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Plague expenditure

Approving, subject to certain modifications, the draft circular proposed by the A. G. calling on collectors to submit detailed statements showing the transfers to be made from Local and Municipal to Provincial on account of — during 1898-99.

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NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O., No. 698, FINANCIAL, DATED 16TH JUNE 1899.

SUBJECT.

Circular proposed by the Accountant-General calling on Collectors to submit detailed statements showing the transfers to be made from LOCAL and MUNICIPAL to PROVINCIAL on account of Plague expenditure during 1898–99.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

LETTER from the Accountant-General, No. T.-General 104—1983, dated 26th May 1899.

NOTE—

The circular proposed to be issued by the Accountant-General to Collectors seems generally to represent correctly the intention of Government as laid down in G.Os., Nos. 479, 615 and 616, Financial, dated 4th April, 17th and 18th May 1899, respectively.

The second sentence of paragraph 3 of the proposed circular is an addition made by the Accountant-General to the express wording of G.O., No. 616, Financial, dated 18th May 1899. It deals with three matters—

(1) The salaries and allowances of medical subordinates.

(2) Extra expenditure on account of troops.

(3) Salaries and allowances of Government officers allowed to temporarily take up appointments under Local bodies.

As to (1) it is submitted that the wording is vague in view of the fact that the pay of medical subordinates employed at railway Inspection stations is debited to Provincial, while that of the medical subordinates at the road frontier inspection stations is debited to LOCAL.

This is however, made clear in paragraph 1 of the Accountant-General's proposed circular.

(Intld.) C.M.S.

As regards No. (2). it has already been decided in G.O., No. 213, Financial, dated 11th February 1899, paragraph 5, that the expenditure on account of troops employed on plague duty shall be debited to LOCAL or MUNICIPAL according to the area in which they are employed.

As regards No. (3), the expression "Government officers" seems also to be somewhat vague. But the qualification at the end of the sentence "such as plague supervisorships" would seem to restrict the meaning of the expression to subordinate Government officers such as Revenue Inspectors, Salt Sub-Inspectors, &c., on plague duty under Local Boards.

A draft telegram will be submitted if the above note is approved.

(Intld.) P.S.
29-5-99.

For the C. S.

As regards the second sentence of paragraph 3 of the Accountant-General's proposed circular, the wording of the last sentence of G.O., No. 616, Financial, dated 18th May 1899, followed that of paragraph 4 of Finance and Commerce Department, No. 4547 A, dated 15th October 1898 (on page 23 of G.O., Nos. 261, 262, Financial, dated 18th February 1899). It will be seen from the correspondence which ended in the ruling (*vide* pages 4, 7, 9, 16 and 17 of that order), that the ruling was intended to apply to officers in the *superior* grades. It would make matters quite clear if the Accountant-General in paragraph 3 of his circular adopted the wording of paragraph 1 of the letter from the Government of Bombay on page 9 of G.O., Nos. 261, 262, Financial, dated 18th February 1899, embodying the ruling as regards troops contained in paragraph 5 of G.O., No. 213, Financial, dated 11th February 1899.

Yes.
(Intld.) G.S.
31-5-99.
(Intld.) A.T.A.

Paragraph 3 of the Accountant-General's proposed circular might then be remodelled as follows:—

"As regards expenditure incurred "otherwise than at railway inspection "stations, ports, road frontier inspection "stations, and in observation circles the "salaries and allowances (including travelling allowance) of officers whether "belonging to the Indian Civil Service, "the * Indian Staff Corps (?), the Indian "Medical Service, or the Army Medical "Service, and of superior officers of the "Forest, Survey, 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 procured "from England, should be met entirely "out of Provincial funds and should not "be charged directly to the funds of "Municipalities or Local bodies. The "extra expenditure on account of troops "employed on plague duty should be "debited to Local or Municipal funds "according to the area within which the "troops are employed."

* Please see below.
(Intld.) C.M.S.

There is, however, a doubtful point here on which orders are necessary. In paragraph 5 of G.O., No. 213, Financial, dated 11th February 1899, it was ruled that the emoluments of Staff Corps Officers deputed *exclusively* on plague duties should be treated as direct Provincial expenditure, and that 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 should be borne by *Local* or *Municipal* funds, according to the area within which the officers and troops are employed.

The Accountant-General's present circular as well his other circular under separate disposal propose to treat the extra allowances of Military *officers* as debitable to Provincial whether they are exclusively employed on plague duty or not, the extra allowances of *men* deputed for plague duty being debited to Local or Municipal according to the area in which they are employed. The Accountant-General and the Plague Commissioner apparently consider that the principles laid down by the Government of India in the papers recorded in G.O., No. 261, Financial, dated 18th February 1899, supersede those laid down in the earlier order of the 11th February. It will be seen, however, from the original of G.O., No. 213, Financial, dated 11th February 1899, that these rulings of the Government of India were considered at the time. The distribution there laid down followed the proposals of the Plague Commissioner (*vide* conclusion of paragraph 3 of his note, dated 4th January 1899). Orders are solicited as to whether the Accountant-General's interpretation is to be accepted.

For orders specially.
(Intld.) G.S.
31-5-99.

To follow the Government of India ruling has considerable advantages under the existing circumstances.
(Intld.) G.S.
31-5-99.

Better follow the Government of India ruling.
(Intld.) A.T.A.

As indicated by the Chief Secretary, the following paragraph might be added after the Accountant-General's present paragraph 1:—

"It should be noted, however, that "the charges at road frontier inspection "stations and in observation circles will "remain *Local* or *Municipal*, according to "the area in which the inspection stations "and observation circles are situated"

The Accountant-General might add at the end of his circular:

"The foregoing principles should "also be observed when submitting to "Government future Plague establishment "lists and quarterly estimates."

(Intld.) C.M.S.
30–5–99.

(Intld.) G.S.
31–5–99.

To the Local and Municipal Department U.O.

(Intld.) G.S.
31–5–99.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

NOTE—

In view of the fact that the orders issued in G.Os., Nos. 479, 615 and 616, Financial, dated 4th April 1899, and 17th and 18th May 1899, respectively, are intended to relieve Local and Municipal funds, as far as possible, from liability to plague expenditure, it is submitted that the interpretation of the Accountant-General regarding the debit of the extra allowances of military *officers* and *men* deputed for plague duty may be accepted, as affording a further measure of relief to Local and Municipal funds.

2. In paragraph 2 of the Accountant-General's proposed circular, the words "and by land" should be inserted after the words "by sea" with reference to paragraph 2 of G.O., No. 479, Financial, dated 4th April 1899.

3. The ruling in paragraph 1 of G.O., No. 615, Financial, dated 17th May 1899, that "road frontier inspection stations and observation circles afford protection which is local in its character" and that expenditure in connection with them should therefore be debited to Local or Municipal funds as the case may be, is, it is submitted, inconsistent with paragraphs 2 and 3 of G.O., No. 479, Financial, dated 4th April 1899, under which the cost of inspection and observation of travellers *by land* should be accepted as part of the general measures undertaken on the part of the State and paid for from Provincial funds, and with paragraph 2 of G.O., No. 547, Financial, dated 18th June 1898, in which the Government admitted that the measures adopted in the districts on the frontiers of Bombay, Hyderabad and Bengal while primarily benefiting those districts themselves as being nearest the seat of infection, had at the same time the direct result of protecting other portions of the Presidency as well. In this connection attention is also invited to paragraph 1 of G.O., No. 1037 P., dated 8th September 1898, which runs as follows:—

"The Collector misapprehends the "object of placing the Kurnool district "'under observation' and of organizing "observation circles along its northern "frontier. It was not simply to protect "the Kurnool district, but to protect the "Presidency generally."

4. It is understood that the Financial Department considers that it is not intended by G.O., No. 615, Financial, dated 17th May 1899, that the charges on account of road inspection stations and observation circles in frontier districts should be borne entirely by the Local Boards of the districts in which they are incurred, but that the greater portion of the expenditure will be required to be contributed by the other districts of the Presidency rateably to their annual receipts in pursuance of paragraph 3 of G.O., No. 547, Financial, dated 18th June 1898. It is submitted that this procedure will be entirely wrong. If, on the one hand, these charges are held to be general in their character, as argued in paragraph 3 of this note, they should be debited to Provincial Funds under G.O., No. 479, Financial, dated 4th April 1899. On the other hand, if they are held to be Local in their character, as stated in G.O., No. 615, Financial, dated 17th May 1899, no portion of them could be debited to the Local Boards of the other districts, because under paragraphs 2 and 3 of G.O., No. 547, Financial, dated 18th June 1898, only charges which have the direct result of protecting other portions of the Presidency as well, should be so distributed. Moreover, under section 118 of the Local Boards Act, a Local Board of any area can contribute towards the expenditure incurred by a Local Board of any other area, only if such expenditure is calculated to benefit the inhabitants of the former area.

(Intld.) V.R.
5–6–99.

(Intld.) M.H.
7–6–99.

To the Financial Department U.O.

