

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue . DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	294	Press Mis.
<u>60-61</u>		
Dated	3 rd February	1867.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
3rd February 1869.*

No. 60. Read again Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 23rd May 1868, recorded, G. O. 5th August 1868, No. 2,093.

Read also the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 10th November 1868, No 7,937.

Read the following letters :—

From the Collector of Malabar, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Calicut, 7th October 1868, No. 290.

1. I have the honor to reply on
21st August 1868. Board's Proceedings noted.

In Government Order, dated 5th August 1868, No. 2,093, sanction is accorded for the admission of any sums actually incurred in expeditious travelling on the public service ; but I would respectfully observe, that, whilst this is obviously the correct principle where the higher grades of officers are concerned, or quite extraordinary distances are involved, it would be difficult or impossible to apply it practically to the cases of the lower class of servants, on such ordinary occasions of expeditious or additional travelling as are constantly occurring.

I would, therefore, very respectfully venture to urge some modification of what seems to be the spirit of the second paragraph of the Government Order above quoted.

2. Travelling allowance or batta to Ministerial servants on circuit may be supposed to be payable in consideration of certain extra wear, tear, and trouble involved, and on account of—

A. Extra expense involved in absence from home and family, and travelling charges for an ordinary stage. This may be called "Batta."

B. Extraordinary expenses for additional stage or stages in one day. This may be called "Mileage."

C. Exceptional expenses for travelling by rail, steamer, or such like.

3. I would propose, then, that whilst fixed daily rates of batta are allowed for (a) ordinary stages, not exceeding ten miles, and halts on circuit; additional mileage should be allowed for (b) ordinary expeditious travelling beyond a stage of ten miles a day; actual expenses for (c) exceptional travelling by rail, steamer, and such like when incurred would be paid on the actual bills in addition to "Batta."

4. The rates of batta, allowed to the lowest classes of servants, have been all along unduly low. As I have before observed, much fewer servants are taken about now than used to be the case in former days; and the travellers under the increased expenses of living may fairly look to more liberal allowances from these savings.

5. Where the pay is so small as with our Peons, and lowest-paid Goomastahs, &c., I do not consider 4 Annas a day at all too high a rate of batta. I adopt this as my starting point, and beg to submit the following table for adoption :—

A. FIXED BATTA.—For every day of absence from Head-quarters on the public service when not more than ten miles are travelled.

	RS. A. P.		
To servants whose pay does not exceed Rupees 15...	0	4	0
" 25...	0	8	0
" 50...	1	0	0
" 100...	1	8	0
" 200...	2	0	0
Above "	200...	2	8 0

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5. When more than ten miles a day are travelled in one day, I would allow in addition to and irrespective of, the batta above-said, a mileage allowance on the extra distance travelled of—

(b.) To all servants whose pay does not exceed	Rupees	25...0	0	6	per mile.
	"	50...0	1	0	"
	Above "	50...0	2	0	"

The exceptional allowances would be

6. The exceptional allowances would be settled as they arise, and require no remark.

From the same Officer, dated Calicut, 9th October 1863, No. 295.
With reference to the correspondence noted I.L.O. 100.

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From Collector to Board of Revenue, 3rd September 1867, No. 196.
Board's Proceedings, 7th February 1868, No. 933.
G. O., 5th August 1868, No. 2,093.
Collector to Board of Revenue, 7th October 1868, No. 290.

2. I beg that Government may be moved to authorise the Accountant General to pass these charges till sanction is accorded to the fixed rates of batta recommended in my letter to the Board, dated 7th instant, No. 290, or until other rates are fixed; as considerable hardship will ensue if the servants concerned are to be called upon to repay the sums received by them according to existing orders.

From the Acting Collector of South Canara, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Mangalore, 27th August 1868, No. 796.

1. With reference to the Board's Proceedings

1. With reference to the Board's Proceedings, dated the 21st instant, communicating the Proceedings of Government of the 5th idem, No. 2,093, on the subject of enhancing the rates of travelling allowance to the Uncovenanted Ministerial Servants in this and the adjoining district of Malabar, I have the honor to propose the rates shewn in the enclosed table.

