[L. & M. 2,000—1-3-98.]

Local & Munl. (1898) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS.

G.O., No. 649 P

DATED 6 7 98

[Despatch Abstract.]

Allowance Sanctioning, with remarks, house rent allowance upto a max. of Rs 15 to the midwife employed at the Podanur Dispy. Stn. as compensation for free quarters.

BACK PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.	G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

FURTHER PAPERS.

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[L. & M.]
500-16-3-98.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

Papers to be read in Proceedings:—

Again G.O., No. dated 189 ,
Again G.O., No. dated 189 ,
Current No 685 P of 1898, dated 4-5-98 , from
" " 806 P " 1898, " 21-5-98 " "
939 P 21-6-98
" " 941 P " 1898, " 20-6-98. " ,

ORDER. No. 649 P. Mis. dt 6-7-98

1 The Government considers that as Dr Branfoot made a distinct promise that the nurse at Podanur would be given free quarters or compensation in lieu of quarters, she should be allowed the actual house-rent incurred by her up to the maximum of Rs 15 a month. This concession may be extended to other nurses engaged under exactly similar circumstances, but it will be open for any Dt Board under which they are employed, to dispense with their services if unwilling to continue to work ~~under~~ on the terms sanctioned in G.O. No 898 M. dt 13-4-97, and to engage others in their stead.

2. Dr. Branfoot should not

have ~~taken~~ promised free quarters or house rent without the sanction of Government, and his error ~~deserves to be censured~~. is to be regretted.

(In orders,

W 6/7/98.

To the Surgeon-General P&O
" President Dt Board Coimbatore P&O
" " " N. Arcot
" " " Bellary
" " " Kistna para 1 only

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Again G.O., dated 189 , No.
Current No. 685 P. of 1898, dated 4-5-98 from the President, Dt Board Coimbatore
Current No. 806 P of 1898, dated 21-5-98 from the Surgeon General,
" 939 P " 21-6-98 President, Dt Board Coimbatore
" 941 P " 20-6-98 . Surgeon General.

SUBJECT.

House rent claimed by the nurse on plague inspection duty at Podanur.

H.M.

FOR ORDERS.

In his letter No 199, d/ 6-4-97 printed in G.O. No 898 M. d/ 13-4-97 the Surgeon General asked for sanction to engage midwives instead of female apothecaries or hospital assistants for plague duty at inspection stations, as he was not able to get the latter. He added—" The Supt, Maternity " Hospital, considers that it may " be possible to secure such " candidates on Rs 100 per mensem " each and has kindly offered to make " inquiries. These women may, I " think, be provided with free " quarters where possible, but in " no case should they be given to " understand that they are entitled " to quarters or compensation in lieu"

The Govt accepted the Surgeon General's proposal on the condition mentioned by him and quoted above, and ordered that 3 midwives should be secured at once and posted to Guntakal, Arkonam & Podanur (G.O. No 898 M. dt 13-4-97).

2. Notwithstanding this G.O., the Supt. Maternity Hospital (Dr Branfoot) sent the following order to Mrs McGrath on the 19-4-97. "You are directed to proceed forthwith to Podanur for the purpose of inspecting female passengers in train and to report yourself to the medical officer in charge of the quarantine camp at that station. You will receive a salary of Rs 100 per month with free quarters or compensation in lieu of quarters." The explanation of the Supt is — "The directions contained in para 3 of letter No 199 dt 6-4-97 from the Surgeon General with the Govt of Madras to the Secy to Govt L & M Dept, were unfortunately overlooked in deputing these midwives to plague duty. I consider, however, that these women should be provided with free quarters or compensation given in lieu thereof." It is submitted that the action of the Supt in thus promising free quarters or compensation instead was altogether unauthorised.