I agree with the C.S.

(Intld.) A.T.A.
14–6–99.

I think the Chief Secretary's views should be followed.

(Intld.) M.H.
(„) A.T.A.

Somebody has put in "by land" in pencil in the Accountant-General's Circular. It will mislead Collectors at once who will think that road frontier stations are to be Provincial which is *not* the case.

The words "by land" should be omitted.

(Intld.) M.H.
(„) A.T.A.
14–6–99.

B

This is a matter in which Local and Municipal need not interfere. If Financial think that Frontier Local Fund Board expenditure on plague should be distributed on all Boards we need not object.

(Inltd.) M.H.

R

Local and Municipal have no objection to proposed circular.

(Intld.) M.H.
7–6–99.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

Note for the C.S.—

Paragraph 1 *of the Local and Municipal Department office-note* (*page* 4).—This accepts the proposal of the Accountant-General dealt with on page 3 *supra* of the first financial note.

Paragraph 2 *of the Local and Municipal Department office-note* (*page* 4) *and the Secretary's side note.*—The addition of the words "and by land" in pencil appears to have been made in the Local and Municipal office. As pointed out by the Secretary, the additional words would cause confusion.

Paragraph 3 *of the Local and Municipal Department office-note* (*page* 4).—The argument here is that the cost of road frontier inspection stations and observation circles should be *Provincial*, since the Government of India has laid down that the cost of inspection and observation of travellers by land *, *so far as it can be separated from the cost of measures taken with reference to a municipal area . . . for the prevention of the spread of the disease* . . . . . should be accepted as a Provincial charge. These inspection stations are, it is admitted, *primarily* for the benefit of the districts in which they are established, although they also benefit the Presidency generally. This being so, it seems quite fair to treat their cost as *Local*. Railway inspection stations are on a different footing. They are established at convenient centres and intercept passenger traffic to and from all parts of the Presidency. It is clear, moreover, that the inspection at a road frontier station does not touch travellers who are likely to travel much beyond the confines of the district in which the frontier station is situated. It is also submitted that if this matter is to be satisfactorily settled and freed from all complications there must be a *broad* line of division—a rule without any exceptions—and that it would therefore be undesirable to rule that road frontier inspection stations in Kurnool should be *Provincial*, whilst similar stations in Salem are to be *Local*.

Paragraph 4 *of the Local and Municipal Department office-note* (*page* 5).—This raises the point whether the existing distribution amongst all the districts in the Presidency of the charges incurred by District Boards in frontier and railway inspection districts should be continued. The ruling is contained in paragraphs 2 and 3 of G.O., No. 547, Financial, dated 18th June 1898. This point was raised in the Financial office-note in G.O., Nos. 261, 262, Financial, dated 18th February 1899 (the original is not available) on India's pronouncement that "a municipal body owes to its neighbours "to prevent the spread of infection from "itself to them, and cannot expect them to "meet the cost of carrying out this duty, "merely because they benefit by its not "being neglected"—paragraph 4 of India's letter on page 7 of G.O., Nos. 261, 262, Financial, dated 18th February 1899. It was decided, however, to let the present practice continue. Now that the existence of a railway inspection station in a district does not really affect the *Local* expenditure, it does not appear to be necessary to debit three-fourths of the expenditure in a district with a railway inspection station to other districts rateably to their receipts, and this portion of the distribution might be done away with. As regards frontier districts proper, the argument in the Local and Municipal Department office-note as regards the discontinuance of the present practice appears to be sound. It is to be remembered that these District Boards will receive from the three lakhs grant available this year, sums based on their plague expenditure so that the *frontier* District Boards will not be really affected by this change, so far as the past is concerned.

Local and Municipal accepts the proposed circular. It is desirable that very early orders should issue to the Accountant-General on it as the financial position of District Boards as regards plague depends upon the orders now passed. The question of *Port* charges is under discussion and the Accountant-General might be told, if decisions on other points are arrived at, that no action should be taken as regards *Port* charges except so far as Tuticorin is concerned—pending further orders.

(Intld.) C.M.S.
8-6-99.

Await the other large file now with Local and Municipal.

(Intld.) G. S.
8-6-99.

H.M.

Since it has been decided to go to India on the big file above referred to it is very desirable to get the minor questions arising in this settled quickly.

(Intld.) G. S.
14-6-99.

* Paragraph 4 of Government of India letter on page 7 of G.O., Nos. 261, 262, Financial, dated 18th February 1899.

The words italicised are important and appear to have been overlooked in the Local and Municipal office-note.

(Intld.) G.S.
14-6-99.

B

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Of course the cost of a railway inspection station will not be distributed. It is no longer Local.

(Intld.) G. S.
14-6-99.

A

I do not concur with *A*. I think the question of distribution should be let alone and should not be opened. The fact that a district has a railway inspection station in it signifies that it is specially threatened and is an outpost and it has, I think, a claim to be relieved of some of the cost of keeping plague out.

(Intld.) G. S.
14-6-99.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

LETTERS from the Accountant-General, No. 1983, dated 26th May 1899 and No. T-General 126—2483, dated 9th June 1899.

For the C.S.—

This file relates to the distribution of plague charges as between *Provincial* and *Local* and is distinct from the question of the classification of plague charges as *Direct* and *Indirect*. On this latter point it has been decided to go to India. The first letter from the Accountant-General read above contains a draft circular which he proposes to issue to all Collectors, and in the second letter he asks for early orders on this circular so that he may obtain the necessary information from District officers and make the necessary adjustments between *Provincial* and *Local* before the books of his office for 1898–99 are closed. This information is also required by Local and Municipal in order to enable it to distribute the three lakhs among Local Boards and Municipalities and to ascertain whether these bodies will require any loans this year.

The notes on pages 2—4 above make certain proposals regarding this circular and these proposals have practically been accepted by the Local and Municipal Department—*vide* Secretary's notes on page 4 of the notes.

(Intld.) C.M.S.
14–6–99.

Draft.

(Intld.) G.S.
15–6–99.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

C. No. 1069-P. Letter from the Collector of South Arcot reporting the reasons for showing a portion of the establishment charges at the inspection station at Tiruvannámalai under *Municipal* in the list of plague establishments in the South Arcot district for April 1899, &c.

Draft order thereon.

(1) * * *

(2) "The whole of the cost of the "Inspection station should be debited to "Provincial.

(3) "The Government agrees with "the Collector that the charges for the "inspection of vessels arriving at Cuddalore should be treated as charges required "for local control."

SUBJECT.

The question whether charges incurred in connection with the plague at ports should be debited to PROVINCIAL or LOCAL.

To the Financial Department for c.i.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

NOTE—

Paragraph 2 *of the Local and Municipal draft* regarding charges incurred in connection with railway inspection stations.

In G.O., No. 479, Financial, dated 4th April 1899, it was ruled that the expenditure at the railway inspection stations should be treated as PROVINCIAL; and in G.O., No. 615, Financial, dated 17th May 1899, it was laid down that the cost of construction and maintenance of plague camps at the railway inspection stations and of the subordinate staff employed at these camps should be debited to PROVINCIAL—*Direct*. It will thus be seen that the whole of the cost of the inspection stations is debited to Provincial.

Paragraph 2 of the draft is correct.

Paragraph 3 of the Local and Municipal draft regarding charges at the port of Cuddalore.

The Collector of South Arcot considers that the charges for the inspection of vessels arriving at Cuddalore should be treated as LOCAL inasmuch as there is no passenger traffic to speak of and the inward goods traffic is almost entirely Local. He further states that the vessels are inspected at the Cuddalore port to prevent importation of infection from Calcutta and other infected ports. The Local and Municipal Department agrees in the view expressed by the Collector.

In paragraph 4 of letter from the Government of India, Finance and Commerce Department, No. 5551-A, dated the 29th December 1897, recorded in G.O., No. 261, Financial, dated 18th February 1899, it was laid down that the cost of inspection and observation of *travellers* by sea should be regarded as part of the general measures undertaken on the port of the State but nothing was stated about the inspection of vessels. As, however, it is remarked that the inwards goods traffic is almost entirely local, the charges seem debitable to LOCAL.

Please see note at end.
(Intld.) C.M.S.

It is doubtful whether such charges should not correctly be debited to PORT

AND MARINE FUNDS. The heads of expenditure as given in the estimates under PORT AND MARINE FUNDS are (1) plague patrol establishment, (2) fees to Health Officers, (3) boat-hire for the inspection of vessels.

Vide G.O., No. 569, Financial, dated 3rd May 1899.

(Intld.) P.S.
1-6-99.

Note for the C.S.—

The second point raises the question whether the cost of plague preventive measures at *all* ports should be Provincial. In paragraph 5 of G.O., No. 479, Financial, dated the 4th April 1899, it was decided to treat the entire charges incurred at the port of Tuticorin as *Provincial*, on the ground that the measures undertaken there are measures of general control.

