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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
12th December 1867.*

No. 160. Read the following letter from the Inspector General, Indian Medical Department, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Fort Saint George, 4th December 1867, No. 474.

I have the honor to submit, for the favorable consideration of Government, the enclosed letter from Surgeon Major Aitken, recently appointed Zillah Surgeon of Rajahmundry.

Dated 29th November 1867.

2. Dr. Aitken states that the Examiner of Claims considers himself precluded from passing to him the extra allowances of Rupees 100 for medical charge of the Central Jail, and Rupees 50 for administrative charge of the District Jail at Rajahmundry, grounding his objection on the wording of paragraph 4 of my letter, No.

209, of 4th June 1867, printed in the Public Department, No. 702 of 17th June 1867. Proceedings of Government noted in the

margin, which he interprets as meaning that the transfer of Rajahmundry from the 2nd to the 1st Class of Civil stations was intended as compensation for all extra duties.

3. I beg to say, that there was no such intention on my part. On the contrary, I wished to show that the Medical duties at Rajahmundry are now fully as onerous and important as those of any first class station; and with this view, I stated these duties in detail for the information of Government.

4. I can see no difference between the case of Coimbatore or Salem, and that of Rajahmundry; nor any reason why the Medical Officer in charge of the last should be placed on a more unfavorable footing than those in charge of the other two stations.

5. I would beg further to observe, that the effect of the ruling of the Examiner of Claims would virtually be to create another "class" of Civil stations. There would be—

- (a). 1st Class stations, with extra allowance for Jails;
- (b). 1st Class stations, without extra allowance;
- (c). 2nd Class stations;

whereas Government have sanctioned *two* classes only.

6. I trust that under the explanation above offered, Government may be pleased to grant to the Zillah Surgeon of Rajahmundry the same advantages that have been accorded to the Civil Surgeons of Coimbatore and Salem.

From Surgeon Major W. AITKEN, M. D., to the Secretary to the Inspector General, Indian Medical Department; dated Madras, 29th November 1867.

After noticing my posting to the Zillah of Rajahmundry in the *Gazette*, I had an interview with the Examiner of Claims regarding the amount of pay I should be entitled to for the medical charge, and was informed by him that he could not sanction any thing for me, except the pay of my rank.

2. I then stated that I understood the Medical Officers at Coimbatore and Salem, in addition to the pay of their rank, were permitted to draw an allowance of Rupees 100 per mensem for the medical charge of the Central Jails, with the addition of Rupees 50 for the administrative charge of the local Jails at these stations.

3. To this he replied that the cases were not all analogous, as, in his opinion, the station of Rajahmundry had been changed from 2nd to 1st Class solely on account of the duties which the Central Jail imposed on the Medical Officer.

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4. He also said that although it was obvious the duties in all the three stations were similar, and that there was nothing in the cases of Coimbatore and Salem to make the duties or the stations more important, still he felt bound to sanction the allowances in these two cases, although he could not do so in the case of Rajahmundry. He then added that if the Inspector General had not appended as his reasons to his recommendation the increased importance which the establishment of the Jails had given to the charge he should then have had no difficulty about sanctioning the same allowances for Rajahmundry, but that as the matter stood he thought he would not be justified in doing so, as it appeared to him that the increased amount of pay which the change involved was intended to be the compensation for the increase of duty devolving on the Medical Officer who might be appointed to the charge.

5. I therefore beg that you will be good enough to submit the matter to the Inspector General for his consideration, with the request that, if necessary, he will make an appeal to Government on my behalf for a concession of the same benefits to me as are enjoyed by the Medical Officers of Coimbatore and Salem.

No. 161. ORDER THEREON, 12th December 1867, No. 2017.

Under the Orders of Government, dated the 23rd October last, No. 1691, the Accountant General is requested to pass to Surgeon Major Aitken the allowance of Rupees 100 per mensem for the medical charge of the Central Jail at Rajahmundry.
(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Accountant General.

„ Inspector General, Medical Department.

„ Inspector General of Jails.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

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To the Accountant General.
To the Inspector General Medical Department.
J. Tulloch

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