to Madras and the expenses
incurring of Camp on quarters

No 265