In the present case the Collector of South Arcot and the Local and Municipal Department consider that since the inwards goods traffic from the port of Cuddalore is almost entirely Local, the cost of plague preventive measures at that port should be *Local.*

In the case of railway inspection stations, no distinction, based on the amount or the direction of traffic, has been made—expenditure at all these stations has been treated as *Provincial.* So also expenditure at *all* road frontier inspection stations has been treated as *Local.*

It is submitted that if any Local Fund bears expenditure of this description at ports, it should be the *Port Funds* and not the *Local Funds* constituted under Act V of 1884.

In favour of the proposal to debit Port Funds with some of this expenditure it is to be noted that they derive direct benefit from the ports in the shape of port dues and fees. But it is submitted that the point from which the question should be viewed is that of the *protection from plague* which is afforded by preventive measures undertaken at ports. The Madras port can well afford to bear such charges as may fall on it, but the inspection of vessels, &c., which is now carried out at that port protects the whole Presidency. The same may be said of all other ports. On these grounds it is submitted that expenditure at all ports should be made *Provincial.* It will be better, it is submitted, to lay down a broad rule and not to allow exceptions to it.

The order on this paper, like all orders affecting distribution of expenditure on plague, should issue in *Financial.* Any departure from this principle will produce complications.

(Intld.) C.M.S.
3-6-99.

I quite concur.

(Intld.) G.S.
14-6-99.

(Intld.) A.T.A.
14-6-99.

FURTHER NOTES.

The estimates under "Port Funds" are furnished by Collectors in the plague estimates received from them. It is not clear as to who furnishes the information to Collectors. The estimates are given below "Municipal". Perhaps the Municipalities concerned get the estimates from Port authorities and furnish them to Collectors.

There are only four districts from which the estimates under "Port Funds" are received—South Canara, Gódávari, South Arcot and Malabar. The headings given in the estimates are—

(1) Plague patrol establishment.
(2) Fees to Health officers.
(3) Boat-hire for the inspection of vessels.

There is no special patrol establishment at any port except that two boatmen are engaged for patrol duty in connection with quarantine regulations at the port of Mangalore at a total cost of Rs. 14. In Gódávari a sum of Rs. 5 is paid to the assistant health officer for each vessel inspected. These are debited to "Port Funds". The establishment list of the Malabar district shows under *Municipal* an Assistant Surgeon on Rs. 100 + 60 (allowance) engaged for inspection of vessels. The pay and allowance of this officer is met in equal proportion between (*a*) Provincial and (*b*) Municipal and Local Funds. This expenditure should be treated as entirely PROVINCIAL in accordance with the recent orders on the subject.

G.O., No. 1368, Public, dated 11th November 1898.

Again, hospital assistants are, for instance, employed at the ports of (1) Cannanore, (2) Tellicherry and (3) Cochin for inspecting vessels coming from plague-infected parts. At the port of Tellicherry the hospital assistant is employed also to supervise the giving of disinfecting baths to persons arriving by such vessels. The charges in these cases are shown under MUNICIPAL in the establishment list. There is a civil apothecary on Rs. 100 + 50 in charge of plague camp at the port of

Mangalore. His pay is being met from MUNICIPAL funds. An hospital assistant is also employed at the Cuddalore Old Town for the inspection of vessels and his pay is paid by the Municipality.

(Intld.) P.S.
5–6–99.

Plague Accountant—

But what do the *Madras* Establishment Lists show? This is *the* point I told you to look up.

(Intld.) C.M.S.
6–6–99.

C.A.

Copies of the latest establishment lists received from the President, Municipal Commission, Madras, and from the Commissioner of Police, Madras, are put up.

In the former no hospital assistants are shown as having been engaged for the inspection of vessels at the port of Madras. An Assistant Health officer on Rs. 350 is shown in the list as being in charge of conservancy. Twenty-four overseers on Rs. 15 each are also shown as doing conservancy work. It is not clear whether any of these officers inspect the vessels at the Madras port.

From the list submitted by the Commissioner of police it is understood that certain police constables are employed for the purpose of boarding the steamers in quarantine.

(Intld.) P.S.
6–6–99.

For the C.S.—

Submitted. The information as regards Madras is, it is regretted, not procurable from our lists. *Marine* might, perhaps, be asked to state what extra plague establishments are maintained in connection with the port of Madras and from what funds these establishments are paid.

(Intld.) C.M.S.
6–6–99.

No. 1514, dated 7th June 1899.

To the Marine Department (U.O.) with a request that if possible the information asked for may be supplied.

(Intld.) G.S.
7–6–99.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

No. 285 E., dated 8th June 1899.

The information is not available here. It has been called for from Madras.

(Intld.) R.P.

(Intld.) W.B.DEW.
8–6–99.

To the Financial Department, U.O.

Office-note to the Presidency Port Officer, dated Ootacamund, 8th June 1899, No. 286 E.

Please state what extra establishment, if any, is maintained at the port of Madras in connection with plague preventive measures, and from what funds it is paid.

(Intld.) W. B. DEW.

PRESIDENCY PORT OFFICE.

No. 949—207-G., dated 12th June 1899.

There is no extra establishment maintained at present. A proposition statement from the Chairman, Harbour Trust Board, for a tindal and five boatmen for a boat, during the continuance of the Plague Regulations, has been submitted to Government with this office endorsement No. 949—370-G., dated 21st October 1898, as a charge against Port Funds.

(Intld.) T.G.R.F.,
Presy. Port Officer.

No. 298 E., dated 14th June 1899.

Transferred to the Financial Department in continuation of endorsement No. 285 E., dated 8th June 1899.

(Intld.) W. B. DEW.

To the Financial Department U.O.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

For the C.S.—

Please see the Presidency Port Officer's reply, dated the 12th. The only plague charges incurred at Madras and debited to Port funds are the cost of a tindal and five boatmen for a boat.

The question of the treatment of charges at ports enters into the Accountant-General's proposed circular regarding

*Local and Provincial plague charges** which has just been submitted separately. As it is important that that circular should issue as early as possible it is submitted that orders on this point may issue at once.

(Intld.) C.M.S.
14-6-99.

H.M.

Please see marginal notes above.

There seems to be no good ground at all to charge the cost of inspection of vessels arriving at Cuddalore to Local, *i.e.*, to Local Board Funds. The only question seems to be whether the charges should be Provincial or Port Fund charges. In the case of Tuticorin such charges have been taken to Provincial on general grounds. I would advocate this in the case of all ports. Looking at section 36 of Act X of 1889, I doubt whether the cost of plague establishments can be charged to Port funds unless such establishments are brought upon "the establishment of the port," *i.e.*, one regularly entertained and paid by the Port authorities. Since these charges are so small I think it will be better to have one rule and make them all Provincial.

(Intld.) G.S.
14-6-99.

I agree.

(Intld.) A.T.A.
14-6-99.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

For the C.S.—

Submitted that the paper below may be returned to the Local and Municipal Department, with the intimation that, with reference to paragraph 3 of the draft order, it has been decided to treat charges at all ports as PROVINCIAL and that all orders affecting distribution of expenditure on plague such as those referred to in paragraphs 2 and 3 of the draft order should issue in the *Financial Department*. An extract from the notes on the latter point is attached for information:—

Extract.

"The order on this paper, like all orders affecting distribution of expenditure on plague, should issue in *Financial*. Any departure from this principle will produce complications."

(Intld.) C.M.S.
13-6-99.

"I quite concur."

(Intld.) G.S.
14-6-99.

(Intld.) A.T.A.
14-6-99.

(Intld.) G.S.
16-6-99.

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* Distinct from the circular regarding Direct and Indirect charges regarding which a reference is to go to India.

No. 1607, dated 16th June 1899.

To the Local and Municipal Department
U.O.

(Intld.) G.S.
16-6-99.

SUBJECT.

Cost of additions to the office establishment of the District Medical and Sanitary Officers should be debited to PROVINCIAL or to LOCAL.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

Endorsement from the Public Department, dated 10th May 1899, transferring letter from the Surgeon-General, No. T-8/105, dated 14th April 1899, forwarding proposition statement in duplicate for the entertainment of a clerk in the office of the Additional District Medical and Sanitary Officer, the Nilgiris.

NOTE—

The point for decision in the current under disposal is whether the cost of additions to the office staff of District Medical and Sanitary Officers should be debited to PROVINCIAL or to LOCAL. In G.O., No. 698, Financial, dated 15th August 1898, it has been ruled that such charges should be debited to 24-A. MEDICAL ESTABLISHMENT. The Accountant-General, while verifying the proposition statement received with the current, remarks that,
X under G.O., No. 479, Financial, dated 4th April 1899, the charge appears to be debitable to *Local* funds, the establishment being required for purposes of *Local* control. In his circular regarding the distribution and classification of plague charges, he suggests that cost of additions to the office staff of District Medical and Sanitary Officers for plague duty should be
Y debited to *Local* funds like the permanent office staff.

Submitted that the Accountant-General's view last referred to is correct. As the cost of the permanent office staff is debitable to *Local* funds it is reasonable that the cost of temporary additions for plague purposes should also be debited to the same head.

