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Fort Saint George, Financial Consultation, 29th April 1859.

No. 20 Extracts from the Proceedings of the Government of India, in the Financial Department, under date the 18th March 1859, No. 2074.

Read the following:—

Office Memorandum, Foreign Department, Allahabad, the 11th January 1859, No. 102.

From G. E. POOL, Esquire, Senior Apothecary, in Medical charge Government Dispensary and Hospital, Simla, to G. F. EDMONSTONE, Esquire, Secretary to the Government of India, Foreign Department, with the Governor General, dated 20th December 1858.

There being no definite Government General Orders with reference to Senior Apothecaries (while in medical charge) relative to their staff salaries, the Civil Auditor of the Punjab has only passed my pay proper, as Senior Apothecary, for Company's Rupees 250 consolidated; requiring the sanction of Government for the staff allowance, before passing the special allowance of increase.

2. Government General Order, dated 8th September 1840, directs Apothecaries in civil medical charge to draw Company's Rupees 300, being Rupees 54-2 in addition to their pay proper; and Assistant Apothecaries 50 Rupees in addition to their pay proper: this being the only Government General Order that has been issued, relative to the subordinate medical officers holding medical charge in civil employ, and issued some six years before Senior Apothecaries were granted their service increase; it became a matter of consideration with the Civil Auditor, whether the Senior officers of the Department are entitled to their extra staff salaries when holding responsible staff appointments.

3. Mr. Foy, Senior Apothecary, while on the effective strength of the service, drew, for upwards of 14 years, staff salary of 350 whilst in the Chandney Hospital; and Mr. Daily at the College Hospital, 450 per month, without being in medical charge, which gave them, respectively, each an addition of 100 and 200 to their consolidated pay as Senior Apothecaries; and Mr. Assistant Apothecary Harrison, my predecessor, was sanctioned an increase, in addition of 80 Rupees staff per month, to his pay proper; with these precedents it emboldens me, although there is no scale laid down for Senior Apothecaries, especially for the increase. I beg you will have the goodness to submit for the favorable consideration of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General, with your recommendation, that some staff allowance may be granted to me for the medical charge of the Government Charitable Dispensary and Hospital at Simla; further, as it is a general thing that all Apothecaries in the Sub-Medical Department receive a staff allowance in addition to their pay, the Senior Apothecaries, although receiving a superior allowance for their services, should under the same rule, be brought under the same privilege.

4. I beg to add that, although a Senior Apothecary, yet my pay, at present, is less than what I drew as an ordinary Apothecary, whilst in medical charge of a Native Infantry Regiment; whereas the duties of my present charge is equally, if not greater, and certainly more confined than that of a Native Regiment. I have therefore to solicit your strong and powerful recommendation to my petition, that I may have the grant of the additional allowance of staff salary to my present pay proper as Senior Apothecary, and for which I shall be thankful.

From G. F. EDMONSTONE, Esquire, Secretary to the Government of India, with the Governor General, to G. E. POOL, Esquire, in medical charge, Simla Hospital and Dispensary, No. 101 dated Allahabad, the 11th January 1859.

I have the honor to inform you that your letter dated 20th December 1858, applying for a staff allowance for being in medical charge of the Government Charitable Dispensary and Hospital at Simla, has been forwarded to the Financial Department at the Presidency, for consideration and orders.

Ordered, that a copy of the above correspondence be sent to the Financial Department, for the purpose indicated.

Nos. 219-220, Financial Department, Fort William, the 17th January 1859.

Ordered, that a copy of the foregoing be forwarded to the Civil Auditor, Punjab, and the Civil Auditor, Fort William, for report.

Fort Saint George, Financial Consultation, 29th April 1859.

From W. P. PALMER, Esquire, Civil Auditor, Fort William; to C. H. LUSHINGTON, Esquire, Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, No. 327, dated the 1st February, 1859.

With reference to your endorsement No. 220 of the 17th ultimo, forwarding for my report copy of an office memorandum of the Foreign Department, of the 11th idem, relative to Senior Apothecary Mr. G. E. Pool's solicitation for the grant of a staff allowance for the medical charge of the Government Charitable Dispensary and Hospital at Simla, I have the honor to state for the information of His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council, that I am unable to trace the order to which Mr. Pool alludes, as having fixed the salaries of Apothecaries at 300 Rupees per mensem. The orders of 8th September 1840, published in the Calcutta Gazette of 12th idem, fix the salaries of Senior Apothecaries at 200 Rupees per mensem, and those of Assistant Apothecaries at 120 Rupees per month. Subsequently, Bengal..... 6 there was another order issued on the subject, which directed that a certain number of Senior Apothecaries as per margin, shall be permitted to Madras..... 5 draw a consolidated salary of Rupees 250 per mensem. Beyond these two Bombay..... 3 orders, I am aware of none which treat of the salaries of Warrant Officers of the Medical Department.

