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12th November 1866.*

Read the following:—

No. 117. Proceedings of the Government of India, in the Financial Department, dated Simla, 20th October 1866, No. 2804.

Read Endorsement from the Home Department, No. 4322, of the 7th ultimo, forwarding, for consideration and orders, an application from the Government of Madras, for sanction to the grant of special allowances of Rupees 100 per mensem, each, to the Zillah Surgeons in medical charge of the Central Jails in that Presidency, three of which, at Rajahmundry, Salem, and Coimbatore, have already been opened.

RESOLUTION.—The Governor General in Council is pleased to sanction the proposed allowance for the Zillah Surgeons of Rajahmundry, Salem, and Coimbatore.

ORDER.—Ordered that the foregoing Resolution be communicated to the Home Department, and the Accountant General, Madras.

(Signed) E. H. LUSHINGTON,
Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 5840.

Copy forwarded to the Government of Fort Saint George, with reference to No. 1226, dated 7th August.

HOME DEPARTMENT, JUDICIAL,
SIMLA, 27th October 1866.

(By order)
(Signed) A. P. HOWELL,
Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 118. ORDER THEREON, 12th November 1866, No. 1778.

Communicated to the Inspector General of Jails and to the Principal Inspector General, Medical Department, with reference to G. O., of the 7th August last, No. 1225.

(True Extract).

Secretary to Government.

To the Inspector General of Jails.
,, Principal Inspector General, Medical Department.
,, Accountant General.

Exd. J. H. Barnes.

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7th August 1866.*

No. 100. Read the following letter from the Officiating Principal Inspector General, Medical Department, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Fort Saint George, 7th June 1866, No. 206.

I have the honor to forward, for the favorable consideration of Government, applications from the Medical Officers marginally named, for some extra allowance, in consideration of the fact that they have been called upon to afford Medical aid to the Central Jails within their districts.

Assistant Surgeon J. Dougall, No. 9, dated 6th April 1866.
Assistant Surgeon W. F. Davis, M. D., dated 13th April 1866.
Assistant Surgeon S. B. Hunt, No. 36, dated 25th May 1866.

2. From the nature of the regulations laying down the duties of Medical Officers of Central Jails, it is evident that the Civil Surgeons of Rajahmundry, Salem, and Coimbatore will, in future, be liable to a serious imposition of extra labor in connection with these charges.

3. The position of Madras Medical Officers in this respect is, I believe, peculiar. In the other Presidencies where Central Jails have been established, Medical Officers have been appointed to the sole charge of the Jail as Superintendent and Medical Officer, and, at this moment, Madras Medical Officers are in charge of Central Jails in the Hyderabad Assigned Districts, Mysore, and Burmah, but no Medical Officer in the Madras Service is in charge of a Central Jail in his own Presidency.

The Madras Presidency is the only one in which the distinct recommendation of the Indian Jail Committee of 1861 has been disregarded, namely, "that a specially qualified Medical Officer be always selected as the Superintendent of a Central Jail."

4. As a practice, different to what obtains in the other Presidencies, has been introduced into this, I would respectfully urge that the District Surgeons when employed in Medical charge of Central Jails appear to have a fair claim for some special allowance.

5. As these Jails are ultimately to hold about 1000 prisoners each, and as they are situated at a considerable distance from the Civil Surgeon's ordinary duties, it may be a question whether a special Medical Officer may not be necessary for each Jail, when the buildings are completed.

6. I may observe that no order has yet appeared placing the several Zillah Surgeons in Medical charge of Central Jails. They are, however, performing the duties in each case.

From Assistant Surgeon J. DOUGALL, Zillah Surgeon, Rajahmundry, to the Deputy Inspector General of Hospitals, Northern Division, Waltair; dated Rajahmundry, 6th April 1866, No. 9.

As the Central Jail at this station is rapidly approaching completion, and although there are only about 420 prisoners in it now, there will ultimately be 1000.

2. This Jail is a new and additional Institution at this station, and the duty of "Medical Officer" has apparently devolved upon the Civil Surgeon. I have the honor to draw your attention to the very great amount of extra duty this entails. Not only are the sick to be treated, but the whole of these 1000 prisoners have to be inspected once a week; every one of the cells (192 in number) has also to be examined; and there is the daily supervision of rations, &c.; and all this has to be performed, in addition to what are the ordinary duties of the Civil Surgeon.

3. I would, therefore, most respectfully request you will be pleased to represent this subject to the Principal Inspector General, in order that such additional duty may be recognized by such

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additional remuneration as the Principal Inspector General may recommend Government to sanction.