(Intld.) P.S.
17-5-99.

For the C.S.—

The Accountant-General's first reason (*X* above) is, it is submitted, not sound; since G.O., No. 479, Financial, dated the 4th April 1899, laid down the *general* principles which were to be applied to the *particular* cases of railway inspection stations there discussed.

The second reason (*Y* above) is more to the point; but on the other hand, the debit of additional plague establishments may well follow the debit of the pay of the officer who requires the establishment —in this case the District Medical and Sanitary Officer (PROVINCIAL).

It is thought that the existing distribution, under which these clerks are treated as Provincial charges, may continue. It is inadvisable to alter the classification laid down in August last, unless good cause can be shown for such a step.

(Intld.) C.M.S.
17-5-99.

I think the Accountant-General is right but it seems questionable whether it is worth while altering the classification now. Will Accountant-General please say?

No. 1310, dated 18th May 1899.

To the Accountant-General U.O.

(Intld.) G.S.
18-5-99.

ACCOUNTANT-GENERAL'S OFFICE.

No. 56, dated 20th May 1899.

To the C.S.

The distribution of plague charges between PROVINCIAL and LOCAL having been radically changed, and the principles now adopted involving other very considerable alterations of the distribution prescribed in August last besides the alteration now in question, I think it would not be a good plan to make an exception in the case of the office establishment of the District Medical and Sanitary Officer. This establishment is shown as item (13) in the list attached to my draft rules, in accordance with the provisions of draft rule 2, since it does not come under any of the Provincial categories in draft rules 3, 4, 5, 6.

(Intld.) W.H.D.
20-5-99.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

For the C.S.—

The Accountant-General is still in favour of debiting the cost of additions to the office establishments of District Medical and Sanitary Officers on account of plague to *Local*. The concurrence of Local and Municipal Department in this change appears to be necessary.

(Intld.) C.M.S.
26-5-99.

No. 1402, dated 27th May 1899.

To the Local and Municipal Department U.O.

(Intld.) G.S.
26-5-99.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

There is no objection in the Local and Municipal Department to the change proposed.

(Intld.) M.H.
2-6-99.

To the Financial Department U.O.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

I agree with the Accountant-General. As the District Medical and Sanitary Officer's establishment is LOCAL, I think additions to it should follow the pay of the establishment not that of the District Medical and Sanitary Officer. I think therefore the classification laid down in the G.O. of August 1898 should be altered.

(Intld.) G.S.
2-6-99.

For the C.S.—

Submitted that this file may be transferred to the Local and Municipal Department as it has been decided to treat additions to the office establishment of the District Medical and Sanitary Officers as LOCAL.

(Intld.) C.M.S.
16-6-99.

Yes.

(Intld.) G.S.
16-6-99.

No. 1608, dated 16th June 1899.

To the Local and Municipal Department U.O.

Government {1899} of Madras.

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G.O., No. 698, 16th June 1899.

JUNE.

Plague Expenditure.

Approving, subject to certain modifications, the draft circular proposed by the Accountant-General calling on Collectors to submit detailed statements showing the transfers to be made from LOCAL and MUNICIPAL to PROVINCIAL on account of—during 1898-99.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

Read—again the following papers :—

G. O., No. 479, Financial, dated 4th April 1899.

Abstract.—Directing that the charges for all plague establishments needed for general control and expenditure incurred in connection with such establishments be borne by the State and paid from Provincial funds, while charges for similar establishments required for local control be paid from Local or Municipal funds ; and issuing certain further orders in connection therewith.

G. O., No. 615, Financial, dated 17th May 1899.

Abstract.—Directing that expenditure in connection with Road Frontier Inspection Stations and Observation Circles be debited to Local or Municipal Funds, according to the area in which the stations and circles are situated, and that charges in connection with Railway Inspection Stations and plague camps and subordinate staff attached thereto be debited to Provincial—Direct.

G. O., No. 616, Financial, dated 18th May 1899.

Abstract.—Informing the Accountant-General that it was not the intention of G. O. No. 479, Financial, dated 4th April 1899 to debit to local bodies the salaries of Government officers deputed to carry out plague measures and that these proceedings were intended to apply only to the classification of expenditure incurred at Ports, at Railway and Road Frontier Inspection Stations and in Observation Circles.

G. O., No. 622, Financial, dated 22nd May 1899.

Abstract.—Referring the Accountant-General to certain orders which appear to settle all the doubtful questions of classification of plague charges between Provincial and Local and requesting him to furnish the Financial and Local and Municipal Departments, each with a statement in print of the actual plague expenditure incurred in 1898-99 under each of the heads Provincial, Local (by districts) and Municipal (by Municipalities).

Read—also the following papers :—

From the Officiating Accountant-General to the Government of Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Financial Department, No. T. Genl. 104/1983, dated 26th May 1899.

With reference to G.O. No. 622, dated the 22nd of May 1899, I have the honour to submit a copy of a letter which I propose to issue calling for the information necessary to enable me to submit the statement called for in the G.O. and to enquire whether this letter correctly represents the intentions of Government in regard to relieving Local Funds of certain plague charges formerly held to be debitable to them.

2. I have the honour to request that they reply to this letter, if in the affirmative, may be communicated by telegram.

From the Officiating Accountant-General to the Government of Madras, to the Collectors of Districts in which plague expenditure has been incurred by Local Funds, No. dated 1899.

Government Order No. 615, Financial, dated 17th May 1899, lays down that expenditure in connection with *Railway* Plague Inspection Stations including the cost of construction and maintenance of plague camps at such places and of the subordinate staff employed at these camps, is debitable to Provincial.

2. Under G.O. No. 479, Financial, dated 4th April 1899, also the cost of inspection and observation of travellers by *Sea* and of segregation and medical treatment of such as are affected or suspected to be infected by the plague is debitable to Provincial.

3. Under G.O. No. 616, Financial, dated 18th May 1899, the salaries and allowances (including travelling allowance) of officers of Government in various departments, including Doctors and Nurses procured from England, who may be specially deputed wholly or in addition to their own duties to plague duty, should be met entirely out of Provincial Funds and should not be charged *directly* to the Funds of Municipalities or Local bodies. This order is not applicable to the salaries and allowances of *medical subordinates* nor to extra expenditure on account of *troops* employed on plague duty, nor to salaries and allowances of Government officers allowed to temporarily take up appointments under Local Bodies such as Plague supervisorships.

4. It is necessary to ascertain what expenditure debitable under these orders to Provincial has since 1st April 1898 been debited to Local Funds (Act V of 1884) and Municipal Funds and Port Funds, and I have the honour to request that you will submit as early as possible detailed statement showing claims of the Funds of the two former classes against Provincial Revenues on this account. The claims must be supported by vouchers in order that the charges may be audited in this office.

Copy to Presidency Port Officer with the request that he will submit similar statements on behalf of the Port Funds if they have any claims against Provincial Revenues on this account.

Letter from the Officiating Accountant-General to the Government of Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Financial Department, No. T. Genl. 126/2483, dated 9th June 1899.

Order—No. 698, Financial, dated 16th June 1899.

The draft circular proposed by the Accoutant-General is approved subject to the following modifications :—

(1) The following paragraph should be added after the present paragraph 1:—

" It should be noted, however, that the charges at Road Frontier Inspection
" Stations and in Observation Circles will remain *Local* or *Municipal*, according to
" the area in which the inspection stations and observation circles are situated."

(2) For paragraph 3 of the circular should be substituted the following :—

" As regards expenditure incurred otherwise than at Railway Inspection
" Stations, Ports, Road Frontier Inspection Stations and in Observation Circles,
" the salaries and allowances (including travelling allowance) of officers whether
" belonging to the Indian Civil Service, the Indian Staff Corps, the Indian Medi-
" cal Service, or the Army Medical Service and of Superior Officers of the Forest,
" Survey, 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 procured from England, should be met entirely out of Provincial
" Funds and should not be charged directly to the funds of Municipalities or Local
" bodies. The extra expenditure on account of troops employed on plague duty
" should be debited to Local or Municipal funds, according to the area within
" which the troops are employed."

(3) The following paragraph should be added after paragraph 3 :—

"The cost of additions to the office establishments of District Medical and "Sanitary Officers should be treated as *Local*."

(4) The following paragraph should be added at the end of the circular :—

"The foregoing principles should also be observed when submitting to "Government future Plague establishment lists and quarterly estimates."

2. The Accountant-General will be requested to issue the circular as early as possible.

(True Extract.)

G. STOKES,
Chief Secretary.

To the Accountant-General.
,, the Local and Municipal Department.
,, the Surgeon-General.

Financial (1899) Department.

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29 MAY 1899
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Order

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From The Acct. Genl. Madras

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SUBJECT.

Submitting copy of a letter and enquiring whether this letter represents the intentions of Govt. correctly in regard to relieving Local Funds of certain plague charges and if it does, requesting to communicate reply by telegram.

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Treasury Account DEPARTMENT.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
Accountant-General's Office,
May 1899.