2. But the determination of this point is not, I presume, essential to the settlement of the question whether Mr. Pool may or may not be allowed some remuneration for being in charge of dispensaries. In Bengal and Nagpore, covenanted medical officers are allowed for such charge an allowance of Rupees 30 per mensem; Warrant Officers and Sub-Assistant Surgeons, an allowance of 20 Rupees per mensem, and Native Doctors, of Rupees 10 per mensem. These allowances are granted to the different classes of officers above enumerated, irrespective of any other emoluments that they may enjoy. Besides, the grant of Rupees 20 per mensem to Sub-Assistant Surgeons in Bengal, holding the charge of a dispensary is but an extension of the privilege enjoyed by similar officers in the Punjab, *vide* orders of Government, dated 28th February 1855. Mr. Pool therefore appears to me to pray for a concession, which as a rule, is granted to all officers of his class, in other places. The position of Apothecaries and Sub-Assistant Surgeons are not indeed strictly alike, but they are nevertheless treated in this respect as being on an equal footing, and I am of opinion that Mr. Pool may be allowed an extra allowance of Rupees 20 a month for his charge of dispensary and hospital.

3. There is no separate allowance for the charge of an hospital. In Bengal, there are certain insane hospitals, but the superintendence of these never devolves upon an uncovenanted or warrant officer. Covenanted medical officers are invariably in charge of these hospitals, and receive an allowance of Rupees 200 per mensem, in addition to their salary and dispensary allowance.

From W. J. RAINER, Esquire, Civil Auditor, Punjab; to C. H. LUSHINGTON, Esquire, Secretary to the Government of India in the Financial Department, Fort William, No. 15-110, dated Lahore, the 7th February 1859.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your office memorandum, No. 219, dated 17th ultimo, forwarding for report copy of a letter from Mr. Apothecary G. E. Pool, in medical charge of the Simla Dispensary, relative to his allowances; and in reply to furnish the following information on the subject.

2. Mr. Pool's consolidated salary as Senior Apothecary is Rupees 250 per mensem, which has been duly passed to him in the Dispensary Abstract. His claim to a higher rate of pay could not be admitted without the special sanction of Government, as there is no order on record in this Office entitling officers in the Sub-Medical Department attached to dispensaries, as a general rule, to draw any thing beyond the pay and allowances of their rank.

3. An Officer of the above class being also the Superintendent of the Dispensary to which he may be attached, would receive, under existing rules, an extra allowance of Rupees 20 per mensem, equal to what a Sub-Assistant Surgeon, similarly situated, draws under Government order 28th February 1855, but he has no claim to such allowance where there is a Civil Surgeon, who invariably holds the office of Superintendent, and draws the allowance assigned for this duty.

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The Superintendent, of the Simla Dispensary is Doctor Ross, the Civil Surgeon.

4. The Government order of 8th September 1840 (published in the *Calcutta Gazette* of the 12th idem), quoted in the 2nd paragraph of Mr. Pool's letter, lays down the allowances* admissible to Sub-Medical Officers in independent medical charge of Civil Stations, and has never in practice been held applicable by this Department to the charge of dispensaries. Even did it apply to the latter, it would still not meet Mr. Pool's case, as he already draws a consolidated salary of Rupees 250 per mensem, as Senior Apothecary.

5. The enhanced allowance (Rupees 150 per mensem) to which Mr. Pool adverts drawn by Mr. Assistant Apothecary Harrison, lately attached to the Simla Dispensary, was passed under special sanction;† otherwise he would have received only the pay and allowances of his rank.

6. I have allowed Mr. Pool the full amount (Rupees 250 per mensem) claimable by him, according to the rules in force in this Office, and it rests with the Government to decide whether or not he shall receive the higher allowance.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT RESOLUTION.

The Governor General in Council agrees with the Civil Auditor of the Punjab, as reported by that officer in his letter No. 15-110, dated 7th ultimo, that Mr. G. E. Pool, Senior Apothecary, in charge of the Dispensary at Simla, is not entitled to any extra allowance, beyond the consolidated salary of 250 Rupees per mensem, already passed to him.

The Governor General in Council does not think that any class of medical men should receive extra pay for having charge of a Dispensary, unless that charge is over and above his regular duties.

When a Sub-Assistant Surgeon's only office is the charge of a dispensary, he should only draw his regular pay.

Copy sent to the Foreign Department for information, and for communication to Mr. Pool.

Copy forwarded to the Home Department, and to the Civil Auditors, Fort William, Fort St. George, Bombay, North-Western Provinces, and the Punjab, for information and guidance.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. H. LUSHINGTON,

Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 625.

Copy forwarded to the Governments of Bengal, Fort St. George, Bombay, North-Western Provinces, and Punjab, and to the Director General of the Medical Department, for information.

By order,

(Signed) R. B. CHAPMAN,

Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

HOME DEPARTMENT,
The 29th March 1858.

No. 21. ORDER THEREON, No. 248; dated 28th April 1859.

Ordered to be communicated to the Director General of the Medical Department, and also to the Military Department, and Military Auditor General.

It is to be observed that in this Presidency the charge of a dispensary has always been regarded as over and above the regular duty of a Zillah, and has been remunerated by an extra allowance. The Government do not therefore consider, any change to be required in this respect.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,

Chief Secretary.

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