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No. 119. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 17th February 1872, No. 1187 (Miscellaneous):—

Read the following letter from the Secretary to the Inspector-General, Indian Medical Department, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Fort St. George, 1st February 1872, No. 655:—

I have the honour, with reference to paragraph 2 of Government Order, Financial Department, No. 45, of 17th January 1872, and by desire of the Inspector-General, to report to the Board of Revenue that the Assistant Apothecary at Negapatam is not attached to the Sub-Collector but to the station for affording medical relief to the local community.

2. With reference to the circumstance of the subordinate's pay not having been debited to the dispensary and only the allowance of 50 Rupees per mensem charged to it, I am to state that this has arisen from an error which appears to have found its way into the financial statement of the Annual Report on Dispensaries sometime ago and been continued in succeeding years. The error, however, does not appear in the annual Budget Estimate submitted to Government, and the charge would, therefore, be correctly debited to the Dispensary in the accounts of the Accountant-General.

3. The Inspector-General is of opinion that the following would be definite and equitable rules for deciding as to whether the emoluments of a subordinate in charge of a Civil Dispensary should be debited to Imperial or Local Funds. When the services of a subordinate are required at any station on account of Civil Establishment, Jail or Police, and he is merely incidentally in charge of a Dispensary, then his pay should be debited to Imperial Funds, and only the charge allowance fall on the Dispensary. When, on the other hand, a subordinate is placed at a station for the benefit of the inhabitants of the town and locality and his chief charge is a Dispensary, then his entire emoluments should be charged to Municipal or Local Funds.

Submitted to Government, with reference to Government Order, 17th January 1872, No. 45.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Secretary.

No. 120. ORDER THEREON, 13th March 1872, No. 299.

The Government approve generally the principle proposed by the Inspector-General for regulating the imposition of the cost of medical subordinates in charge of Dispensaries on Local and Municipal Funds, and admit that where the benefit of Provincial Services, such as Jails and Police, is a main reason for the location of a subordinate of a particular class at a particular station, Provincial Funds should contribute to the charge.

2. As, however, Hospital Assistants are the lowest class of medical officers to whom a Dispensary could be entrusted, the Government are of opinion that it would in practice be fair to rule that there should be question of distributing charge only

where Native Surgeons or Apothecaries are entertained at present, or were entertained when Dispensaries were made over to Local Boards or Municipalities; and that, when, at the request of Local or Municipal Boards, medical officers of grades above that of Hospital Assistant have since been, or may hereafter be, employed, a portion of the charge should be accepted for Provincial Services only in case special arrangements are made for the accommodation or treatment of provincial servants.

3. To apply these principles, detailed information must be before Government.

4. The Government observe that in G. O., 15th January 1872, No. 32, paragraph 5, the Inspector-General was called upon, in connexion with the subject now under discussion, to give details of the budgetted provision on account of Native Surgeons. He will now furnish a statement showing, in addition, details of the budgetted altotment for Apothecaries and Assistant Apothecaries, and will note opposite each institution his opinion as to the extent to which the charges should be provincial. Copies of the statement should be sent to the Inspectors-General of Police and Jails, and the Board of Revenue for remarks; on the receipt of which Government will pass final orders.

(True Extract.)

Officiating Chief Secretary.

Inspector-General, Indian Medical Department.
Board of Revenue.
Inspector-General of Police.
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