3. The Dt Medical and Sanitary Officer of Coimbatore knew that the nurse was not entitled to any house rent under G.O. No 898 dt 13-4-97, and in forwarding her bill for house rent for the months of April to July brought the fact to notice. After seeing the order of appointment, Mr Bradley, the then President of the Dt Board passed the bill. The Treasury Dy Collr, however, objected to the payment and ordered its recovery in April 1898. Thereupon, the Dt Board resolved to obtain the sanction of Govt. In forwarding the Resolution, the President states that the house rent of Rs 15 a month was paid from the 21st April 1897 to 31st March 1898 and adds — "After drawing it so long, she (the nurse) will not willingly forego it, and as she has had considerable

"experience in this work, it is "not advisable to run the risk "of losing her services". It is not clear what special experience not ~~which~~ possessed by any ordinary nurse is required for examining female passengers at Podanur.

4. The Surgeon General is of opinion that "all those "midwives who were given to "understand by Dr Branfoot "that they would be given house rent "if not provided with quarters "should be allowed the sum actually "spent by them on house rent "subject to a maximum of Rs "15 per mensem."

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5. It may be mentioned here that the claim of another nurse viz Mrs Williams formerly at Guntakal and now at Tungabhadra has already been disposed of by Govt against her. The facts relating to her case are as follows. In January last, the Bombay Govt forwarded a claim of the S. M. Ry Company for Rs 11 a month on account of the railway premises occupied by Mrs Williams since the

the 18th September 1897. This was referred to the Surgeon General, who reported in his letter No 195 d/ 24-2-98 that Mrs Williams was entertained in accordance with para 3 of his letter No 199 d/ 6-4-97 (vide para 1 of this note) and that therefore she could not claim free quarters or house rent as a matter of right. Her claim was accordingly rejected and she was directed to pay the rent demanded by the S. M. Ry Company (G.O. No 113 P d/ 1-3-98). She ~~has~~ did so, and she is now at Tungabhadra where it is presumed she occupies one of the sheds. The Surgeon General now reports that in March last she made a further representation to him and that it was then that he wrote to Dr Branfoot and learnt for the first time that Mrs Williams had also been promised house rent. He adds that Mrs Williams raised the question last year, that the Collr allowed her Rs 10 per month and that this amount was subsequently retrenched.

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Cho. 941 P.

6. The suggestion of the Surgeon General that

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that nurses employed at plague inspection stations should be allowed the higher rates of remuneration sanctioned in G.O. No 455 P d/ 9-5-98 has been rejected in G.O. No 522 P. d/ 1-6-1898 on the ground that these higher rates are intended for nurses on actual plague duty i.e. for nurses employed in attending on plague patients, in accompanying search parties &c.

7. Orders are requested on the following points

(a) Whether the Podanur nurse should be allowed house rent of Rs 15 a month.

(b) Whether the case of Mrs Williams of Tungabhadra should be reopened.

(c) Whether the decision as regards (a) & (b) if favourable should be extended to the nurses at other inspection stations in the same circumstances in case the latter are not provided with quarters.

Levy
25/6/98

28/6/98.

The Secy. to state his views in sending papers up.

29/6/98

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⊗ Very well – But Dr. Branfoot's error should be pointed out & remedied

4/7/98

H. M. Spain.

I think that as house rent was promised though incorrectly to these women by a responsible officer of Govt. they sh'd be given it. They accepted the Empt. on the promise of the house rent. I do not think that house rent sh'd be given to any nurses but those to whom it was expressly promised by Dr. Branfoot when they were engaged.

4/7/98. ⊗

Current No. 577 of 1898 | Enclosure No. 1 to Letter No. 7/12 d/21-5-98

Local & Munl. (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 685 P

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
7. MAY.-1898
LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT

From The President,
District Board, Coimbatore.

Ref: on Cur: No. 383/D.B. of 1898

~~**Order**~~ Endt. No 17 P d/ 12-5-1898

Referred to the Surgeon General for remarks with reference to G.O. No 898 M. d/ 13-4-97. The action of the Supt. Maternity Hospital in promising free quarters or house rent should be explained.

