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FEBRUARY.

Plague Expenditure.

Passing orders in regard to the debit and distribution of the charges connected with the employment of military officers and troops on plague duties.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—again the following papers :—

G.O., No. 1544 M., dated 5th July 1897.

ABSTRACT.—Recording letter from the Government of India forwarding, for information and guidance, a copy of letter addressed to the Government of Bombay on the subject of the allowances to be granted to military officers and troops employed on duty connected with the plague.

G.O., No. 957, Financial, dated 27th October 1898.

ABSTRACT.—Recording telegram from the Government of Bombay intimating the method under which the emoluments of military officers on plague duty are treated in the accounts of the Bombay Presidency; and directing that the emoluments of military officers employed on plague duty in the Madras Presidency be similarly treated.

G.O., No. 1141, Financial, dated 1st December 1898.

ABSTRACT.—Recording proceedings of the Plague Commissioner communicating to the Collector of Anantapur the Accountant-General's reply to his reference regarding the debit of expenditure on troops for plague duty.

G.O., No. 173 P., dated 2nd February 1899.

ABSTRACT.—Communicating to the Plague Commissioner, the President, Municipal Commission, Madras, and the Accountant-General the orders of the Government of India on the subject of the allowances to be granted to troops employed on plague duty; and approving the Plague Commissioner's proposals regarding the supply of working clothing to troops in lieu of compensation.

READ—also the following paper :—

From the Plague Commissioner, dated 4th January 1899.

ORDER—No. 213, Financial, dated 11th February 1899.

In Home Department letter No. 673, dated 26th June 1897, to the Government of Bombay, the Government of India classified the duties performed by troops in connection with plague into two kinds :—

- (1) Sanitary duties, *i.e.*, searching, disinfecting, superintending, scavenging, &c.
- (2) Guard duty.

It laid down at the same time that guard duty is an ordinary military duty which any body of troops may be called upon to carry out and that therefore no allowances should be granted for its performance. The sanitary duties, on the other hand, it recognized as unusual, as well as disagreeable and dangerous, and it considered that officers and men who are called upon to execute such duties should receive adequate remuneration.

2. The following scale of allowances was accordingly sanctioned for the performance of sanitary duties in the Bombay Presidency :—

(1) *Combatant British Officers*.—The same rate as that admissible to officers employed on famine duty under article 101 of the Civil Service Regulations, namely, Rs. 300 a month for officers of over five years' service, and Rs. 200 a month for officers of under five years' service, together with travelling allowances admissible to members of the Indian Civil Service.

(2) *British Non-Commissioned Officers*.—Re. 1 a day.

(3) *British Privates*.—Twelve annas a day and six annas a day extra ration money.

(4) *Native Officers*.—Rs. 1-8-0 a day.

(5) *Native Non-Commissioned Officers*.—Twelve annas a day.

(6) *Sepoys*.—Eight annas a day.

3. The foregoing allowances will be similarly granted in this Presidency to all officers and troops who have been, or may be, employed on plague duties.

4. Orders have already been passed in paragraph 2 of G.O., No. 173 P., dated 2nd February 1899, regarding the supply of working clothing in lieu of compensation for wear and tear of clothing.

5. As regards the distribution of these charges, it is to be observed that the emoluments of staff corps officers deputed exclusively on plague duty are, under existing orders, treated as *direct* and debited to 24-D. MEDICAL—GRANTS FOR MEDICAL PURPOSES—*Provincial*. The allowances granted to military officers retained on the strength of their regiments, but performing plague duties without being formally transferred to the Civil Department, whose pay is borne by the Military Department, and all other expenditure due to their employment on plague duty, together with charges on account of clothing, batta to men and contingent expenditure of all kinds incurred in consequence of disinfection work will be borne by *Local* or *Municipal* funds, according to the area within which the officers and troops are employed.

6. In accordance with the foregoing rulings, the travelling allowances of the officer in charge of the detachment on guard duty at Jalarpet and all expenses connected with the moving and encampment of the troops under him will be debited to *Local*. Similarly the charges referred to in the Plague Commissioner's proceedings, No. 672, dated 14th November 1898, which would not have been incurred by the troops on disinfection duty at Guntakal but for their being engaged on this duty, will be debited to *Local*.

7. The ruling contained in the last sentence of paragraph 1 of the "General Instructions" appended to G.O., No. 698, Financial, dated 15th August 1898, viz., that the expenditure connected with troops employed on plague duty is Imperial and need not be included in the civil estimates of plague charges, is cancelled.