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From

W. H. Dawson Esqre.
Offg. ACCOUNTANT-GENERAL TO THE
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

To

THE Collector of. ×

× districts in which ~~Railway~~ plague ~~Inspection~~ expenditure has ~~Stations have~~ been ~~Established~~ incurred by Local Funds

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W. D. Dawson
Offg: A. Gl

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Provincial revenues on this account.

W.D.D.
Offg A. Gl

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Treasury account DEPARTMENT.

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FORT ST. GEORGE,
Accountant-General's Office,
26th May 1899.

No. T. Genl 104

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From

W. H. Dawson Esqre,
offg: ACCOUNTANT-GENERAL TO THE
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

To

THE Chief Secretary to Government,
Financial Department

SIR,

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Encl. one

With reference to G.O. No 622 dated the 22d of May 1899, I have the honour to submit a copy of a letter which I propose to issue calling for the information necessary to enable me to submit the statement called for in the G.O. and to

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enquire whether this letter correctly represents the intentions of Government in regard to relieving Local Funds of certain plague charges formerly held to be debitable to them.

2. I have the honour to request that the reply to this letter, if in the affirmative may be

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To
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Communicated by telegram.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

your most obedt: servt:,

W. H. Dawson

Offg: Accountant General.

Financial (1899) Department.

CURRENT No. 2134

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(urgent)

From The Accountant General

Madras.

Order

CHIEF SECRETARY'S OFFICE
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No. $\frac{\text{T. Genl. 126}}{2483}$

Dated 9th June 1899

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SUBJECT.

Requesting the favor of early orders regarding the classification of plague charges

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Treasury Accts DEPARTMENT.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
Accountant-General's Office,
9th June 1899.

No. I Genl 126 / 2483

From

W. H. Dawson Esqr.
ACCOUNTANT-GENERAL TO THE
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

To

THE Chief Secretary to Government.
Financial Department

SIR,

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Enclosing copy of letter proposed to be issued to Collrs calling on them to submit statements showing the transfers to be made from Local to Provincial
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fully invite attention to my letter
No. I Genl 104 / 1983 dated the 26th of May 189
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charges and to request that I ma
be favoured with early orders
on the subject, so that I may b
able to obtain the necessary infor
mation from District Officers an
make the necessary adjustment
between Provincial and Local

Office for 1898-99 are closed.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obt. servant

W H Dawson

Offg. Accountant General.

] Notes connected with G.O. no 698 ~~Finl~~

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Financial Department

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Letter from the Accountant General No. T. General 104/1983 dated 26th May/99

(in G.O. 698 Finl dt 16th June/99)

R. Q. S.

NOTE ~~FOR THE~~ on the Circular proposed by the A.G. calling on Collectors to submit detail statements showing the transfers to be made from Local and Municipal to Provincial on account of Plague Expenditure during 1898-99.

The circular proposed to be issued by the Accountant General to Collectors seems generally to represent correctly the intention of Government as laid down in G.O.s No 479, 615 & 616 Finl dated 4th April/99, 17th and 18 May/99 respectively.

The second sentence of par 3 of the proposed Circular is a addition made by the Accounta -general to the express wording of G.O. No 616 Finl dated 18th May 1899. It deals with three matter

(1) the salaries and allowances of Medical Subordinates

(2) Extra expenditure on account of hosp

(3) Salaries and allowances of of Officers allowed to temporarily take up appointments under Local bodies.

As to (1) it is submitted that the wording is vague in view of the fact that the ~~cost of the~~ pay of Medical Subordinates employed at Ry Inspection Stations is debited to Provincial while that

This is however, made clear in para 1 of the A.G.'s proposed circular

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of the Medical Subordinates at the Road Frontier Inspection Stations is debited to Local.

As regards No (2), it has already been decided in G.O. No 213 Finl dated 11th February 99 that the expenditure on account of those employed on plague duty shall be debited to Local or Municipal according to the area in which they are employed.

As regards No (3), the expression "Government officers" seems also to be somewhat vague. But the qualification at the end of the sentence — "such as plague supervisorships" would seem to restrict the meaning of the expression to Subordinate Government officers such as Revenue Inspectors, Salt Sub Inspectors &c on plague duty under Local Boards.

On the whole the addition made by the A. G. seems to be unnecessary; and the circular may be approved with the omission of the second sentence of para 3.

A draft telegram will be submitted if the above note is approved

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For the C.S.

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As regards the second sentence of para. 3 of the Accountant-General's proposed circular, the wording of the last sentence of G.O.No.616,Finl., dated 18th May 1899, followed that of para. 4 of Finance and Commerce Dept.

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No. 4547-A, dated 15th October 1898 [on page 23 of G.O.No.261/3,Finl., dated 18th February 1899] It will be seen from the correspondence which ended in the ruling (vide pages 4,7, 9,16 and 17 of that order), that the ruling was intended to apply to officers in the superior grades. It would make matters quite clear if the Accountant-General in para. 3 of his circular adopted the wording of para. 1 of the letter from the Govt. of

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Bombay on page 9 of G.O.No.261/3, Financial, dated 18-2-99, embodying the ruling as regards troops contained in para. 5 of G.O.No.213,Finl., dated 11-2-99.

Yes.

Para. 3 of the Accountant-General's proposed circular might then be remodelled as follows:-

"As regards expenditure incurred other-
"wise than at Railway Inspection Stations
"Ports, Road ~~Foreses~~ Frontier Inspection Stations,
"and in Observation Circles

"the salaries and allowances (in-
"cluding travelling allowance) of
" officers whether belonging to the
" Indian Civil Service, the Indian
" Staff Corps (?), the Indian Medical
" Service, or the Army Medical Service,
and

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"and of superior officers of the Forest, Survey, Customs, Salt and other Departments deputed wholly or in addition to their own duties to perform plague duties, as well as the emoluments of nurses and medical men procured from England, should be met entirely out of Provincial funds and should not be charged directly to the funds of Municipalities or Local bodies. The extra expenditure on account of troops employed on plague duty should be debited to Local or Municipal funds according to the area within which the troops are employed."

New para

There is however a doubtful point here on which orders are necessary. In para. 5 of G.O.No.213,Finl.,dated 11-2-99 it was ruled that the emoluments of Staff Corps Officers deputed exclusively on plague duties should be treated as direct Provincial expenditure, and that 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 dept., 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~~ should be borne by Local or Municipal funds, according to the area within which the officers

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and troops are employed.

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The Accountant-General's present circular ~~and~~ as well his other circular under separate disposal [Vide No.(13) on page 7 and No.(21) on page 8] propose to treat the extra allowances of Military officers as debitable to Provincial whether they are exclusively employed on plague duty or not, the extra allowances of men ~~who remain in the strength of their regiments though~~ deputed for plague duty being debited to Local or Municipal according to the area in which they are employed. The Accountant-General and the Plague Commissioner apparently consider that the principles laid down by the Govt. of India in the papers recorded in G.O.No.361,Finl., dated 13-3-99, supersede those laid down in the earlier order of the 11th February ~~1899~~. It will be seen, however, from the original G.O. 213/11-2 that these rulings of ~~the~~ the Govt. of India were considered at the time. The distribution there laid down followed the proposals of the Plague Commissioner [vide conclusion of para. 3 of his note dated 4-1-99]. Orders are solicited as to whether the Accountant-General's interpretation is to be accepted.

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For orders. Specially.

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To follow the Govt. of India ruling has considerable advantages under the existing circumstances.

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Better follow the G. of I. ruling

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As indicated by the C.S. the following para. might be added after the Accountant-General's present para. -

"It should be noted, however, that "the charges at Road Frontier Inspection will remain Local or Municipal, according to the area in which the Inspection stations and Observation Circles are situated."

The Accountant-General might add at the end of his circular

"The foregoing principles should also be observed when submitting to Govt. the ~~next~~ future Plague Establishment lists and quarterly estimates.

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H. 31/5/99.

I agree with the C.S.
AA 14.6.99

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Plague Expenditure

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMEN

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NOTE FOR ~~THE SECRETARY~~:

In view of the fact that the orders issued in G.Os. Nos.479, 615 and 616, Financial, dated 4th April 1899, and 17th and 18th May 1899, respectively, are intended to relieve Local and Municipal Funds, as far as possible, from liability to plague expenditure, it is submitted that the interpretation of the Accountant ×General regarding the debit of the extra allowances of military officers and men deputed for plague duty may be accepted, as affording a further measure of relief to Local and Municipal Funds.

× referred to on page 3 of the Financial note below

I think the C.S.' views sh[oul]d be followed. H.

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2. In para.2 of the Accountant-General's proposed circular, the words "and by land" should be inserted after the words "by sea" with reference to para.2 of G.O. No.479, Financial, dated 4th April 1899.

This was apparently added in the Loc. Mun. Dept. Cmb

Some body has put in "by land". in pencil in the Acct. Genl' Circular — This will mislead Collectors, as one who will think that Road Frontier Stations are to be Provincial which is not the case.

The words "by land" should be omitted. H.

