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Read the following letters.

No. 7. From T. J. KNOX, Esq., Officiating Collector of Salem; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Ossoor, 29th September 1859, No. 144.

Mr. Boswell, my Head Assistant, has brought to my notice, that as he has no Medical subordinate with him, he frequently has had occasion to call upon the Railway Dresser and Apothecary at Tripatore, for professional aid in cases of violence and injury to persons, sometimes necessitating their attendance before the Session Court as witnesses, and the question has arisen what remunerations these persons are entitled to.

2. I find that the Government have authorized in their Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, dated the 18th August 1857, No. 1040, to private Practitioners, the payment of Rupees 10-8 when an opinion alone might be required of them, and Rupees 31-8 when a *post mortem* examination might be necessary, with the travelling allowance of 8 Annas per mile, but I do not consider that persons of the class of Medical subordinates are entitled to the same fee as a Doctor holding a Diploma, and I request instructions may be sent me as to what remuneration may be paid in cases such as Mr. Boswell reports. I consider that 2 Rupees a visit should be paid when the injured person by Mr. Boswell's order attends at the Apothecary's house; and 3 Rupees 8 Annas when the Apothecary had to proceed any distance within 2 miles, to inspect or report on a wounded man; Government, however, can probably make the necessary arrangement through the Agent of the Railway Company.

Referred for the report of the Civil Auditor.

Fort Saint George,
5th October 1859.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

No. 8. From J. L. LUSHINGTON, Esq., Civil Auditor; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, dated 31st October 1859, No. 848.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Order of Government dated 5th Instant, referring for my report an application from Mr. T. J. Knox, the Officiating Collector of Salem, as to the amount of remuneration to be paid to the Apothecary and Dresser attached to the Railway Company at Tripatore, for professional aid afforded to persons injured from violence or accident, and when necessitated to attend before the Session Court as witnesses in consequence.

2. In reply, I beg to state, that the only rule which appears on the records of my office, for the grant of remuneration to private Practitioners, is the Order of Government, dated 18th August 1857, No. 1040, referred to in the 2nd paragraph of Mr. Knox's letter; which, however, seems to me to have been intended to apply only to private Medical Practitioners of a superior class, or holding a Diploma, and not to Medical subordinates such as Apothecaries and Dressers, as justly observed by Mr. Knox.

3. In the Zillah of Salem, the Government Medical establishment, consists of 1 Zillah Surgeon, 1 pensioned Apothecary, and 2 first Dressers. A question, therefore arises, whether the services of one of these Officers might not be obtained in cases such as are reported by Mr. Boswell. It is not very clear from Mr. Knox's letter in what manner the cases of violence and injury occur; but, if whilst the men are employed in the service of the Railway Company, it seems but natural, that the Medical Officers of the Company, of whom there are two not far distant, should render assistance and medical aid without extra remuneration. Applications similar to Mr. Knox's have not been received from other Districts where the operations of the Madras Railway have been in progress. The workmen and servants employed by the Company may be more numerous at Tripatore and more accidents may have occurred; still this is no good reason for entailing such extra expense on Government, when the Dresser and Apothecary employed by the said Company might properly be required by them to afford such aid to all persons injured in their service.

4. If the injury be sustained by one unconnected with the Railway Company, and the Dresser and Apothecary of that Company should attend the injured person at the request of the Magistrate, and the services of Government Medical servants be not procurable at the time, Government might then properly be liable for the charge of some remuneration for such private service. The rates of such remuneration might be fixed by Government in communication with the Railway Company and the Director General of the Medical Department, where the Railway Officers are engaged, and with the Director General alone in other cases.

No. 9. ORDER THEREON, 11th November 1859, No. 1537.

The Government do not understand Mr. Knox's reference to apply to the case of persons injured, whilst in the employment of the Railway Company. The Medical Officers of that Company would of course attend on such parties as their proper duty.

2. In respect to other cases, the Government resolve to request the Director General, Medical Department, in communication with the Consulting Engineer, to suggest what rates of remuneration should be allowed to the subordinate Medical Officers of the Railway Company, for their attendance, on requisition from the Magistracy, on individuals unconnected with the Railway.

3. The Director will also state, how the pensioned Apothecary and two first Dressers now serving in the Zillah of Salem, are employed, and whether one of them might not be attached to the Head Assistant Collector.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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Referred for the report of the Civil Auditor.

Fort St. George
5th October 1859.

J. Pycroft
Chief Secretary.

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Read the following letters —

From the Magistrate of Salem — Date 29th September 1859 No. 659.

the Civil Auditor — 31st Octr. 1859 No. 144.

Order. 11th November 1859. No. 1537.

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Collector's Office
Salem 29th September 1859

To
The Chief Secretary to Govt.
Fort St. George

Sir

I have the honor to forward herewith a letter from the Civil Auditor dated 31st Ultimo No. 144 with its enclosure, and to request that you will be pleased to submit the same for the orders of Government.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
[illegible]
Collector

To
The Hon'ble E. Ogilvie Esqre
Chief Secretary to Govt.
Fort St. George

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The Magistrate of Salem.
" Director General, Medl. Dept.
" Consulting Engineer for Railways
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With reference to the letter from the Magistrate of Salem requesting the Director General Medical Department to suggest what rates of remuneration should be allowed to the subordinate Medical Officers of the Railway Company for their attendance and requisition from the Magistracy on individuals connected with the Railway also now that Assistant apothecary and two first Dressers now serving in the Gillah & Salem are employed &c.

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