8. The Plague Commissioner will be requested to report to the Financial Department whenever troops are detailed for plague duty, intimating the nature of the duty in each case.

(True Extract.)

G. STOKES,
Chief Secretary.

To the Plague Commissioner.
" Local and Municipal Department.
" Public Department.
" Accountant-General.

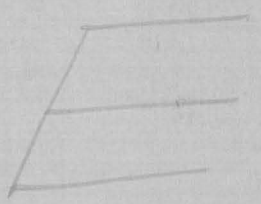
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Note for the C.A.

CURRENT No. 105

S.O. 1544 M which is stated 'will follow' was put up by the Plague Branch for another current & it is said that it won't be available for some time.

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From The Plague Commissioner
Madras.

Order

No.

Dated 4th January 1899

Received 7th — — —

Registered 9th — — —

Enclosures. 1

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SUBJECT.

Forwarding a note for the Financial Department regarding the debiting of the pay and allowances of military officers employed on plague duty.

Plague Commissioner

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1141:	1-12-98	Mis	
1122:	28-11-98	SC	
957:	27-10-98	n	
883:	13-10-98	n	
698:	15-8-98	n	
636:	23-7-98	n	
577:	4-7-98	SC	
547:	18-6-98	n	
574P:	18-5-98	n & 4m	
720:	4-9-97	crisis	

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

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NOVEMBER.

Accounts.

Communicating to the Collector of Anantapur Accountant-General's reply to his reference regarding the debit of expenditure on troops for plague duty; and requesting that all references regarding — may be forwarded to, or through, the Accountant-General.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE PLAGUE COMMISSIONER.

READ—the following papers:—

From B. MACLEOD, Esq., M.A., Bar.-at-Law, Collector of Anantapur, to the Plague Commissioner, Madras, dated 31st October 1898, R. C. No. 642.

I have the honour to state that the Sub-Magistrate on plague duty at Guntakal supplied to the sepoys employed in disinfecting houses, &c., mats required by them for flooring the tents and also bamboos for putting up kitchen sheds. They further require every day firewood to boil 10 or 12 big pots of water for disinfecting men engaged in cleaning houses. The Deputy Collector on plague duty enquires whether these items of charge can be met from the plague funds.

In slip No. 1/6 of 1st September 1898, attached to page 131 of the Plague Regulations, it is stated that all expenditure connected with troops employed on plague duty is Imperial and need not be included in the civil estimate of plague charges. I therefore request your instructions in the matter.

Ref. on C. No. 970.

Forwarded to the Accountant-General for favour of opinion.

3rd November 1898.

(Signed) M. HAMMICK,
Plague Commissioner.

From T. HESKETH BIGGS, Esq., Accountant-General, Madras, to the Plague Commissioner, Madras, dated 8th November 1898, No. 4922.

With reference to your endorsement No. 970, dated 3rd instant, on letter from the Collector of Anantapur, No. 642, dated 31st October 1898, enquiring as to how charges incurred in connection with troops employed on plague duty should be met, I have the honour to say that expenditure on mats for flooring tents and bamboos for putting up kitchen sheds for the sepoys employed in disinfecting houses, &c., at Guntakal is Imperial and should be met by Military Department, if the tents and sheds are for the use of the sepoys and not for persons under observation. The cost of firewood for preparing disinfectants is debitable to Local Funds—24 D. Grants for Medical purposes.

PROCEEDINGS—No. 672, dated 14th November 1898.

The Accountant-General's letter is communicated to the Collector of Anantapur with reference to his letter No. 646, dated 31st October 1898.

2. All references regarding account matters should be addressed to, or forwarded through, the Accountant-General.

M. HAMMICK,
Plague Commissioner.

To the Collector of Anantapur.
„ all other Collectors (A, C, J, K.).
„ the President, Municipal Commission, Madras.
„ the Financial Department,

Exd. T. K. Narayana Aiyangar.



Note for Financial Department.