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Ag. Secretary to Government

(To be returned with reply).

Levy
10/5/98

Dated 4-5-1898
Received 7-5-1898
Registered 7-5-1898
Enclosures one.
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SUBJECT.

Requesting to obtain the sanction of Government for the payment of Compensation allowance in lieu of free quarters to Midwife employed in the Plague Camp at Podanur —

11/5/98

BACK PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.
..	113 & 114	P. mis	1-3-98
..	848	M	13-4-97
	522	P. mis	1-6-98
	455	P	9-5-98

FURTHER PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

Plague Enclosure No. 2 to Letter No. 3/124 d/21-5-98. C No 685 P

Ref: on Cur: No. 383/D.B. of 1898

Coimbatore District Board's Office,
6th May 1898

From
J. A. Cumming Esquire,
PRESIDENT, DISTRICT BOARD,
COIMBATORE.

To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT,
MADRAS.

Sir,

Agreeably to the provisions of G.O. dated 13th April 1897 No. 898 M, Mrs McGrath a passed midwife was entertained on a salary of Rs 100 per mensem, for the inspection of female passengers in the trains and in the Plague camp at Podanur. The Superintendent Government Maternity Hospital Madras, has in his order appointing her to Podanur station, promised her free quarters or compensation in lieu thereof. She was accordingly paid a compensation allowance of Rs 15 per mensem from 27th April 1897 (the date on which she joined duty) up to 31st July 1897.

To this, the Treasury Deputy Collector, as auditor takes objection on the ground that the G.O quoted above does not warrant the payment of the Compensation allowance and similar objections will be received in future as the midwife was paid the allowance up to 31st March 1898.

In these circumstances I have the honor to request you will be good enough to obtain the sanction of Government for the payment of the Compensation allowance at R. 15 per mensem, from 21st April 1897 to the midwife on Plague duty at Podanur. After drawing it so long, she will not willingly forego it and as she has had considerable experience in this work, it is not advisable to run the risk of losing her services.—

4. Copy of the District Board's Resolution on the subject is herein enclosed.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedt. Servant
P. Dinadayalu
for President

5/5/98

Enclosure No. 3 to Letter No. 7/124 d/21-5-98

Proceedings of the District Board Coimbatore at a meeting held at 3 P.M. on Saturday the 30th April 1898.

Present.

J. A. Cumming Esquire, President

Members.

A. C. Dutt Esquire, Head Asstt Collector
J. G. Wood Esquire, Dy Collector Head Quarter Division, Coimbatore.
M.R.Ry P. Dinadayalu Nayudu garu B.A Treasury Dy Collector & Vice President, District Board Coimbatore
" T. S. Balakrishna Aiyar avl. B.A. B.L. Public Prosecutor, Coimbatore.
" B. Chinnappa Mudr. avl., Tahsildar of Pollachi.
" C. M. Padmanabha Char avl. B.A. B.L.
" B. Venkatachala Mudr. avl., B.A. B.L.
" S. Ramaiyangar avargal.
" K. Sesha Aiyar avargal
" P. C. Kandaswami Chettyar avargal.
" Subbaroya Mudr. avargal.
" D. Alagiriswami Nayudu garu
Sayed Dewan Sayed Abdul Ruzac Sahib

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1/683 P of 1898

Read:— Letter from the Treasury Deputy Collector

No. $\frac{262}{16\cdot4\cdot98}$ requesting to order recovery of Rs. 50, being the Compensation in lieu of free quarters granted to midwife attached to the Plague Segregation Camp at Podanur, or to obtain the sanction of Government for the expenditure.—

Resolution No 38 of 1898.

Government will be asked to sanction the Compensation under the Special Circumstances.—

(Sigd) J.A. Cumming
President

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(True Extract)

P. Menachepathi[illegible]
for President

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5/5/98

Local & Munl. (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 806 P

UNDER SECY TO GOVT.
24 MAY 98

Read C nos: 685 & 806 P

From
Surgeon-Major-General
C. Sibthorpe, C.B., F.R.C.P.I.
Surgeon-General
with the Govt. of Madras.

