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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper :—

From Lieut.-Colonel G. L. WALKER, M.D., I.M.S., Acting Principal, Medical College, to the Director of Public Instruction, dated Madras, 30th November 1900, No. 449.

I have the honour to forward for consideration letter, dated 12th November 1900, from Miss Violet Adams, M.B. & C.M., Assistant Superintendent, Government Maternity Hospital, together with annexes marked **A** to **D**.

2. Miss Adams protests against the decision of the Government of Madras in G.O., No. 535, Educational, dated 26th October 1900, communicated in your No. 10853, dated 31st idem, to the effect that "the appointment of Miss Violet Adams, Assistant Superintendent, Government Maternity Hospital, as lecturer on midwifery to the female students of the Medical College will be gazetted. As this forms part of her ordinary duties, no separate teaching allowance is payable to her."

3. The procedure which resulted in Miss Adams being appointed Assistant Superintendent, Government Maternity Hospital, was carried on chiefly by wire. Annex **A** is copy of a wire from the Honorary Secretary, Central Committee, Dufferin Fund, Simla, to Miss Adams, which runs as follows, viz. :—"Lady doctor required for Government Maternity Hospital, Madras. Monthly salary Rs. 200—300 probably with private practice. Would you wish name included with candidates for same? Reply. 18th July 1900." Miss Adams acquiesced in this proposal, and on the 3rd August received the following wire (marked **B**) from the Government of India, Home Department, Simla :—"No. 1518, Medical. The Government of Madras are willing to accept you for appointment in the Maternity Hospital. Please apply to that Government which will make the formal appointment and give you the necessary instructions. 3rd August 1900." On receipt of this wire, Miss Adams wrote to the Secretary to the Government of Madras in her letter, dated 3rd August 1900 (copy marked **C**), accepting the appointment in the Maternity Hospital and further stated that she awaited instructions; in reply to which, she received by wire (copy marked **D**) the following order from the Government of Madras, Ootacamund, dated 8th August 1900 :—"500. Please report yourself for orders to the Surgeon-General at Madras." Miss Adams was at the same time gazetted as follows (*Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 14th August 1900, No. 390) :—"Miss Violet Adams, M.B., C.M., Ed., to be Assistant Superintendent, Government Maternity Hospital, Madras." Miss Adams accordingly started at once from Ranaghat, Eastern Bengal, and joined her appointment as Assistant Superintendent, Government Maternity Hospital, on the 17th August 1900; up to this time no intimation had been given that Miss Adams would be required to deliver a course of lectures in the Medical College, nor was there a word referring to such duty in her agreement which referred only to the position of Assistant Superintendent, Government Maternity Hospital; she was, moreover, not prepared to enter at once on such extra duty; Senior Assistant Surgeon Falconer, Resident Medical officer, Maternity Hospital, had moreover commenced the course of lectures on midwifery to the female students in the Medical College, a course that he had conducted with considerable credit and ability for several years, drawing therefor a teaching allowance of Rs. 100 per mensem; Government, however, ordered (in *Fort St. George Gazette*,

dated 26th October 1900, No. 65) "Miss Violet Adams, Assistant Superintendent, Government Maternity Hospital, to be lecturer on midwifery to the female students of the Medical College." Miss Adams thereupon relieved Senior Assistant Surgeon Falconer of this duty, taking up the course on which he had been lecturing for three months this session, and being under the impression that the teaching allowance for this work of Rs. 100 per mensem hitherto paid to Mr. Falconer would be transferred to her as the work was quite separate and additional to that which she had agreed to perform, until the Government order quoted in paragraph 2 *supra* was communicated to her.

4. In addition to the facts above stated, there is the additional point that the lectureship at the college necessitates expenditure for carriage hire, which would not otherwise be required, as Miss Adams resides close to her work at the Maternity Hospital.

5. Under the circumstances above stated, I think Miss Adams has established a strong claim to be paid the usual teaching allowance of Rs. 100 per mensem for delivering the course of lectures on midwifery in the college to the female students, and I recommend that the case may be submitted for the consideration of Government.

ENCLOSURES.

From Miss VIOLET G. S. ADAMS, M.B., C.M., Ed., Assistant Superintendent, Government Maternity Hospital, to the Principal, Medical College, dated Madras, 12th November 1900.

I have received your communication, dated 5th November 1900, from the Director of Public Instruction, Madras—

"No. 9502, dated 24th September 1900."

"Order No. 535, dated 26th October 1900."

When I was offered the appointment at the Government Maternity Hospital, Madras, no intimation was given me that part of my "ordinary duties" would be to lecture to the women students of the Medical College.