Military officers and troops have for some time been employed on plague duty in this Presidency; the officers assist the ordinary district officers in supervising the observation schemes and carrying out measures for the suppression of plague, while the troops except at Jalarpet are chiefly engaged in disinfecting infected places. Under the orders of the Government of India read in G. O. No. 1544M, dated 5-7-97 and later orders referred to on pages 401 & 402 of Nathan, Vol I, the officers and troops engaged on sanitary duty are entitled to the following allowances:—

- (1) Combatant British Officers—
Rs. 300 a month for officers of over 5 years' service & Rs. 200 a month for officers of less service + travelling allowances admissible to members of the Indian Civil Service.
- (2) British Non-Commissioned Officers.
Rs. 1 a day + 6 annas a day extra ration money.
- (3) British Privates.
12 annas a day + 6 annas a day extra ration money.
- (4) Native Officers.
Rs. 1-8-0 a day.
- (5) Native Non-Commissioned Officers.
12 annas a day.
- (6) Sepoys. 8 annas a day. British & Native troops are also entitled to compensation for wear and tear of clothing at the following rates:—
- (7) British troops—

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(8) Native troops-----Rs.10.

(9) Transport followers-----Rs.5.

2. The point for consideration is what department should bear the above allowances

and also all charges which the officers &

troops would not have incurred but for

their being placed on Plague duty. The

last sentence of General Instruction I

appended to G. O.No.698, Financial, dated

15-8-98 states-"The expenditure connected

"with troops employed on plague duty is

"Imperial and need not be included in the

"Civil estimates of plague charges". It

seems necessary to cancel this ruling for-

mally with reference to G.O.No.957 Finl.

dated 27-10-98, in which it is stated that

the emoluments of Military Officers employ-

ed on Plague duty in this Presidency will be

treated in the same manner as in Bombay.

The Bombay procedure is stated to be as

follows:-

(a) Officers deputed exclusively on plague duty.

Their emoluments are paid & audited

in the Civil Department.

(b) Officers retained on strength of regi-

ments but doing plague work without

being formally transferred to the

Civil Department. Their pay alone

is paid & audited in the Military

Department, but allowances granted to

them for plague duty & all other expenditure

due to their employment on plague duty

is debited for the civil Department.

3. If this procedure is applied to this

Presidency, the pay and allowances of all

military officers named in the papers

issued in G.O.No.1112 Finl. dated 27-10-98

are

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of the disinfection parties at ~~Mattigini~~,
Guntakal, Molagavalli, the allowances alone,

but not the pay, should be charged to the

Civil Department. There is a detachment of

60 sepoys on guard duty at the Jalarpet

Inspection Station and the officer in charge

of it is not entitled to any plague allow-

ance under the orders quoted in paragraph 1,

but it is presumed that his travelling allow-

ances and all expenses connected with the

moving and encampment of the troops under

him, but not their pay, should be debited to

plague. Similarly it would seem that all

charges eg. the charges referred to in Plague

Commissioner's Proceedings No.672, dated

14-11-98, though the Accountant-General has

ruled otherwise, which would not have been

incurred by the troops on disinfection duty,

but for their being engaged on this duty, -

should also be debited to plague. The salary

& allowances of officers exclusively employ-

ed on plague duty should be paid from Provin-

cial as is now being done, but the allowance

to the second class officers as well the

charges on account of compensation for clo-

thing, batta to men, and contingent expendi-

ture of all kinds incurred in consequence of

disinfection work, may, I think, be debited to

Local.

4. If orders are issued accordingly, it

must follow that provision should be made in

the Provincial plague estimates for the item

mentioned above.

Plague Commissioner's Office,

Madras, 4th January 1899.

Plague Commissioner

C.S.

Submitted that the A.G.'s remarks may be invited w.o. The A.G. has copy of India's recent letter forwarding correspondence with Bombay (our copy is in circ), where this subject is touched upon.

N^o 114, dt 11-1-99.

C.S.B.

11-1-99

M.M.

The A.G. w.o. Mr. W. sum better if it will not create confusion here to take this opportunity to lay down the sanctioning & distribution of these charges as has been made in Bombay.

M.M.

It has been, I am sorry to say, delayed owing to the present question being having been taken up. As regards that of changing our ^{sanctioning & distribution} ~~sanctioning~~ ^{charges} ~~charges~~ make it in accord with that in Bombay, I think it will be advisable to do it. It has already been done in the Budget. No change need be made as to distribution between local boards & municipalities under the L.G. think it desirable.

M.M.

Code Class.

INDIAN



TELEGRAPHS.

Monthly Number.

To (Office)

Telephonic.

From (Office)

Message

Words.

Day.

Hour.

Minute.