AA 14.6.99

3. The ruling in para.1 of G.O. No.615, Financial, dated 17th May 1899, that "Road frontier inspection stations and observation circles afford protection which is local in its character" and that

expenditure

expenditure in connection with them should therefore be debited to Local or Municipal Funds as the case may be, is, it is submitted, inconsistent with paras. 2 and 3 of G.O. No.479, Financial, dated 4th April 1899, under which the cost of inspection and observation of travellers by land should be accepted as part of the general measures undertaken on the part of the state and paid for from Provincial Funds, and with para. 2 of G.O. No.547, Financial, dated 18th June/1898, in which the Government admitted that the measures adopted in the districts on the frontiers of Bombay, Hyderabad and Bengal while primarily benefiting those districts themselves as being nearest the seat of infection, had at the same time the direct result of protecting other portions of the Presidency as well – In this connection attention is also invited to para. 1 of G.O. No.1037 P., dated 8th September 1898, which runs as follows:-

> " The Collector misapprehends the object of placing the Kurnool District "under observation" and of organizing observation circles along its northern frontier. It was not simply to protect the Kurnool District, but to protect the Presidency generally."

4. It is understood that the Financial Department considers that it is not intended

Please see the note flagged T

This is a matter in which L & M. need not interfere. If Fin. Dept. think that Frontier L. F. Bd. expenditure on plague sh. be distributed on all Bds. we need not object.

L & M. have no objection to proposed Circular –

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intended by G.O. No.615, Financial, dated 17th May 1899, that the charges on account of road inspection stations and observation circles in frontier districts should be borne entirely by the Local Boards of the districts in which they are incurred, but that the greater portion of the expenditure will be required to be contributed by the other districts of the Presidency rateably to their annual receipts in pursuance of para. 3 of G.O. No.547, Financial, dated 18th June 1898. It is submitted that this procedure will be entirely wrong. If, on the one hand, these charges are held to be general in their character, as argued in para. 3 of this note, they should be debited to Provincial Funds under G.O. No.479, Financial, dated 4th April 1899. On the other hand, if they are held to be local in their character, as stated in G.O. No.615, Financial dated 17th May 1899, no portion of them could be debited to the Local Boards of the other districts, because under paras. 2 and 3 of G.O. No.547, Financial, dated 18th June 1898, only charges which have the direct result of protecting other portions of the Presidency as well, should be so distributed. Moreover, under Section 118 of the Local Boards Act, a Local Board of any area can contribute towards the expenditure incurred by a Local Board of any other area, only if such expenditure

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expenditure is calculated to benefit the inhabitants of the former area.

V.R.
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NOTE FOR THE CHIEF SECRETARY.

Para. 1 of the L. & M. Dept: Office Note (page 7).

This accepts the proposal of the Accountant-General dealt with on page 5 of the first Financial note.

Para. 2 of the L. & M. Dept. Office Note (page 7) and the Secretary's side note.

The addition of the words "and by land" in pencil appears to have been made in the L. & M. Office. As pointed out by the Secretary, the additional words would cause confusin

Para. 3 of the L. & M. Dept. Office Note (page 8).

The argument here is that the cost of Road Frontier Inspection Stations and Observation Circles should be Provincial, since the Govt. of India has laid down that the cost of inspection and observation of travellers by land, so far as it can be separated from the cost of measures taken with reference to a municipal area for the prevention of the spread of the disease. . . . . should be accepted as a Provincial charge. These inspection stations are, it is admitted, primarily for the benefit of the districts in which they are established, although they

Para. 4 of Govt. of India Letter on page 7 of G.O. 261-2, Finl., dated 18-2-99 (before flag W)

The words underlined are important and appear to have been overlooked in the L. & M. Office Note.

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also benefit the Presidency generally. This being so, it seems quite fair to treat their cost as Local. Railway Inspection Stations are on a different footing. They are established at convenient centres and intercept passenger traffic to and from all parts of the Presidency. It is clear, moreover, that the inspection at a Road Frontier Station does not touch travellers who are likely to travel much beyond the confines of the district in which the Frontier Station~~s~~ ~~are~~ is situated. It is also submitted that if this matter is to be satisfactorily settled and freed from all complications there must be a broad line of division - a rule without any exceptions - and that it would therefore be undesirable to rule that Road Frontier Inspection Stations in Kurnool should be Provincial whilst similar stations in Salem are to be ocal.

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Para. 4 of the L. & M. Dept.
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available) on India's pronouncement that "A municipal body owes to its "neighbours to prevent the spread of "infection from itself to them, and "cannot expect them to meet the cost "of carrying out this duty, merely "because they benefit by its not "being neglected" - para. 4 of India's letter on page 7 of G.O.No. 261-2,Finl., dated 18th February 1899. It was decided, however, to let the present practice continue. Now that the existence of a Railway Inspection Station in a district does not really affect the Local expenditure, it does not appear to be necessary to debit ¾ths. of the expenditure in a district with a Railway Inspection Station to other districts rateably to their receipts, and this portion of the distribution might be done away with. As regards frontier districts proper, The argument in the L. & M. Dept. Office Note as regards the discontinuance of the present practice appears to be sound. It is to be remembered that these district boards will receive from the 3 lakhs grant available this year, sums based on their plague expenditure so that the frontier District Boards will not be really affected by this change, so far as the past is concerned.

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L. & M. accepts the proposed Circular. It is desirable that very early

Of course the cost of Railway Inspection Stns. will not be distributed. Stns. no longer Local.

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I do not concur with A. I think the question of distribution sh'd be let alone and sh'd not be opened. The fact that a District has a Rly. Inspection Stn. in it signifies that it is specially threatened & is an out post and orders should issue to the Accountant-General on it as the financial position of District Boards as regards plague depends upon the orders now passed. The question of Port charges is under discussion and the Accountant-General might be told, if decisions on other points are arrived at, that no action should be taken as regards ~~these~~ Port charges except so far as Tuticorin is concerned pending further orders.

Cuuds.
8.6-99

Await the other large file now with L & M.

8/6/99.

Since it has been decided to go to India on the big file above referred to it is very desirable to get the minor questions arising in this settled quickly.

14/6/99.

(14) it has I think a claim to be relieved of some of the cost of keeping plague out.

14/6/99

File 8

[G/24.]
1,000—25-3-99.

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Financial DEPARTMENT.

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C. No. ~~1992~~ Letter From the Accountant General, No. 1935, dated 26th May 1899.

~~2154~~ Letter " " -do- , " T.Genl.126 / ~~2485~~, " 9th June 1899.

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FOR THE C.S.

H. M.

This file relates to the distribution of Plague charges as between Provincial & Local and is distinct from the question of the classification of Plague charges as Direct and Indirect. On this latter point it has been decided to go to India. The first current from the Acct. Genl. read above contains a draft circular which he proposes to issue to all Collectors, and in Current No. 2154 he asks for early orders on this circular so that he may obtain the necessary information from District officers and make the necessary adjustments between Provincial and Local before the books of his office for 1898-99 are closed. This information is also required by L. & M. in order to enable it to distribute the 5 lakhs among Local Boards and Municipalities and to ascertain whether these bodies will require any loans

XV

XVI

See within
14.6.99

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15/6/99

Done
16.6.99

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loans this year.

The notes on pages 5 - 6 below make certain proposals regarding this circular and these proposals have practically been accepted by the L. & M. Dept. - vide Secretary's notes on page 7 of the Notes.

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~~Local draft for C.i.~~

(2nd)

H. Mc

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Draft 14/6/99

There seems to be no good ground at all to charge the cost of inspection of vessels arriving at Cuddalore to Local i.e. to Local Fd. Funds. The only question seems to be whether the charges should be Provincial or Port Fund charges. In the case of Tuticorin such charges have been taken to ..

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C 14/6/99
a 16/6/99

Note on the question whether charges incurred in connection with the plague at Ports ~~is~~ should be debited to Provincial or Local.

Financial Department

Note

Para 2 of the L & M draft regarding charges incurred in connection with Railway Inspection Stations.

In G.O. No 479 Finl dated 4th April 1899 it was ruled that the expenditure at ~~the~~ the Railway Inspection Stations should be treated as Provincial; and in G.O. No 615 Finl dated 17th May 99 it was laid down that the cost of construction and maintenance of plague camps at the Railway Inspection Stations and of the subordinate staff employed at these camps should be debited to Provincial - Direct. It will thus be seen that the whole of the cost of the Inspection Stations is debited to Provincial.

Para 2 of the draft is correct.

Para 3 of the L. & M. Draft regarding charges at the ports of Cuddalore. The Collector of South Arcot considers that the charges for the inspection of vessels arriving at Cuddalore should be treated as Local inasmuch as there is no passenger traffic to speak of and the inward goods traffic is almost entirely Local

He further states that
~~the~~ vessels are inspected at the Cuddalore port to prevent importation of infection from Calcutta & other infected ports. The L & M Deptt agrees in the view expressed by the Collector.