I herewith forward the telegrams I received from Simla giving me the information about the appointment in the Government Maternity Hospital, Madras. From them, you will see that no mention whatever is made of lecturing being part of my "ordinary duties."

When I was directed to lecture to the women students of the Medical College, I made no demur as I naturally concluded and expected that I should be paid the same teaching allowance that my predecessor, the Resident Surgeon at the Government Maternity Hospital, had received, viz., Rs. 100 per mensem.

I therefore beg to protest against the decision of the Educational Department of the Madras Government in refusing me the teaching allowance to which I consider I am entitled.

I shall continue to lecture to the women students, but do so under protest.

A.

From the Honorary Secretary, Central Committee, Dufferin Fund, Simla, to Miss VIOLET G. S. ADAMS, c/o J. Monro, Esq., C.B., Ranaghat, Eastern Bengal, dated 18th July 1900.

Lady doctor required for Government Maternity Hospital, Madras. Monthly salary Rs. 200 rising 300 probably with private practice. Would you wish name included with candidates for same? Reply.

B.

From the Government of India, Home Department, Simla, to Miss VIOLET G. S. ADAMS, c/o J. Monro, Esq., C.B., Ranaghat, Eastern Bengal, dated 3rd August 1900, No. 1518, Medical.

The Government of Madras are willing to accept you for appointment in the Maternity Hospital. Please apply to that Government which will make the formal appointment and give you the necessary instructions.

C.

From Miss VIOLET G. S. ADAMS, M.B., C.M., to the Secretary to the Government of Madras Educational Department, dated Ranaghat, Nuddea, Bengal, 3rd August 1900.

I have to-day received the following telegram from "Home, Simla":—

"No. 1518, Medical. The Government of Madras are willing to accept you for appointment in the Maternity Hospital. Please apply to that Government which will make the formal appointment and give you the necessary instructions."

In accordance with the terms of this telegram, I have the honour to place myself at your disposal and await instructions.

D.

Telegram from the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Educational Department, to Miss VIOLET ADAMS, c/o J. Munro, Esq., Ranaghat, dated Ootacamund, 8th August 1900.

500. Please report yourself for orders to the Surgeon-General at Madras.

Ref. on C. No. 15803.

Submitted to Government through the Surgeon-General with the recommendation that Miss Adams' request be granted.

11th December 1900.

(Signed) G. H. STUART,
Director of Public Instruction.

No. 686.

Forwarded and recommended that Miss Adams' request be granted.

MADRAS, (Signed) D. SINCLAIR, M.B., Surgeon-General,
14th December 1900, Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras.

ORDER—No. 60, Educational, dated 5th February 1901.

The Governor in Council is unable to recognize that Miss Adams has any claim to receive a teaching allowance. G.O., No. 894, Public, dated 13th July 1898, and the Surgeon-General's letter No. 406, dated 20th December 1899, make it evident that lecturing to the female students of the Medical College was intended to form part of the ordinary duties of the Assistant Superintendent of the Maternity Hospital, and on the receipt of G.O., No. 768, Public, dated 7th August 1900, the Surgeon-General should have instructed Miss Adams in regard to her duties before she took charge of the appointment. The Government is surprised that Surgeon-General Sinclair did not make himself acquainted with the correspondence and that he should now forward Miss Adams' memorial as if he had been unaware of what had passed on the subject.

2. A communication will now be made to the Government of India in respect to the grant of a carriage allowance to Miss Adams.

(True Extract.)

M. HAMMICK,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Director of Public Instruction.
" Surgeon-General.
" Public Department.
" Accountant-General.

LETTER—No. 61, Educational, dated Fort St. George, 5th February 1901, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department.

I am directed to request the sanction of the Government of India to the grant of a carriage allowance of Rs. 50 per mensem to Miss Violet Adams, the newly-appointed Assistant Superintendent of the Government Maternity Hospital. Miss Adams recently preferred a claim for an allowance of Rs. 100 per mensem for lecturing to the female students of the Medical College on the ground that the telegram from the Government of India, dated 18th July 1900, in which she was offered the appointment of Assistant Superintendent, was silent about the lectureship. The Governor in Council has intimated his inability to recognize this claim, but as there has been some room for misunderstanding on the subject, and as Miss Adams has to live near the Maternity Hospital and away from the College, it seems desirable that she should have some allowance to enable her to maintain a carriage.

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EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O., Nos. 60, 61, EDUCATIONAL, DATED
5TH FEBRUARY 1901.

G.Os., Nos. 894, 895, Public, dated 13th July 1898, Nos. 4, 5, Public, dated 4th January 1900, and the original of G.O., No. 768, Public, dated 7th August 1900, are required for the disposal of this current. The Public Department may be asked u.o. to furnish them.

