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Copy of Proceedings of the Plague Commissioner, Madras, Ref. On C.No. 1785, dated 12th February 1899:-

Read the following letter from the President, Municipal Commissioner, Madras, dated 9th February 1899 G.No. 1170:-

With reference to your C.No.1521, dated 7th February 1899, I have the honour to state that the sepoys were trained under the Sanitary Commissioner and have been on duty under the Plague Officers since 16th November 1898 - 25 under each.

The contribution referred to Rs.617-1-0 has only been drawn by one private Hospital - I do not think it advisable to reduce the Rs.5,000/-

I note your concluding remark and will endeavour to classify but I doubt if I can reduce.

Reference on C.No.1785, dated 12th February 1899.

Forwarded to the Financial Department in continuation of Ref. on C.No.1521, dated 7th February 1899. The President does not quote any authority for keeping the troops on duty. Their services will be required only when plague breaks out in the city and it seems a needless expense to keep 100 men doing nothing. The President will be requested to report if the men may be sent back to ordinary duty to be recalled when wanted, 10 or 15 being left for duty on an emergency.

2. The sum of Rs.5,000 provided for contributions to plague hospitals and camps will not be reduced unless the President writes again that the whole of this amount is not likely to be utilized during the current year.

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Copy of Proceedings of the Plague Commissioner,
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Read letter from the President, Municipal Commission Madras, dated 4th February 1899, H.No.1400/B.P., submitting plague monthly estimate for February 1899.

Ref. On C.No.1521, dated 7th February 1899.

24 D. Provincial. Dr. Bannerman is not likely to join his appointment for some time and there are only four other Medical Officers on plague duty under the Municipality. The salaries of three more doctors who have been attached to the General Hospital, and of the two English Nurses who were never placed at the disposal of the President, Municipal Commission, and are now in Vellore, do ^{not} ~~not~~ seem to be a fair charge on the Municipal Commission and the provision on account of them may be omitted from the budget.

2. The charges on account of the Establishment attached to Special Plague and Medical Officers (viz 13 clerks & 12 peons) seem debitable to Municipal according to the classification on pages 127, 129 and 130 of the Plague Manual; but it is doubtful if they would not better follow the officers to whom the establishments are attached.

3. Inoculation is under the control of the Sanitary Commissioner and he has been requested to send a consolidated estimate for charges under this head for the whole Presidency. No separate provision seems necessary for the City of Madras.

4. The question whether the provision should be made in the Provincial Budget on account of allowances to troops on plague duty is still under the consideration of Government. A detachment of 100 troops was trained for plague work and half batta for the period of training was sanctioned by Mr. Hammick. The President is requested to report if the steps sepoys are still held in readiness, and if so under what authority, G.O.No.1264 P, dated 7th October 1898 sanctions only their training.

5. The provision for contribution to private Plague Hospitals and camps may be reduced to Rs.5,000; only Rs.617-1-0 ~~per mensem~~ have been expended to date. The President is

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requested to state whether this amount is likely to be fully utilized during the current year and what portion of it may be surrendered.

6. 24 D. Municipal. It is not clear with reference to what sanctioned scale the allowances to several classes of Officers have been granted. In many cases the allowances seem excessive when compared with those granted to Government servants. It is reasonable to grant allowances for plague duty to officers deputed from the ordinary establishment, but when an appointment has been specially created on account of plague, a salary suited to the nature of the work required should be paid without any allowances. The carriage allowance of Rs. 150 granted to Mrs. Porch, a nurse required to examine passports, appears high, but perhaps her duties necessitate her keeping 2 carriages. Many of the nurses are paid Rs. 70 a month + a house rent allowance of Rs. 20; others are paid Rs. 100 with a boarding allowance of Rs. 1-8-0 a day. It is not known under what authority the house rent allowance of Rs. 20 is granted. The boarding allowance of Rs. 1-8-0 a day should be given only when the nurses are actually attending on plague patients or engaged in work involving personal risk (G.O. No. 522 of 98).

7. The provision under Miscellaneous ^{has} ~~had~~ been raised from Rs. 40,000 to Rs. 50,000 with a remark that the original estimate was "due to insufficient allotment". The amount is large and the Plague Commissioner is of opinion that it should be capable of being classified and shown under appropriate heads. It presents nearly a third of the whole expenditure under "Municipal"

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Copies attached.

Read the following papers:-

Proceedings of the Plague Commissioner, Madras, Ref. On G. Nos. 1521 and 1785, dated 7th and 13th February 1899 respectively.

G. O. No. 273, dated 30th February 1899.

PROVINCIAL. The provision made for February and March 1899 for the two nurses deputed for plague duty ^{at Vellore will be omitted} from the estimate. The salaries of doctors sent out by the Secretary of State but temporarily attached to the General Hospital form direct Provincial charges.

2. Establishments attached to Special plague officers and to Medical Officers should be debited to Provincial.

3. The pay of the clerk newly sanctioned for the Sanitary Commissioner's Office will be shown under 24 C SANITATION AND VACCINATION.

4. The provision for batta to Commissioned Military Officers and Boys will be transferred from PROVINCIAL to MUNICIPAL in accordance with the recent orders on the subject.

5. A sum of Rs. 7140 was shown in G.O. No. 154 Financial dated 37th January 1899 as actuals under PROVINCIAL-INDIRECT (24 A MEDICAL) charges up to the 30th November 1898. The Accountant-General has been requested to report on this point and pending his reply an allotment to cover the expenditure will be entered in the estimate.

The figures ^{as revised} ~~shown~~ under PROVINCIAL and MUNICIPAL will be entered in the consolidated plague estimates for February.

(True Extract)

To
The President, Local Commission.
,, Plague Commissioner.
,, Accountant-General with the estimate to be returned.
,, Local and Municipal Department. ✓
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