In para 4 of letter from the Government of India, Finance and Commerce department, No. 5551 A, dated the 29th December 1897, recorded in G.O. No 261 Finl dated 18th February ~~[illegible]~~ 1899, it was laid down that the cost of inspection and observation of travellers by sea should be regarded as part of the general measures undertaken on the part of the State but nothing was stated about the inspection of vessels. As, however, it is remarked that the inwards goods traffic is almost entirely local, the charges seem debitable to Local.

It is doubtful whether such charges should not correctly be debited to Port and Marine Funds. The heads of expenditure as given in the estimates under Port & Marine Funds are (1) Plague patrol establishment (2) Fees to Health officers (3) Boat hire for the inspection of vessels.

PJ
1-6-99

Provincial on general grounds. I wd advocate this in the case of all Ports. Looking at Sec 36 of Act 10 of 1889, I doubt whether the cost of Plague Establishments can be charged to Port Funds unless such Ests are brought upon "the Est. of the Port" i.e. are regularly entertained and paid by the Port authorities ~~[illegible]~~ Since these charges are so small I think it will be better to waive

Please see note at end

Contd.

the rule and make them all Provincial.

14/6/99.

I agree
AA
14.6.99

vide G.O. No 569 Finl dated 3rd May /99 R

Note for the C.S.

The second point raise the question whether the cost of Plague preventive measures a all ports should be Provincial. In para 5 of G.O. No. 479 Fi of the 4th April 1899, it was decided to treat the entire charges incurred at the por of Tuticorin as Provincial – the ground that the measu undertaken there ~~[illegible]~~ are measures of general contro

In the present case the Collr. of S. Arcot & the L & M Dep consider that since the inwa goods traffic from the port of Cuddalore is almost entirely Local, the cost of plague preven=tive measures at that port should be Local.

In the case of Railwa Inspection Stations, ~~it has been ruled~~ no distinction, ~~has been made~~ based on the amoun or the direction of traffic, has been made – ~~all~~ expenditure at all these stations tra

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been treated as Provincial. So also expendr. at all Road Frontier Inspection Stations has been treated as Local.

It is submitted that if any Local fund bears expendr. of this description at Ports, it should be the Port funds and not the Local Funds constituted under Act V of 1884.

In favour of the proposal to debit Port Funds with some of this expendr. it is to be noted that they derive ~~all~~ direct benefit from the Ports in the shape of ~~dues~~ Port dues & fees. But it is submitted that the point from which the question should be viewed is that of the protection from Plague which is afforded by preventive measures under:taken at ports. The Madras Port can well afford to bear such charges as may fall on it, but the inspection of vessels &c which is now carried out at that Port protects all the whole

I quite concur.

14/6/99.

AH 14.6.99

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Presidency. The same may
said of all other ports.
these grounds it is subd.
expendr. at all Ports s
be made Provincial. It w
better, it is subd, to la
down a broad rule and
allow exceptions to it.

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taken all ~~draft~~ orders aff
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should issue in Financi
Any departure from the
principle will produce
complications.

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3/6 99

Please see my note above.

14/6/99.

Financial Depa

Note for C.A.

The estimates under "Port-Funds"
are furnished by Collectors in the
plague estimates received from them
It is not clear as to who furnish
information to Collectors. The estim
are given below" Municipal"
Perhaps the Municipalities concern
get the estimates from Port authorit
and furnish them to Collectors.

There are only four districts
from which the estimates under "Port
Funds" are received I Canara, South
Godavari, South Arcot and Malab
The headings given in the estimates ar

(1) Plague patrol establishment
(2) Fees to health officers
(3) Boat hire for the inspection of
Vessels.

There is no special patrol
establishment at any port excep
that two boatmen are engaged ~~on~~ for
patrol duty in connection with quarantine regul
at the port of Mangalore at a total
Cost of Rs 14. In Godavari a sum
of Rs 5 is paid to the Assistant
Health Officer for each vessel
inspected. These are debited to Port

The establishment list of the Malabar district shows under Municipal an Asstt Surgeon on Rs 100 + 60 (allowance) engaged for inspecting vessels. The pay and allowance of this officer is met in equal proportion between (a) Provincial & (b) Municipal and Local Funds. This expenditure should be treated as entirely Provincial in accordance with the recent orders on the subject.

G. O. No. 1360 Public dated 11-11-98.

Again Hospital assistants are, for instance, employed at the ports of (1) Cannanore (2) Tellicherry & (3) Cochin for inspecting vessels coming from plague infected ports. At the port of Tellicherry the hospital asstt is employed also to supervise the giving of disinfecting baths to ~~[illegible]~~ persons arriving by such vessels. The charges in these cases are shown under Municipal in the establishment list. There is a Civil apothecary on Rs 100 + 50 in charge of plague camp at the port of Mangalore. His pay is being met from Municipal Funds.

An hospital Asstt is also employed at the Cuddalore Old Town for the inspection of vessels & his pay is paid by the Municipality.

6.6.98 PA

But what do the Madras Establishment Lists show? This is the point I told you to look up P. 20. 6. 11. 98

In C. A.

Copies of the latest establishment lists received from the President Municipal Commission, Madras and from the Commissioner of Police Madras, are put up.

In the former no hospital assistants are shown as having been engaged for the inspection of vessels at the port of Madras. An assistant Health officer on Rs 350 is shown in the list as being in charge of Conservancy. Twenty four overseers on Rs 15 each are also shown as doing conservancy work. It is not clear whether any of these officers inspect the vessels at the Madras port.

From the list submitted by the Commissioner of Police it is understood that certain police constables are employed for the purpose of boarding the steamers in quarantine.

6.6.98

Subd to the C.S. The information as regards Madras is, it is regretted, not procurable from our lists. Marine might, perhaps, be asked to

Please
State what extra establishments are maintained in connection with the Port of Madras & ~~[illegible]~~ from what funds these establish=ments are paid.

Cnd
6.6.99

No 1514 d/ 7-6-99

Marine u.o. with a request that if possible the information called for may be supplied.

7/6/99.

No 285E d/ 8 June 99

The Financial Dept u.o.

The information is not available here. It has been called for from Madras.

C.S.

8/6

CHIEF SECRETARIAT
8 - JUN. 1899
OOTACAMUND

awaited

8/6/99.

Fnl. Dept

For to C.S.

Please see the P. Dti reply dated the 12th. The only Plague ~~[illegible]~~ Charges incurred at Madras & debited to Port Funds are the cost of a Tindal & 5 Boatmen for a boat.

× ~~[illegible]~~ Distinct from the Circular re Direct & Indirect Charges regarding which a ref: is to go to India

The question of the treatment of charges at Ports enters into the C.I.'s proposed circular re Local Plague & Port. charges which have just been submitted separately. As it is important that that circular should issue as early as possible it is submitted that orders on this point may issue at once.

Cnd.
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PRESIDENCY
10 JUN 99
PORT OFFICE

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Government of Madras.

Marine DEPARTMENT.

Ootacamund ~~Madras~~, 8 June 1899.

OFFICE NOTE.

From The Secretary Marine Dept.

To The Presidency Port officer.

Please state what extra establishment, if any, is maintained at the Port of Madras in connection with Plague preventive measures, and from what funds it is paid.

Secretary to Govt.

No 949 / 207 G

There is no extra

Establishment maintained

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at present. A Proposition Statement from the Chairman, Harbour Trust Board, for a Tindal and 5 boatmen for a boat, during the continuance of the Plague Regulations, has been submitted to Government with this office Endorsement No: 949/370.G, dated 21st October 1898, as a charge against Port funds.

Sanctioned in G.O. 491 dd 3.6-99

Thos. E. R. [illegible]
Commander R.I.M.,
Presy: Port Officer.

Presy: Port Office,
Madras, 12th June 1899.

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No 298 C

Government of Madras,

Marine ~~S.W.~~ DEPARTMENT.

MEMORANDUM.

Dated ~~Madras~~ Ootacamund, 14-6 1899.

Unofficial note from the Presidency Port officer, no $\frac{949}{207}$ dd 12th June, 1899.

Transferred to the Financial Department in continuation of Endorsement No: 285 E dd 8th June 1899.

Secretary to Government.

P. W. 41
1,000—17-2-99.

To
The Financial Department.

Financial departme

Note for the C S

Submitted that the pape below may be returned to the L. and M. Department with the intima that with reference to para 3 of the draft order, it has been decided to treat the charges incurred at Ports as Provincial and that with such as those referred to in ~~reference~~ to paras 2 and 3 of the draft order, all orders affecting distribution of expenditure on Plague should issue in the Financial Department. An extract from the notes on the latter point is attached for information

Extract

"The order on this paper, like "all orders affecting distribution "of Expenditure on Plague, should "issue in Financial. Any departure "from this principle will produce "Complications"

PA / M.

Please compare this with the original (with the special Plague Assistant).

PS 15-5-99

Done to supt

I quite concur
Initialed G.S. 14/6/99

for ATA (14-6-99).