No. 7/124

Dated the 21st May
Received 26-5-1898
Registered 26-5-1898.
Enclosures 2 C. No 685 P. retd
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SUBJECT.

Requesting that, for reasons given within, the terms for midwives on plague duty, sanctioned in G.O., No. 455-P d/ 9-5-98 may also be made applicable to those already on plague duty.

* in G.O. 113 P 1-3-98

~~Order~~ Endt No 39 P d/ 3rd June 1898

The President of the Dt Board, Coimbatore, is requested to forward a copy of the order appointing the nurse at Podanur & to explain who is responsible for the payment to her of house rent allowance without the ~~allow~~ sanction of Government.

2. As regards Mrs Williams, the facts now reported by the Surgeon General are inconsistent with those mentioned in his letter* No 195, d/ 24-2-98. If she had been promised house rent at the time of appointment, it is not understood why she did not claim it till now or why she failed to raise the question when called upon by the Ry authorities to pay rent for the railway premises occupied by her.

SB 29/5/98

Ewy 27/5/98

Para 1 to President Dt Board Coimbatore
" 2 Surgeon General. P & Endt

P of 1st, L of 2nd Endt

SA 30/5
25/5/98

Despd 3-6-1898

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C. No 806 P

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No. 7/124.

OFFICE OF SURGEON-GENERAL
WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,
Ootacamund
Camp ~~Madras,~~ the 21st May 1898

From

SURGEON-MAJOR-GENERAL C. SIBTHORPE, C.B., F.R.C.P.I.,
SURGEON-GENERAL WITH THE
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

To

THE ~~HON'BLE THE CHIEF~~ SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
Local and Municipal DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

In returning your endorsement No. 17, ~~Public~~, dated 12th May 1898 with its annexures ~~enclosures~~, I have the honor to state that recently another midwife (Mrs. Williams of the Tungabhadra staff) applied to me for compensation in lieu of quarters on the ground that she was promised the same by the Superintendent, Government Maternity Hospital, when offering the appointment to her.

2. On receipt of her application, I called upon the Superintendent to state if any such promise had been made and if so, on what authority. I subjoin his reply for the information of Government.

"The directions contained in para 3 of letter No. 199 dated "6th April 1897 from the Surgeon-General with the Government "of Madras to the Secretary to Government, Local and Municipal "Department, were unfortunately overlooked in deputing these "midwives to plague duty. I consider, however, that these "women should be provided with free quarters or compensation given in lieu thereof."

3. It will be seen from the above that the promise was made by Dr. Branfoot under a mistake.

This question is dealt with in C. No 804 P which is separately submitted with a draft.

4. As Government has, in a recent G.O. (No. 455-P, Local and Municipal, dated 9th May 1898) sanctioned more liberal terms for midwives who may hereafter be entertained for plague duty, I recommend that the new terms may also be made

applicable to those already on plague duty, from the date of the G.O. so that there may be no cause for discontentment amongst them.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,

C Sibthorpe

*Surgeon-*Major-General
Surgeon-General
with the Govt. of Madras.

Local & Munl. (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 9/398

UNDER SECY TO GOVT.
25 JUN 98
PUBLIC

Remind S.G. for reply to para 2 of Endt No 398.
24/6/98.

Done
24/6.
committee

From The President District Bd
Coimbatore

Order

Refce: on Govr: **No.** 383/D.B. of 1898

Dated 21st June 1898.
Received 23-6-1898.
Registered 23-6-1898.
Enclosures one.
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SUBJECT.

Replying to Government memo dated 3 June 1898 No 39 P. and Enclosing a copy of the order appointing the nurse at Podanur.—

BACK PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

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G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

C No 959

Plague

Refce: on [illegible] No. 383/D.B. of 1898.

