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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Judicial **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No. 1514 Press Mis.

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Dated 24.10.1865 19 .

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No. 177. Read the following letter from the Magistrate of Kurnool, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Kurnool, 17th October 1865, No. 40.

I have the honor to forward, for the orders of Government, a Memorandum of objectionable items drawn up in the Accountant General's office, directing that the sum of Rupees 10 paid by me to a Medical Practitioner, for examining a dead body, shall be recovered from myself, unless Government be pleased to sanction the disbursement.

2. The dead body was sent for examination by Mr. Conaghan, an Apothecary in the service of the Irrigation Company, by the Sub-Magistrate of Atkoor, as the station of the Civil Surgeon was 40 miles distant.

3. Mr. Conaghan claimed a fee, and believing him to be a Pensioned Apothecary under the Government, I directed that he should be paid Rupees 5, under the Order of Government, dated 29th March 1865, No. 486.

4. Mr. Conaghan returned the fee of Rupees 5, through the Engineer of the District, denying that he was a Military Subordinate, or Pensioner, or that he had ever been in Government employ, and claiming the fee sanctioned for Medical Officers employed on such duties.

5. The fact that Mr. Conaghan was an independent Practitioner, who had accepted service under the Company, appeared to me to render the Government Order, dated 29th March 1865, No. 486, inapplicable, and I directed that he should be paid the full fee sanctioned by Government for Medical Officers.

6. I am unaware why the Deputy Accountant General considers the amount first disbursed as proper, or how this should have made the second payment excessive or remarkable.

7. I believe that Mr. Conaghan, as an independent Medical Practitioner not under the orders of Government, was entitled to the full fee of Rupees 15, and beg that the Government will be good enough to sanction payment of the same.

No. 178. Order thereon, 24th October 1865, No. 1514.
Sanctioned, Rupees (15) fifteen.
(True Extract).

Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Magistrate of Kurnool, with Memorandum.
,, Accountant General.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

24th October 1865 No. 1514.

Sanctioned Rs (15) fifteen

The Magistrate of
Kurnool. with his } Accts up to 26/10
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