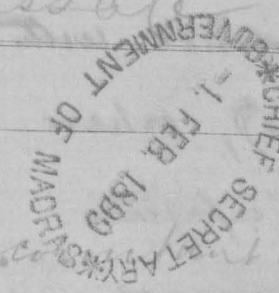
Official Instructions.

To (Person)

Chief Secretary

From (Person)

Chief Secretary



May I authorize payment of a sum to the Sepoy in plague district pending sanction, there is no objection to sanction being given. Plague Committee says same in the urgent.

64 Word Form.

F.C.2.

PA

- (1) What are these allowances?
- (2) How are any papers & when are how troops are being employed?

Chief Secretary

Recd. from

LN.

Sent to

LN.

At

Hrs.

Mts by

At

Hrs.

Mts by

Telegraph Master.

Ref: - Enquiries in the telephone below.

Financial Department

Note

(1) The allowances referred to by the Accountant General in his telephone dated 1st February 1899 are apparently ^{paid} batta to Sepoys at the rate of 8 annas per day -

(2) These troops are employed on plague duty at Puntabul, Jalapet and Madras. For Puntabul, please see f.O. No. 1141⁷ dated 1st December 1898 from which it would appear that Sepoys are employed in disinfecting houses &c.

From para 11 of f.O. No. 1264 P, dated 7th October 1897 it is understood that the Dy Assistant General, Madras Command, was requested to lend 100 Native Sepoys to the President, Madras Municipality. These Sepoys are now employed by the President, Municipal Commission, Madras.

As regards Jalapet, no papers on the subject are traceable. It is understood that there is a detachment of ⁶⁰ Sepoys at Jalapet.

Please see current No 105
from the Plague Commissioner
under disposal (7)

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* Please see current No 105
from the Plague Commissioner (G)

Note for the Secretary
Ref: — Draft order of the
Financial Dept on the
subjects of ~~below~~

(1) Allowances to military
officers and troops employed
on plague duty

(2) Compensation for wear
and tear of clothing and

(3) ~~the~~ distribution of the
above charges ~~in~~

received for Counter-
initials.

As regards (1) orders
have already issued in this
department (please see
para 1 of L.O. No. 173 P.
dt 2.2.99.)

As regards (2) it is pro-
posed in the draft order
to grant compensation to troops
on account of wear and
tear of clothing at the
same ratio sanctioned for
Bombay. In para 2 of
L.O. No. 173 P dt 2nd inst.
quoted above, the Plague
Commissioner's proposal
to supply working clothing

in lieu of compensation
for wear and tear has been
approved by Govt.

It would thus appear
that it is unnecessary
that ~~any~~ orders should
issue in Financial on (1)
& (2)

There seems to be no
objection as regards (3) the
distribution of charges.

1/2/99
L.H.



1/2/99
L.H.

(Int. Dept)

In the Cb.

Subj. that order re allowances to which officers
should issue in Int. as part of
the present draft. In any case
the issue of the order in L.H. and
without counter-initiate of
Financial (and the ^{is to} impose
changes in Post. fund also) seems
to be open to question. The L.H.
Dept order passed & merely
communicated Indian orders

on the subject to the Plague
Committee. Others. It does not
say that the allowances are
to be introduced into this
Residency; so that the L.H.
& the proposed Int. order do
not clash at all.

As regards (3) compensation
for clothing, L.H.'s order
might be treated as subsidiary
to Int.'s, but as the former has
already issued, the Int. Draft
here can be allowed in this
respect. No 390, d/7-2-99.

Cust.
7/2/99

L.H. in u. v. p. v. m. v. v.
1/2/99

Note for the Secretary

The Financial Department
wishes that its draft order re
allowances to Military officers
and troops should issue in
that department for the following
reasons -

(1) That if the L & M order
is to impose charges on Provin-
cial funds also, its issue
in L & M would be open to
question,

(2) That the L & M order
merely communicates the order
of the Government of India on
the subject, but does not say
that the allowances should
be introduced into this Presi-
dency, and

(3) That therefore the L & M
order and the Financial draft
order do not clash with
each other.

As to (1) it is submitted
that the charges imposed would
under para 4 of the Financial
draft order, be debited to
"Local" and not "Provincial"

See first part of para 4
Civil

As to (2), it was thought that
it would be sufficient merely
to communicate the order of
the Government of India, as
it has been communicated to
this Government for information
and guidance and the local
Governments have a no option
in the matter. (1)
(3) Though the two orders
cannot strictly be said to
clash with each other, the
issue of the later in the face
of the former does not appear
to be necessary.