Coimbatore District Board [illegible] Office,
21st June 1898

From

J. A. Cumming Esquire,
PRESIDENT, DISTRICT BOARD,
COIMBATORE.

To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT,
MADRAS.

Sir,

With reference to Government memo: dated 3rd June 1898 No 39 P, I have the honor to forward copy of the order appointing the Nurse at Podanur. In it she was promised free quarters or compensation in lieu thereof.

2. In his No 2,512 dated 10 July 1897, the District Medical and Sanitary Officer forwarded bills for the nurse's house rent for the months of April to July pointing out that, tho' she was not entitled to this under G.O. No 898 dated 13 April 1897 L & M, she had been distinctly promised this in the order appointing her. These the then President Mr Bradley ordered to be paid. — Apparently after perusal of the order appointing her. It was on the objection of the Treasury Deputy Collector that reference was

made to Government.

3. I have received a reminder to this reference. I regret the delay which is due to my being in Camp and all the references not being sent to me in the first instance.—

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedt. Servant
P. Meenatchayalu
for President

22/6/98

Urgent. 1897.

From The Superintendent
Government Maternity Hospital
Madras.

To Mrs. A McGrath
Midwife
Pycrofts Road, Triplicane

Dated 19 April 1897 No. 230.

Subject.

You are directed to proceed forthwith to Podanur for the purpose of inspecting female passengers in train and to report yourself to the Medical officer in charge of the Quarantine Camp at that station. You will receive a salary of Rs 100 per month with free quarters or Compensation in lieu of quarters.—

(Sigd) A. M. Branfoot
Brig. Surgeon Lt. Col.
Supdt. Govt. Maternity Hospital

(True Copy)

(Sigd) J. F. Fitzpatrick, M.D.
Surgl. Lt. Col., Distt. Medl & Sanitary Officer

District Surgeon's Office, Coimbatore dated 10 July 1897

(True Copy)

P. Meenatchayalu
for President

1/939 P of 1898

22/6/98

Local & Munl. (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 9418

Order

From Surgeon-Major-General C. Sibthorpe C.B. F.R.C.P.I.

Surgeon-General
with the Govt. of Madras.

No. 7/213

Draft sent [illegible] by 24/6/98

Dated 20th June

Received 24-6-1898

Registered 24-6-1898.

Enclosures

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SUBJECT.

Requesting that for the reasons stated within all those midwives who were given to understand by Dr. Branfoot that they would be given house rent if not provided with quarters should be allowed the sum actually spent by them on house rent subject to a maximum of Rs 15 per mensem.

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C No 941 P

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Office of Surgeon-General
with the Government of Madras,

No. L/213

Ootacamund 20 June 1898
Madras,

From

Surgeon-Major-General C. Sibthorpe, C.B., F.R.C.P.I.,
Surgeon-General with the
Government of Madras,

To

The ~~Hon'ble the Chief~~ Secretary to Government,
Local and Municipal Department.

Sir,

With reference to your Memorandum, No. 39-P, L. & M., dated 3rd June 1898, I have the honour to state that when writing my letter No.195, dated 24th February 1898 I was not aware that Dr. Branfoot had made any such promise. It was only on receipt of a further representation from Mrs. Williams about the end of March last that I placed myself in communication with ~~the~~ Dr: Branfoot and learnt for the first time that such a promise had been made by him.

2. As I gather from the correspondence in this office, Mrs. Williams raised the question of house rent last year and was allowed Rs.10 per mensem by the Collector, but this -- appears to have since been retrenched.

3. I am of opinion that all those midwives who were given to understand by Dr. Brnafoot that they would be given house rent if not provided with quarters should be allowed the sum actually spent by them on house rent subject to a maximum of Rs.15 per mensem.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,

C Sibthorpe

Surgeon- Major Genl
Surgeon-General
with the Govt. of Madras.

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Read again G.O., No. dated 189 ,							
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Order of Government	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
Letter of Government.							
Statement with ditto.							
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