P. T. THARYAN.
20-12-00.

A. T. PRINGLE.
21-12-00.

Public Department u.o.

Furnished.

C. SIMPSON.
21-12-00.

A. R. KNAPP.
22-12-00.

To Educational u.o..

A reference is solicited to the note stitched with G.O., No. 535, Educational, dated 26th October 1900. From the letter to the Government of India, No. 895, Public, dated 13th July 1898 (paragraph 3), and the Surgeon-General's letter No. 406, dated 20th December 1899, it is clear that lecturing to the female students of the Medical college forms part of the ordinary duties, if not the main duty, of the newly-appointed Lady Superintendent of the Maternity hospital. The Government of India should have intimated this to Miss Adams when they offered her the appointment, and even if they failed to do so the Surgeon-General should have certainly done it in accordance with paragraph 2 of G.O., No. 768, Public, dated 7th August 1900. Instead of this, however, he seems to have held out hopes to her.

2. There is, no doubt, some force in Dr. Walker's argument that Miss Adams' college duties involve heavy expenditure on carriage hire.

P. T. THARYAN.
7-1-01.

A. T. PRINGLE.
7-1-01.

The Surgeon-General's endorsement on the lady's memorial is extraordinary.

I agree. The Surgeon-General has been reprehensibly careless, but the proposed reply will suffice as modified above.

A. T. A[RUNDEL].

A.T.A.
16-1-01.

He writes as if he had never heard the lady was engaged primarily to lecture. It is submitted that the above communications may be pointed out to the Surgeon-General with an expression of surprise [that he did not make himself acquainted with the correspondence on which Miss Adams' appointment was based, and] that he should now endorse the memorial as if he never knew the lady had to lecture. Perhaps a carriage allowance might be granted, say Rs. 50 a month, if such an allowance can be granted by the Local Government. If the Government of India has to be addressed, it can be pointed out to them that the misunderstanding on the lady's part is due to their mistake.

M. HAMMICK.
7-1-01.

Honourable Member.

Public may perhaps see this before it goes in circulation.

P. T. THARYAN.
8-1-01.

Yes.

A. T. PRINGLE.
8-1-01.

Public Department u.o.

In the present state of the finances I do not think any recommendation should be made for carriage allowance in this case. It is as plain as anything can be that one of the principal objects of Miss Adams' appointment was to relieve Assistant Surgeon Falconer of the duty of lecturing to the female students, and that this was expressly pressed on the Government of India and was always contemplated as part of the duties of the newly-created appointment of Assistant Superintendent of the Maternity hospital. It nowhere appears that Miss Adams asked what the duties of the appointment were. I do not think that there has been any mistake, or that Miss Adams has been in any way misled in the matter. The saving of Falconer's teaching allowance was one of the points contemplated in making the arrangements. I think it is plain on Dr. Walker's letter that Miss Adams has no case. She accepted unreservedly the appointment of Assistant in the Maternity hospital. Teaching was one of the duties of that appointment, and so I submit she must now teach without extra remuneration. If Miss Adams does not like the bargain, she should resign.

I think the negligence of the Surgeon-General in the matter calls for comment.

G. STOKES.
9-1-01.

To Educational Department u.o.

For Secretary's perusal before circulation to the Honourable Member.

A. T. PRINGLE.
10-1-01.

Send on to the Honourable Member. I have nothing to add to the Chief Secretary's note. Carriage hire would, of course, only be given as an act of grace.

M. HAMMICK.
13-1-01.

To Finance u.o. for perusal of the Honourable Member's notes on page 1 above. A letter and order will be drafted and sent to Finance for counterinitials.

M. HAMMICK.
17-1-01.

Seen and returned with thanks.

G. STOKES.
18-1-01.

The drafts placed below may issue with the concurrence of the Public and Financial Departments.

P. T. THARYAN.
22-1-01.

Yes.

A. T. PRINGLE.
22-1-01.

M. HAMMICK.
23-1-01.

Public Department } u.o. (to be kindly passed on).
Financial Department }

[Drafts returned accepted.]

Despatch.

A. T. PRINGLE.
28-1-01.

Current No. 4024 1900

Educational (1900) Department.

/ This the Surgeon-General

CURRENT No. 1740



From

[Name] *The Hon'ble Mr. G. H. Stuart, M. A. Bar-at-Law*

[Designation] *Member of Public Instruction*

[Station] *Mumbai*



Ref. No. *15803*

Dated *11th December* 1900.

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SUBJECT.

Submitting with recommendation remarks of the Principal, Medical College on letter from this office to do with M.B. & Ch. lectures on midwifery to female students of the College regarding the teaching allowance of Rs 100 claimed by her.

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The Secretary to Government,
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