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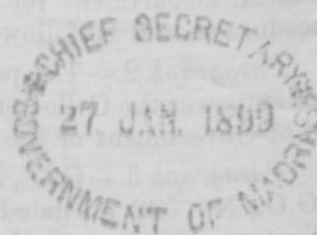
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Allowances to Nurses on Plague duty.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE PLAGUE COMMISSIONER.

READ—the following paper:—

From H. O. D. HARDING, Esq., Acting Collector of Cuddapah, to the Plague Commissioner, dated 13th January 1899, Ref. No. 342 P.

With reference to your Proceedings, Ref. on Cur. No. 134, dated 7th January 1899, I have the honour to report that a revised estimate was prepared and sent on the 5th instant, as in the statement despatched on the 4th instant, the grants sanctioned in G.O., No. 1222, Financial, dated 28th November 1898, were omitted to be entered. On a reference made to the Accountant-General, he instructed me in his letter, No. 4895, dated 5th November 1898, to show the pay of the Special Plague officer under "Provincial, 24. D. Medical—Grants for Medical Purposes, Expenses incurred on account of Bubonic Plague." Even in the statement appended to the Government Order above mentioned, the salary and allowance of the Special Plague officer are entered under "Provincial, Direct Charges" and not under "3. Land Revenue."

2. As it was remarked in your Ref. on Cur. No. 1026, dated 7th November 1898, that a superior medical officer on a higher salary than Rs. 150 should be provided for, an amount of Rs. 200 has been provided in the estimate. The actual pay of Mr. Taylor is not known, and no orders have yet been communicated to me in the account branch regarding his pay, &c. Provision has been made for one clerk and two peons for the additional medical officer as a contingency should necessity arise. The District Medical and Sanitary Officer having been supplied with tents, I have sanctioned the entertainment of one lascar under Regulation 13 of the Additional Muffassal Regulations. As the establishment list should show only the persons actually on duty, I have omitted the clerk and the three servants.

3. Provision has been made for four nurses—two for the ambulance staff at Cuddapah and two for that at Madanapalle—though three is entered in the estimate list which shows the number of persons actually on plague duty. One Mrs. Polter has been despatched by the Surgeon-General, but she has not yet arrived. The boarding allowance of Rs. 1-8-0 per diem is prescribed in G.O., No. 455 P., dated 9th May 1898. In this connection I must observe that I am most unwilling to pay this Rs. 1-8-0, boarding allowance. Rs. 145 a month is a very large salary for Eurasian nurses and for more than either the occasion requires or our finances can provide. The nurses would probably come gladly for Rs. 50 (plus ordinary travelling allowance when out with the ambulance corps). As plague seems likely to remain with us sometime, it seems to me that instead of pouring out all our spare money in paying people too well at the outset, we should carefully husband our resources and spend as little as possible. We might even arrange to pay Rs. 25 only to the nurses while not actually employed on plague duty. This amount to be raised to Rs. 50 when on duty.

PROCEEDINGS—No. 205, dated 20th January 1899.

Paragraph 1 of the Collector's letter.—The question has been referred to the Financial Department for definite orders, pending the receipt of which the existing procedure should be followed.

Paragraph 2.—The pay of Dr. Taylor is Rs. 350. Though the Plague Regulations empower the Collectors to employ certain classes of subordinates, the formal sanction of Government or the Plague Commissioner is necessary for each appointment.

Paragraph 3.—G.O., No. 455 P., dated 9th May 1898, is subject to the restrictions in G.O., No. 522 P., dated 1st June 1898, which will now be communicated to all Collectors. Nurses attached to the ambulance staff, but not on active duty, draw only Rs. 100; until they are sent to do duty in an infected village, the extra allowance will not be given. It is necessary to offer good pay to attract good nurses.

Personal Assistant
for Plague Commissioner.

To the Collector of Cuddapah (A, C, F, J, K).
" all other Collectors (A, C, F, J, K).
" the Financial Department.
" the Surgeon-General.
" the Sanitary Commissioner.
" President, Municipal Commission, Madras.

Exd. Md Phallwan.

[Appendices.]

APPENDICES.

G.O., No. 898 M., dated 13th April 1897.

Read—letter from the Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Local and Municipal Department, dated 6th April 1897, No. 199.

3. To meet these difficulties, I would request the sanction of Government to advertise for qualified midwives who, in my opinion, are quite fit for the work required of them. The Superintendent, Maternity Hospital, considers that it may be possible to secure such candidates on Rs. 100 per mensem each, and has kindly offered to make enquiries. These women may, I think, be provided with free quarters where possible, but in no case should they be given to understand that they are entitled to quarters or compensation in lieu.

Order—No. 898 M., dated 13th April 1897.

The Surgeon-General's proposal to engage midwives instead of female apothecaries or hospital assistants for plague duty at inspection stations is approved on the conditions mentioned in paragraph 3 of his first letter read above. Arrangements should be made at once for securing the services of three midwives at present to be posted to Guntakal, Arkonam and Pódanúr.

G.O., No. 455 P., dated 9th May 1898.

Order—No. 455 P., dated 9th May 1898.

European or Eurasian nurses that may hereafter be engaged for plague duty shall be paid a salary of Rs. 100 a month with a board allowance of Rs. 1-8-0 per day. They should be provided with free quarters and lights and granted travelling allowance for joining their first appointments as well as for subsequent transfers. When required to accompany search parties or to execute other plague duties entailing a considerable amount of moving about within a limited area and necessitating the frequent hiring of vehicles, they may be paid actual conveyance charges irrespective of the five miles' limit prescribed in article 1157 of the Civil Service Regulations, provided their pay is debited to Local funds.

G.O., Mis. No. 522 P., dated 1st June 1898.

Order—Mis. No. 522 P., dated 1st June 1898.

The Surgeon-General is informed that the terms sanctioned in G.O., No. 455 P., dated 9th May 1898, apply to nurses that may be employed to attend on patients in plague hospitals, to accompany search parties or to do other arduous work when plague actually breaks out. In the case of nurses required for inspection stations, the provisions of G.O., No. 898 M., dated 13th April 1897, will continue to be followed.

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