9/2/99

To Him
There is no objection
in this Dept to order
in final

Draft No.

WT
9277



In the C.S.

Please see the amendment
of page 2 of the draft which
may now circ.

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It is not
H. M. S.

Extract from the letter from the Government of
Bombay to the Government of India, Finance and Commerce
Department, No.4870 of 1897, dated 18th November 1897.

8. As the Government of India are aware from the
correspondence ending with this Government letter in the
General Department No.5509-A-3547-A.P. dated the 11th ultimo
to the address of the Home Department, Military officers and
troops were employed in Bombay, Karachi, Sukkur, Hyderabad and
Poona and are now again employed in Poona in searching for
cases of concealed plague, conveying to hospitals those
affected, segregating those who had been subject to infection
and disinfecting houses, and they have received special allow-
ances for this duty. There seems to the Governor in Council
to be no valid reason for relieving the State of any part of
the ordinary pay of the officers and men thus engaged as their
employment on this work did not involve the loss of any service
to Government. In Bombay the special allowances may fairly be
charged wholly to the Municipality, as the garrison is
comparatively small and Colaba, where the European troops are
located, is isolated. The same rule may be applied to Sukkur
and Hyderabad. But in Poona and Karachi the protection of the
troops, which is a very important Imperial interest, was one
of the objects of the strenuous measures undertaken, and a
contribution from the State on that account seems to be fairly
due. It seems to His Excellency in Council that it will be an
equitable arrangement to charge the local bodies two-thirds
of the special allowances and to meet one-third from the
public funds. The local share for Poona will be apportioned
between the City and the Suburban Municipalities and the
Cantonment either on the basis of population or of income. With
the exception of the five places mentioned above troops were
not employed to any material extent in connexion with the
plague operations, though a detachment from Baroda ^{was} ~~was~~ for
a short time stationed at Pandar in Surat for police duty, and
a party of seven non-commissioned officers and men is now
working at Karad. Whatever additional allowances are granted
in

in these cases may be dealt with on the principle proposed for Bombay and Sukkur.

from
Extract from the letter of the Government of India, Finance and Commerce Department, Accounts and Finance/Estimates and Accounts to the Government of Bombay, Financial Department No.5551 A, dated 29th December 1897:-

4. The Government of India agree, however, that the cost of inspection and observation of travellers by sea and by land, and of segregation and medical treatment of such as are affected or suspected to be affected by the plague, so far as it can be separated from expenditure on the sanitary measures above described may be accepted as part of the general measures undertaken on the part of the State. They also accept the general ^{principles} ~~measures~~ laid down in paragraphs 6, 7 and 8 of your letter, provided that they are strictly applied with due regard to the interests of the general tax-payer on the one hand and of the municipal tax-payer on the other.

Extract from the letter from the Government of Bombay to the Government of India, Finance and Commerce Department No. 2 305, dated 23rd May 1898.

In paragraph 6 of my letter No.4870, dated 18th November 1897, on the subject of the ^{apportionment} ~~appointment~~ between the State and the local bodies concerned of the expenditure incurred in this Presidency in connexion with the plague, it was stated that the pay and allowances of medical and other officers who had been specially deputed on plague duty to particular towns or for whom it had been necessary to create temporary appointments for duty in them, would be a legitimate charge against the funds of the local bodies concerned. This principle was accepted by the Government of India in Mr. Officiating Deputy Secretary Meyer's letter No.5551-A, dated 29th December 1897. The Governor in Council, however, now considers that the emoluments of officers whether belonging to the ^{the Indian Staff Corps, the Indian Medical Service or the Army Medical Service} Indian Civil Service, and of superior officers of the Forest, Survey, Customs

Customs, Salt and other Departments, deputed wholly or in addition to their own duties to perform plague duty, as well as the emoluments of nurses and medical men sent out from England, should be borne entirely by Government with effect from the date of the commencement of the plague duty in the mofussil and from a like date subsequent to the end of June 1897 in the Presidency Town.

Extract from the letter from the Government of India, Finance and Commerce Department to the Government of Bombay, Financial Department No.4547 A, dated 15th October 1898.

