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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 4th August 1857.

No. 8. Read the following letter from J. SILVER, Esq., Magistrate; to E. MALTBY, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary of Government, Fort Saint George, dated 15th July 1857, No. 226.

SIR,

I have the honor to forward for the favorable consideration of Government copy of an application from Doctor Reed at Tutacurin, claiming remuneration for examining in his medical capacity the body of a Cooly who died at that place on the 2nd Instant, and for giving an opinion upon the cause of the man's death.

2. The Police Ameen of Tutacurin reports that the deceased was a Native of Arcasavanelloor in the Shairmadavy Talook, that he came to Tutacurin for the purpose of proceeding to Columbo to earn his livelihood, as a laborer there, but died suddenly on the 2nd Instant, leaving behind him some property of inconsiderable value, and Rupees 3-11 in ready money.

3. The Police Ameen further reports that as the case was one of a very sudden death, he deemed medical evidence indispensably necessary, and that of Rupees 3 and Annas 11 left by the deceased, 6 annas were expended in burying the corpse.

4. Under these circumstances, I beg to recommend that such remuneration as the Government may think proper in consideration of the duty performed by Doctor Reed in his medical capacity in the case in question may be granted to him.

5. In conclusion, I have the honor to request to be favored with the instructions of Government whether any and what remuneration is allowable in similar cases, should an European medical man, where one is available as at Tutacurin a rising sea port, be employed in such duties, as are described in Doctor Reed's letter, of which a copy is forwarded as above stated.

(Signed) J. SILVER,
Magistrate.

P. S.—From the Police Ameen's report and Doctor Reed's certificate, it appears that he performed a post mortem examination.

(Signed) J. SILVER,
Magistrate.

Tutacurin, 6th July 1857.

MY DEAR SIR,

Ere this reaches you perhaps you will have received an official communication regarding a case of a Coolie who died rather suddenly on Thursday the 2nd, at Tutacurin, and with it a certificate of mine which I gave the Police Ameen, he having called upon me in my medical capacity to give him an opinion about the cause of deceased's death.

He informed me that he had no authority to give me any remuneration for the duty.

I suppose there is no law for such cases in this country, as such duties are supposed to be performed by a Company's Surgeon.

Still I think it is but justice that some provision should be made for similar cases where no Company's Surgeon resides.

If it be in your power to pass an order for payment to be made to me, I shall feel obliged by your doing so. If not I hope you will be so good as to represent the matter at the proper quarter in my favour. I may mention that in the West Indies, in Jamaica, Medical men used to receive £ 1-1 for an opinion upon the cause of death according to the evidence heard at the Inquest, and if necessary to perform a post mortem examination £ 3-4 and in both cases 1 shilling per mile travelling expenses.

(True Copy.) (Signed) J. L. REED.

(Signed) J. SILVER,
Magistrate.

Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 4th August 1857.

No. 9. ORDER THEREON, No. 908; dated 29th July 1857.

Doctor Reed, it is observed, is a private practitioner, some remuneration should, the Government consider, be tendered him. The Medical Board will report their opinion.

(Signed) E. MALTBY,
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To the Medical Board
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