* Board's Circular Order, No. XXX. of 1866.
Board's Proceedings, 15th March 1867, No.
1,605.

3. It being apparently admitted that Canara is in no better position than Malabar in this respect, it does not seem necessary for me to urge it.

4. I would further plead for the Talook subordinates. One or two clerks with a peon or so are often required to accompany a Tahsildar and Subordinate Magistrate in the investigation of a revenue or magisterial case, or with the accounts at the time of the annual settlement. They experience precisely the same hardships and temptations when called on to travel as do Ministerial servants attending Collectors and Assistant Collectors. Common fairness claims for them similar rates of travelling allowances. These will never be high, as their pay is small.

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Proposed Scale of Batta.

				Present rates.			Proposed rates.		
				RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
To servants receiving salaries below 8 Rupees	...	...	...	0	1	0	0	2	0
Above 8 and	15	"	...	0	2	0	0	4	0
"	15	"	25	0	4	0	0	12	0
"	25	"	50	0	8	0	1	0	0
"	50	"	100	0	12	0	1	4	0
"	100	"	150	1	0	0	1	8	0
"	150	"	200	1	4	0	1	12	0
"	200	"	250	1	8	0	2	0	0
"	250 and upwards	at the rates fixed for Deputy Collectors as at present.							

MANGALORE,
27th August 1868.

(Signed) H. S. THOMAS,
Acting Collector.

RESOLVED that the above letters be submitted to Government, with reference to the second paragraph of their Order, in the Revenue Department, dated 5th August 1868, No. 2,093.

2. In that Order the Government instructed the Board to report what exceptional rates should be adopted to meet the special requirements of the districts of Malabar and South Canara in respect to the daily batta to be allowed to Uncovenanted Servants.

3. It will be seen that the Collector of Malabar recommends a modification of the spirit of the Order of Government. Mr. Ballard proposes fixed daily batta at the rates shown in the fourth paragraph of the first of his letters above recorded, when not more than ten miles are travelled in one day, and when more than this distance is travelled in the day, an additional mileage allowance according to the extra distance travelled; at the rate of 6 Pies a mile to all servants whose pay does not exceed Rupees 25; 1 Anna a mile to those whose pay ranges from Rupees 25 to Rupees 50, and 2 Annas a mile to all officers drawing more than Rupees 50 a month. Tabular Statement shows the rates at present in force, and

4. The following Tabular Statement shews the rates at present in force, and those proposed respectively by the Collectors of Malabar and South Canara and by the Board :—

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5. The Board observe that the increased rates now proposed apply only to Malabar and South Canara, and they are of opinion that if these rates are sanctioned, the orders of the Board quoted by the Acting Collector of South Canara still remaining in force, there will be no occasion to grant the "Mileage allowance" proposed by Mr. Ballard.

6. The Board have, within the last few days, addressed Government on the subject raised in the last paragraph of Mr. Thomas's letter, namely, the grant of batta to Talook Official subordinates when on duty, away from their head-quarters.

7. In the second of his letters, Mr. Ballard requests that the Accountant General may be authorized to pass certain charges incurred in payment of mileage allowance to servants in his district during May, June, and July, under the authority of the Proceedings of the Board of the 7th February 1868, No. 933. The Board request that Government will be pleased to authorize the Accountant General to pass these charges.

No. 61.

ORDER THEREON, 3rd February 1869, No. 294.

Miscellaneous.

Officers are concerned, by permitting them to draw extra tent allowance under special rules.

2. The same course should obviously be followed in regard to the travelling allowances of the Uncovenanted Servants of the district, and the Government in their Order, under date 5th August 1868, No. 2,093, requested the Board of Revenue to report what, in their opinion, the special rates of batta (travelling allowance) should be for these districts.

3. The second paper recorded above is the Board's reply to this requisition. The Board submit the reports of the Collectors of the two districts on the subject, with their own opinion. The rates proposed by the Collector of Malabar appear to be unduly liberal. He proposes that officers drawing salaries of from Rupees 100 to Rupees 200 per mensem, should receive a travelling allowance of Rupees 2 per diem, being that at present drawn by Deputy Collectors. Those proposed by the Collector of Canara and by the Board, also seem to be unnecessarily high for the upper grades.