(2nd) Concd 13-6-99

(2nd) G S 16/6/99

PS 16-6-99.

L + M U.O. No. 1667 dated 16th Ju

Concd 16.6.99

(Initialed) G.S. 16.6.99

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V. E

Please send a clean proof on white paper in book form

M.S.
28/6/99

V.P.
29-6

Local & Municipal Dept

C. no 1069. P. Letter from the Collector of South Arcot. reporting ~~[illegible]~~ a portion of the establishment charges at the Inspection Station at Tiruvannamalai ~~[illegible]~~ under Municipal in the list of Plague establishments in the South Arcot district for April 1899. &c.

the reasons for showing

Draft order thereon

(1) × × × × ×

(2) "The whole of the Cost of the "Inspection Station should be "debited to Provincial.

3. "The Government agrees "with the Collector that the "charges for the inspection "of vessels ~~at~~ arriving at "Cuddalore should be "treated as charges required "for Local Control."

~~(Sd.) M. H~~
~~29-5-99~~

To the Finl Dept for ~~for favour~~ of concurrence

(3) | III

Endorsement
~~G. No 1883~~ from the Public Department
dated 10th May 1899 transferring letter
from the Surgeon Genl. No 38/105 dated 14th
April 1899 forwarding proposition statement
in duplicate for the entertainment of
a clerk in the Office of the Additional
District Medical & Sanitary Officer,
Nilgiris

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Please see below X
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vide extract put up. F

Note on the question whether ~~cts~~ the
of additions to the office establishmen
the District Medical and Sanitary
Officers should be debited Provin
or Local.
Financial departmen

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Note

The point for decision
in the current under disposal
is whether the cost of additions
to the Office staff of District Medi
and Sanitary officers should b
debited to Provincial or Local
In G.O. No. 698 Fnl dated 15th Aug
1898 it has been ruled that
such charges should be debited to
24 A. Medical Establishment.
The Accountant general, while ve
the proposition statement receiv
with the current, remarks that, u
G.O. No 479 Financial dated 4
April 1899, the charge appears
be debitable to Local funds, th
establishment being required fo
purposes of local control. In
circular regarding ~~the~~ distribut
and classification of plague
charges, he suggests that cost
additions to the Office staff
District Medical and Sanitary
Officers for plague duty shou

be debited to Local funds like the permanent office staff. Y

Submitted that the Accountant General's view last expressed is correct. As the cost of the permanent office staff is debitable to Local funds it is reasonable that the cost of temporary additions for plague purposes should also be debited to the same head.

PS
17.5.99

For the C.S.

(X above)

The AG's first reason, X is, it is submitted not sound; since G.O. No. 474 Fml. of the 4th April 1899 laid down the general principles which were to be applied to the particular cases of Ry. Inspection Stations there discussed. B

(Y above)

The second reason is more to the point; but on the other hand, the debit of addl. plague establishments may well follow the debit of the pay of the officer who requires the establishment — in this case the D.M. & S.O. (Provl).

Accountt. Genl's Office
20 MAY 1899

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It is thought that the existing distribn, under which these clerks are treated as Provincial charges, may continue. ~~It~~ It is inadvisable to alter the classification laid down in August last, unless good cause can be shown for such a step.

CWS.
17/5/99

I think the Ay. Genl. is right but it seems questionable whether it is worth while altering the classification now. Will A G. please say.

A G. u.o. No. 1310
18.5.99

19/5/99.

The distribution of plague charges between Provl. & Local having been radically changed, & the principles now adopted involving other very considerable alterations of the distribution prescribed in August last besides the alteration now in question, I think it would not be a good plan to make an exception in the case of the office establishment of the Dist M. & S. officer. This establishment is ~~mention~~ shown as item (13) in the list attached to my draft rules, in accordance with the provisions of draft rule 2, since it does not come under any of the provincial categories in draft Rules 3, 4, 5, 6.

Wstd [illegible]
20/5

Chry

No. 56 D/ 20-5-99

For the CS

For Orders

The A.G. is still in favour of debiting the cost of additions to the office establishments of D.M. & S.O.'s on account of plague to Local. The concurrence of the L. & M. Dept in this change appears to be necessary.

Conl
26.5.99

No. 1402, D/ 27-5-99
L & M. u.o.

26/5/99

for the Secretary
There appears to be no objection to the proposed change of classification.

CHIEF SECRETARY
22 MAY 1899
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

I agree with the A.G. & the D.M. & S.O.'s est. is Local. I think additions to it therefore follow the [illegible] of the est. not that of the D.M. & S.O. I think however the classification laid down in the G.O. of Augt. 98. No the ~~[illegible]~~ [illegible].

There is no objection in the L & M. Dept to the change proposed

JM
2.VI.99

CHIEF SECRETARIAT
2 JUN 1899

PA
M

To check with the Financial Secretary who is with the Plague Special Asst to Madras.

Done
to
[illegible]

Financial

For the C.S

Submitted that the file ~~paper below~~ may be [illegible] to the L & M Department as it has been decided to treat ~~the~~ ~~[illegible]~~ cost of ad[illegible] to the office establishment of the District Medical & [illegible] Officers as Local

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16.6.99

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16.6.99

~~L & M u.o. No.~~ 1608 D/ 1[illegible]
Nos. [illegible]
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Note for the C-A

On page 14 of the not
to G.O. no 698 Finl dated 16
June 1899, it ~~was~~ has been decided
the plague expenditure at
ports ~~is~~ should be Provincial.

A copy of ~~the~~ G.O. No 6
dated 16th June 99 togethe
the notes may ~~be~~ communi
to the Marine Department

PJ
19-7-99

Order.

H.C.
O.

Send Marine a sign
copy of the G.O. & add it
an address in all respe
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~~the~~ its note to Marine D
file this note with the
of the Finl. G.O.

C.W.S.
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PA
The order should
be printed at Madras
(only many yellow for G.I.)
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Notes
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Civil
~~[illegible]~~
N. Ms to A.G.

Financial DEPARTMENT.

~~[illegible]~~

R Read again G.O. No. 479 Financial dated 4th april 1899 (P)
R " G.O. No. 615 Financial dated 17th May 1899 (P)
S " G.O. No. 616 Financial dated 18th May 1899 (P)
" G.O. No. 622 Financial dated 22d May 99 (P)
C. No. 1992 From the Accountant General, No. 1983, dated 26th May 1899 (A)
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~~PA~~

C.S.

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Issue. [illegible]

Order No. 698 dated 16th June 99.
PJ

The draft circular proposed by the Accountant General ~~to be issued to Collectors~~ is approved subject to the following modifications:—

(2)

~~(1)~~ Para 3 of the circular should be ~~remodelled as given below~~ substituted the following:—

"As regards expenditure incurred "otherwise than at Railway Inspection "Stations, Posts, Road Frontier "Inspection stations and in "Observation circles, the salaries "and allowances (including "travelling allowance) of officers "whether belonging to the Indian "Civil Service, the Indian "Staff Corps, the Indian "Medical Service, or the

Army Medical Service and of Superior Officers of the Forest, Survey, 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 procured from England, should be met entirely out of Provincial Funds and should not be charged directly to the funds of Municipalities or Local bodies. The extra expenditure on account of troops employed on plague duty should be debited to Local or Municipal funds, according to the area within which the troops are employed."

(1) ⟶ ↑ up

2) ~~Para~~ The following para should be added after the ~~Accountant-General's~~ present para 3:-

"It should be noted, however, "that the charges at Road Frontier "Inspection Stations and in Observation "Circles will remain Local or "Municipal according to the area "in which the Inspection Stations "and Observation Circles are "situated".

(3) The following para: should be added after ~~the present~~ para 3:-

"The cost of ~~tal~~ additions to "the office establishments of "D. M & S. Officers should be "treated as Local"

3) The following ~~para~~ para should be added at end of the circular:-

"The foregoing principle "also be observed when "Government Gazette p "establishment lists and "Estimates."

Note
The A.G.'s Circular provides for the - Vth para
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2. ~~The Accountant General be informed that it has decided to treat the exp incurred in connection wi plague at all ports as The cost of additions t Office establishment of Medical and Sanitary~~ ~~shall~~ ~~will~~ ~~should be debited to L~~ ~~like the permanent est~~

2. The A.G. will be req issue the circular as as possible

P.L.
16/6/99

16/6/99.

To

The Accountant Genl
~~copy to all Collectors~~ & the Dept.
the Surgeon General
S.C. W Plague Ops
Marine Dept

Desp^d 16/6/99.

S.C. desp^d 21/6/99

Desp^d 21/6/99.

~~Desp~~ desp^d 2/7/99

Should be added at the
end of the Circular:
" The foregoing [illegible]
" also be assumed [illegible]
" infringement [illegible] plague
" establishment [illegible]
" [illegible]

2. The Government [illegible] will
be informed that it has been
decided to treat the expenditure
incurred in connection with the
plague at all ports in [illegible]
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~~Medical and Sanitary Officers~~
~~will be debited to Local~~
~~[illegible] the permanent establishment~~

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