No. 278.

MEMORANDUM.

Transmitted to the Secretary to the Principal Inspector General, Medical Department, for favorable consideration.

WALTAIR, 10th April 1866.

(Signed) J. A. COX, M. D.,
Senior Surgeon in charge.

To the Secretary to the Principal Inspector General, Medical Department.

From Assistant Surgeon W. F. DAVIS, M. D., Zillah Surgeon of Coimbatore, to the Deputy Inspector General of Hospitals, Southern Division, Trichinopoly; dated Ootacamund, 18th April 1866.

With reference to the arrangements contemplated for the Medical Staff at the new Jail at Coimbatore, I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to call the favorable attention of the Principal Inspector General to the question, whether the Medical charge of a Central Jail can be said to devolve, as a matter of course, on the Surgeon of the District in which that Jail happens to be placed, especially where the Zillah Jail is still maintained in its former situation.

2. In the event of the Principal Inspector General directing me to assume charge of both establishments, in addition to my duties at the Civil Dispensary, Police Hospital, &c., I would respectfully beg to point out that the Medical charge of the Central Jail, situated as it is about two miles from the District one, in addition to the compulsory visitation of the Pothanore Railway Station (4 miles distant) occasionally, render my expenses for conveyance very high, and, with the exorbitant house rent I am obliged to pay, almost preclude my existing on my present salary.

3. Under these circumstances, I beg that you will kindly forward this my application, and that the Principal Inspector General will be pleased to apply for such special allowance as he thinks fit to recommend for the extra duty thus imposed upon me, in addition to that of visiting the Railway Station, the source too of considerable extra expense.

From Assistant Surgeon S. B. HUNT, Acting Zillah Surgeon, Coimbatore, to the Deputy Inspector General of Hospitals, Southern Division, Trichinopoly; dated Coimbatore, 25th May 1866, No. 36.

I have the honor to inform you that it was communicated to me two days ago by the Superintendent of Jails at this Station that I would be expected to visit the Central Jail at least once a week, or more frequently if occasion required.

2. I have visited the above Jail yesterday, in accordance with his request. I would, therefore, feel obliged by your kindly letting me know whether I shall be remunerated for my attendance there.

No. 911.

MEMORANDUM.

Submitted for the consideration of the Officiating Principal Inspector General.

(Signed) J. L. KANKING,
Surgeon Major, in charge.

TRICHINOPOLY,
29th May 1866.

To the Secretary to the Principal Inspector General, Medical Department.

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No. 101.

ORDER THEREON, 7th August 1866, No. 1225.

The Governor in Council considers that Medical Officers in Medical charge of Central Jails are fairly entitled to extra remuneration, and application will accordingly be made to the Government of India for an allowance of Rupees 100 per mensem in each case.

2. The remarks in paragraph 3 of Mr. Shaw's letter are uncalled for. He should have remembered that there are not sufficient Medical Officers available for the Medical duties of the Presidency.

3. The charge of a large Central Jail requires other qualifications than a knowledge of Medicine alone, and the Government cannot restrict their selection of suitable Officers for such important and peculiar duties to the Medical profession.

4. The Zillah Surgeons of Rajahmundry, Coimbatore, and Salem are placed in Medical charge of the Central Jails at those stations. This order will have retrospective effect from the dates on which the above Officers may have commenced to perform the duties in each case.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Principal Inspector General, Medical Department.

„ Inspector General of Jails.
„ Accountant General.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

No. 1226.

FROM

A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq.,

Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George,

TO

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,

HOME DEPARTMENT.

Sir,

In forwarding the annexed copy of the Proceedings of this Government, dated the 7th instant, No. 1225, I am directed by the Governor in Council to request the sanction of the Government of India for a special allowance of 100 Rupees to the Zillah Surgeons in Medical charge of the new Central Jails in this Presidency. These Officers are fairly entitled to the proposed extra remuneration, considering the additional labor imposed upon them by the Medical charge of so large an establishment as a Central Jail; and 100 Rupees is considered sufficient, with reference to the salary assigned to Superintendents of first class District Jails for both Executive and Medical charge.

2. I am to request that the sanction now solicited may take effect in each case from the date on which the Officer concerned may have assumed Medical duties of each Jail. Three of the six projected Central Jails for this Presidency have already been opened, and two of the others will, it is hoped, be commenced in the course of the present year.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

FORT SAINT GEORGE,

7th August 1866.

Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

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