4. The Right Honorable the Governor in Council resolves accordingly to sanction the rates proposed by the Board for the four lower grades of servants, and to reduce those proposed for the higher grades by four, as in each case.

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5. The rates of batta for the Uncovenanted Servants of the Malabar and Canara Districts will thus for the future be fixed as follows:—

	RS.	A.	P.	
Servants receiving below 8 Rupees	0	3	0	per day.
Between Rs. 8 and Rs. 15	0	4	0	"
" " 15 " 25	0	8	0	"
" " 25 " 50	1	0	0	"
" " 50 " 100	1	4	0	"
" " 100 " 200	1	8	0	"
" " 200 " 250	1	12	0	"
* i. e., the batta of a Deputy Collector.	2	0	0*	"
Servants drawing upwards of Rupees 250 per mensem				

6. As observed by the Board in paragraph 5 of their Proceedings, under date 10th November 1868, No. 7,937, their Standing Order No. "3" has already provided for the grant of a mileage allowance for journeys rapidly performed for the benefit of the public service.

7. The rates of batta sanctioned above will come into effect from the date of this order, and the Board of Revenue are authorized to sanction any special rates which may have been paid while the question has been under consideration. The charge mentioned in the letter from the Collector of Malabar, under date 9th October 1868, No. 295, amounting to Rupees 203-3-0, is also sanctioned.

8. The subject referred to in paragraph 6 of the Board's Proceedings, has already been disposed of in the G. O. under date 2nd instant, No. 276.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

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

Exd. G. A. Turton.

Send also the following No. of the B^d
of Revenue. -
(N. B. 10th Novr/68 No 4934)

so far as Correspondence
Officers are concerned
by permitting them to
draw extra tent allowance
under special rules.

The same error should
obviously be followed
in regard to the traveller.

All my doubts
should be wiped
by a check upon
my account.

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THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

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G. O., 3rd February 1869, No. 204.

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TELEPHONE.

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*Decorated Symbols of Malabar and Cochin Dist.—*But a few twillings allow and prepared by the Board of Revenue, and done with certain modifications.

attendants of the
Univ. servants of
the District, and the
Govt in their order ^{under} recorded
date 5 August 1868, No 2093
above requested the

Board of Revenue to
report what the special
rates of out of travelling
allowance should be for
these districts.

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the rates proposed by the
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To reduce their stipend
for the higher grades by 4 as
in each case.

The rules of Batta
for the Union's servants
of the Malabar & Cochin
Districts will thus for the
future be fixed at
follows.

Servants receiving below Rs — 3^{rs} per day

Below Rs 10 & Rs 15 — 4^{rs} —

— Rs 15 & Rs 25 — 8^{rs} —

— Rs 25 & Rs 50 — 1 10.0 —

— Rs 50 & Rs 100 — 1. 4. 0

— Rs 100 & Rs 200 — 1. 8. 0

— Rs 200 & Rs 250 — 1. 12. 0

Servants drawing upwards of

Rs 250 per mensem — 2. 0. 0^{*}

* i.e. the batta of —
by Col.

It is observed by the

Board in para 5 of
this Propⁿ ^{under date 10th Nov 1868 No 7937} This standing

order under No 407 ³ ^{has already provided for}

it is unnecessary to grant the grant of a

any mileage allowance for

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journeys rapidly performed
for the benefit of the
Public Service.

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sanctioned above will
come into effect from
the date of this order, and
the Board of Revenue are
authorized to sanction
any special rates which
may have been paid
while the question has
been under consideration.

The change ^{mentioned} referred to in
the letter from the Col^l of
Malabar under date
9 Oct^r: 1868 No 295 amounting
to Rs 203. 3. 0 is also
sanctioned.

The exhibit referred

I in para 6 of the
Bds Proceeding under
date has already been
disposed of in the l. o

Under date 22nd March 1906

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