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No. 199. Read the following letter from J. RATLIFF Esq., Acting Civil and Session Judge of Honore; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Judicial Department, dated Honore, 15th January 1862, No. 18.

On the 31st of August last, I addressed a letter to the Principal Inspector General, Medical Department, recommending very strongly, for reasons detailed, that a gratuity should be disbursed to one "Joseph," the Dresser attached to the Civil Dispensary at this Station—suggesting that the undrawn Civil Dispensary allowance of Rupees 50 per mensem, was available for the purpose, and expressing a hope that he would, favorably, submit the recommendation to Government.

2. After waiting until the 19th of November following, *i. e.*, for an interval of 2 months and 19 days, without receipt of any acknowledgment, of the letter in question, I again addressed the Inspector General, re-soliciting the favor of his attention to my former letter, but, as a *yet further* interval of nearly *two months* has, now, already lapsed, without producing the required acknowledgment, or notice soever even, I am fain to take the liberty of laying the matter before Government direct, and have, accordingly, in submitting herewith copies of the two letters above adverted to, the honor to very respectfully commend the subject matter of the former to the favorable consideration of Government.

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From J. RATLIFF Esq., Acting Civil and Session Judge of Honore; to the Principal Inspector General of Hospitals, Madras, dated Honore, 31st August 1861, No. 480.

Doctor Ross having assumed charge of this Zillah Surgeoncy, I feel it to be a duty, as it is certainly a pleasure, to address you, on behalf of the Medical Subordinate, whom he has just relieved, 2nd Dresser "Joseph," No. 276, to wit.

2. Dresser Joseph has been in *actual* medical charge of the Jail, Dispensary, Police force, and Station generally, since the 15th of May last, the day on which the late Zillah Surgeon, Doctor Forbes, was first attacked by that illness, which eventually carried him off—that is to say, he has performed these various, and, under the circumstances, *very onerous*, duties, for no less than *three and a half months—very* onerous, not only with reference to the *so* considerable augmention of actual labor and responsibility involved, but to the fact of his having had to bear them without that aid and assistance, which the, or a, Zillah Surgeon himself would have enjoyed and derived from his, the *Dresser's, own* services, as a Subordinate.

3. That he has performed these heavy duties, zealously, cheerfully, pains-takingly, and, to the best of my belief and knowledge, satisfactorily, I do not hesitate to record—his labor having been enhanced at its commencement, by unremitting and, as I am in a position to add, and highly appreciated, attendance upon, and attention to, the late Doctor Forbes, during the 9 days that preceded the arrival of Doctor Bean—(who, however, as you are aware, remained here but 11 days altogether)—whilst towards the close of this period during which he has been in charge, the outbreak of Cholera, which occurred in the Jail, called for, and *received*, unwearied attention on his part.

4. Considering him entitled to additional remuneration for the additional duties imposed upon him, I some time since placed that opinion on record in support of a Bill submitted by the Dresser for the usual Dispensary allowance—which, however, was not passed by the Civil Auditor, for reasons given in a Memorandum under date 25th ultimo, of which, as well as of my own, on the subject, I beg to submit copies herewith.

5. Had these duties devolved upon Dresser Joseph, for a brief interval only, between departure of one superior and arrival of another, I should not have felt either justified in making, or called upon to make, any *special* recommendation in his favor—but as the case stands, I do both—and doubt not, that you will, also, be disposed to view the matter in the same light I do, and to second the recommendation, which I would beg to, respectfully, submit to Government, through yourself—" that 2nd Dresser Joseph's greatly increased labor and responsibility as well as his uniform zeal and attention during his protracted tenure of the Medical charge of this Station, may be suitably recompensed," observing at the same time, that Doctor Ross has expressed

himself in the highest terms, as to the state in which he has found every thing connected with the Jail and Dispensary Hospitals.

6. I have accordingly in conclusion the honor to suggest that a gratuity of, not less than, Rupees 200 be passed to 2nd Dresser Joseph, (being, in fact, merely a trifle over the amount of Civil Dispensary allowance, itself—during the period he has held charge of it—that allowance *not* having been disbursed to any one else, and being therefore available for the purpose)—and to express a hope that this suggestion may go on to Government with your own favorable endorsement.

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From J. RATLIFF, Esq., Acting Civil and Session Judge of Honore; to R. COLE, Esq., Principal Inspector General, Medical Department, dated Honore, 19th November 1861, No. 632.

Not having, hitherto, been favored with acknowledgment, or intimation soever concerning subject of my letter bearing No. 480, and date 31st August 1861, I have the honor to re-solicit the same.

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No. 200. ORDER THEREON, 30th January 1862, No. 139.

In his letter, 13th July 1861, No. 355, the Civil and Sessions Judge of Honore brought to notice that the appointment of Zillah Surgeon had been unfilled for some time and that "the "*entire district* of North Canara, the Jail, Civil Dispensary, and Station" had fallen to the charge of a Dresser. The Principal Inspector General, Medical Department, explained that the paucity of Medical Officers was such that no unemployed Assistant Surgeon was available.

2. The claim of the Dresser for the Civil allowances of the Surgeon was disallowed by the Civil Paymaster—and Mr. Ratliff now urges that he should be remunerated by a gratuity or bonus for his services during the vacancy of the Surgeoncy.

3. Mr. Ratliff has already addressed the Principal Inspector General on this point. Mr. Cole is requested to forward to Government a copy of his reply to the Civil and Sessions Judge of Honore—or, if no reply was made, to submit his opinion on Mr. Ratliff's recommendation.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
*Chief Secretary.*

Exd. F. Cartledge.

Judicial Department.

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The Principal Inspector Genl., Medl. Dept. & Civil & Sessions Judge of Honore. } occd 31st

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Dated 30 Jany 1862

Desiring the Princ. Inspector Genl. Medical Dept. to forward to Govt. Copy of his reply, if any has been made, to the Civil & Sessions Judge of Honore on subject of the allowance to the Dresser that was in charge of Dispensary during the time it was vacant if no reply was sent to submit his opinion on the subject.

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