I am further to add that in modification of the orders contained in the letters from this Department, No. 2764 A, dated the 21st June 1898, and No.3183 A, dated the 20th July 1898, the Government of India have been pleased to decide that expenditure on account of the salaries &c of officers of Government in various Departments, including doctors and nurses procured from England, who have been specially deputed wholly or in addition to their own duties, to plague duty should be met after September, entirely out of the Government funds and should not be charged directly upon the funds of Municipalities or local bodies. The Accountant-General will be instructed to adjust the expenditure in the Government books under appropriate heads.

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11. In paragraph 8 of its letter on page 4 of the current the Govt. of Bombay suggested, and in paragraph 4 of its letter on page 7 the Govt. of India agreed, that the special allowances of military officers and troops employed in searching for cases of concealed plague conveying to hospitals those affected, segregating those who had been subject to infection and disinfecting houses, should ordinarily be charged to municipalities, except in places where the protection of the troops is one of the objects of the measures undertaken, in which case a contribution of one-third from public funds should be made. This decision is, it is thought, also modified by that in para 4 of the Govt. of India letter on page 45 of the current, for it will be seen from para 1 of the letter from the Govt. of Bombay, dated 23rd May 1898, on page 11 of the current, that the proposal which the Govt. of India finally sanctioned included the suggestion that the emoluments of officers of the Indian Staff Corps should be borne entirely by Govt. Apparently if soldiers are employed on these duties, their special allowances should be borne by the local bodies concerned.

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How are these met here. I cannot remember and no plague budget is put up. Our charges on this account have hitherto been very small and are not likely to be large.

(Intld) G.S.
5-1-99

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KCO. 4. 29

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Financial Department

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- G.O. No. 173 P. 4 2. 2. 99. (P)

Read also G. No. 105, from the Plague Commissioner, dated 4th Jan. '99. (2)

*Let Mr. In c.i. as
order in the permit ask
understand it be raising in
that Dept. also
Cent*

*H. M. +
H. S. The Secy*

ORDER:-
P.S.

no 213 of 11-2-99

*Order by CS
to issue*
G.O.No. 1544 M., dated 5-7-97.

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10.2.99*

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*Note The intmgs have appear
to follow the decision of
India as contained in the
circulars from the recent
letter flagged*

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(2) British non-commissioned officers—Rs.1 a day.

(3) British Privates—12 annas a day, and 6 annas a day extra ration money.

(4) Native Officers, Rs.1-8 a day.

(5) Native Non-Commissioned officers—12 annas a day.

(6) Sepoys, 8 annas a day.

3. The foregoing allowances will be similarly granted in this Presidency to all officers and troops who have been, or may be, employed on plague duties.

Officers have already been paid in para 2 of Sp. No. 173 P.O. 2.286 regarding the supply of working clothing in lieu of compensation for wear & tear of clothing

W.C. Norton V.C.I. p. 402.

The following rates have also been sanctioned in Bombay for British & Native troops and transport followers employed on plague duty:-
British troops - Rs. 15 per man
Native " " " 10 " "
Transport followers - Rs. 5 " "

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5. As regards the distribution of these charges, it is to be observed that the emoluments of staff corps officers deputed exclusively on plague duty are, under existing orders, treated as direct and debited to 24 D - MEDICAL - GRANTS FOR MEDICAL PURPOSES - Provincial. The allowances granted to military officers retained on the strength of their regiments, but performing plague duties without being formally transferred to the Civil Dept., whose pay is borne by the Military Dept., and all other expenditure due to their employment on plague duty, together with charges on account of ~~compensation for wear and tear~~ of clothing, batta to men and contingent expenditure of all kinds incurred in consequence of disinfection work will be borne by Local or Municipal funds, according to the area within which the officers and troops are employed.

6. In accordance with the foregoing rulings, the travelling allowances of the officer in charge of the detachment on guard duty at Jallarpet and all expenses connected with the moving and encampment of the troops under him will be debited to Local. Similarly the charges referred to in the Plague Commissioner's proceedings No. 672, dated 14th November 1898, which would not have been incurred by the troops on disinfection duty at Guntakal but for their being engaged on

on this duty, will be debited to Local.

7. The ruling contained in the last sentence of para. 1 of the "General Instructions" appended to G.O. No. 698, Financial, dated 15th August 1898, viz. that the expenditure connected with troops employed on plague duty is Imperial and need not be included in the Civil Estimates of plague charges, is cancelled.

7. The Plague Commr. will be requested to ^{report} ~~intimate~~ to the Financial Dept whenever troops are detailed for plague duty, intimating the nature of ^{the} ~~the~~ duty in each case.

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