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1. These Regulations may be cited as the Witnesses Expenses Regulations, 1943.

2. In these Regulations the expression "taxing officer" means—

- (a) in respect of trials in any division of the Supreme Court while sitting in Kingston, the Registrar of the Supreme Court or an officer deputed by him in that behalf;
- (b) in respect of trials in any division of the Supreme Court while sitting outside of Kingston, the Clerk of such Court;
- (c) in respect of preliminary enquiries, coroners' inquests or trials in the Resident Magistrate's Court, the Clerk of such Resident Magistrate's Court;
- (d) in respect of preliminary enquiries or trials in a Petty Sessions Court, the Clerk of the Resident Magistrate's Court for the Parish in which such Petty Sessions Court is held.

3.—(1) Every witness who is entitled to have his travelling expenses paid from public funds shall be allowed such expenses in the sums actually and reasonably expended in proceeding to court and in returning to his residence and where there is a railway or other public conveyance which, in the opinion of the taxing officer, may be conveniently used by the witness, then the maximum amount allowable under this regulation shall be—

- (a) in the case of a witness falling within Class I or Class II of the Act, the first class railway fare; and
- (b) in other cases, the second class railway fare.

(2) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (1)—

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- (a) where a witness used his own means of transport, the taxing officer may allow travelling expenses at the following rates—

motor car	...	7.5 cents per mile each way
buggy	...	5 " " " " "
horseback	...	3.4 " " " " "
motor cycle	...	2.5 " " " " "
bicycle	...	1.7 " " " " "
walking	...	0.9 cent " " " "

- (b) where a witness used hired transport he shall be reimbursed such sum proved by voucher as expended by him for travelling as the taxing officer may consider reasonable :

Provided that the taxing officer shall not allow a sum in excess of the scale of charges at the time in force in respect of the means of transport used by such witness.

4. Travelling expenses at the rates provided herein may be paid to complainants or prosecutors in criminal cases, notwithstanding the fact that such complainants or prosecutors are not entitled to have their expenses paid from public funds.