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With reference to your Proceedings, No. 353/28, dated 8th February 1899, I have the honour to request that you will be so good as to let me know whether you consider the supply of turbans to troops on plague duty unnecessary. In the letter forwarded with my letter, Ref. on Cur. No. 205 P., dated 18th January 1899, the Commandant of the 28th Regiment asks for the supply of turbans also, but in paragraph 2 of your Proceedings under reference you sanction only the supply of two suits and a pair of boots.

PROCEEDINGS—No. 656/65, dated 7th March 1899.

The Government Order read above is communicated to all Collectors and the President, Municipal Commission, Madras, for information and guidance.

2. The allowance admissible to a British non-commissioned officer is Re. 1 a day + 6 annas a day extra ration money and not as stated in paragraph 2 (2) of the Government Order.

3. In addition to two suits of white drill and one pair of boots, each sepoy on plague duty should be allowed two white turbans.

4. The President, Municipal Commission, Madras, and the Collectors of districts in which troops are employed/have been already requested to make provision for Military officers and sepoys in the monthly plague estimates in accordance with the orders now issued by Government and also to include them in the monthly printed plague establishment lists.

for Personal Assistant,
Plague Commissioner.

To all Collectors (A, B, C, J, K).
" the Sanitary Commissioner.
" the Surgeon-General.
" the President, Municipal Commission, Madras.
" the Deputy Adjutant-General, Madras Command.
" General Officers Commanding Districts.
" the Secretary to Government, Local and Municipal Department.
" the Chief Secretary to Government, Financial Department.
" the Accountant-General.

Exd. W. D'Moss.

Proceedings of the Plague Commissioner,

MADRAS—1899.

1 Abstract

Recd. } 1899. *Enclosures*
Regd. *Spare copies*

Proceedings, No. $\frac{353}{23}$, 8th February 1899.

FEBRUARY.

Allowances to Officers and Troops on Plague duty.

Issuing instructions regarding the grant of — and supply of working clothing to the troops.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE PLAGUE COMMISSIONER.

READ—the following papers :—

From the Collector of Anantapur, dated 3rd December 1898, Ref. on C. No. 917 P.

ABSTRACT.—Forwarding copy of a letter from the Officer Commanding the detachment, 9th Madras Infantry, on plague duty at Guntakal, claiming allowances and clothing for troops.

To the Secretary to Government, Local and Municipal Department, dated 11th January 1899, Ref. on C. No. 1899.

ABSTRACT.—Requesting orders as to the allowances that should be paid to Military officers and troops on plague duty.

From J. K. BATTEN, Esq., Acting Collector and District Magistrate, North Arcot, to the Plague Commissioner, Madras, dated Camp, Vellore, 18th January 1899, R.C. No. 205 P.

I have the honour to forward, herewith, copy of letter No. A-79, dated 14th January 1899, from Commandant, 28th Regiment, Madras Infantry, and to request that you will be so good as to let me know at an early date if I can comply with the Commandant's requests, and if so from what funds the cost is to be met.

ENCLOSURE.

From Lieutenant-Colonel W. H. LOWRY, Commandant, 28th Regiment, Madras Infantry, to the Collector of North Arcot, dated Madras, 14th January 1899, No. A-79.

In accordance with telegraphic instructions from Command Head-quarters, a party of 100 men under Lieutenant Sherrard, with 3 Native officers and 8 non-commissioned officers, has been sent this day for disinfecting work under your orders at Vellore.

The hundred men employed on this duty in Madras have been supplied by the Municipality with two white drill suits and two white turbans per man, and are also paid 8 annas a day per man.

I should be greatly obliged if you could kindly sanction such an issue to the party now employed at Vellore, the men's uniforms being unsuitable for disinfecting work.

Here, in Madras, we arranged regimentally for the making up of the white suits, and the bill was paid by the Plague department of the Municipality.

If you could kindly sanction this procedure, I would arrange for the making up of the clothing and its issue to the party.

I have sent tents with the party, but if they could be housed in the old barracks in the Fort, Vellore, it would, I fancy, be more comfortable and convenient for the men.

From L. E. BUCKLEY, Esq., I.C.S., Plague Commissioner, to the Commandant, 28th Regiment, Madras Infantry, Madras, dated 21st January 1899, Ref. on C. No. 808.

I have the honour to inform you that the proposals contained in your letter, No. A-79, dated 14th January 1899, to the Collector of North Arcot regarding supply of clothing to the troops on plague duty at Vellore are sanctioned. The question as to payment has been referred to Government and a separate communication will be sent to you when orders have been passed.

Letter from the Collector of Anantapur, dated 18th January 1899, Ref. on C. No. 917 P.

ABSTRACT.—Stating that the Officer Commanding the detachment of troops on plague duty at Guntakal has applied for an allowance of Rs. 200 a month and inquiring what allowance he is entitled to.

Telegram to the Collector of Salem, dated 30th January 1899.

ABSTRACT.—Authorizing the Collector of Salem to pay eight annas a day to the sappers on plague duty in anticipation of the sanction of Government.

Letter from the Sanitary Commissioner, dated 31st January 1899, No. 307-S.

ABSTRACT.—Suggesting the issue of a ruling as to the allowances and compensation permissible to native troops when employed on plague duty.

G.O., No. 173 P., dated 2nd February 1899.

ABSTRACT.—Communicating the orders of the Government of India regarding plague allowances to officers and troops on plague duty and approving of the Plague Commissioner's proposal regarding the supply of clothing.

From T. HESKETH BIGGS, Esq., Accountant-General, to the Treasury Officers, Salem, Bellary, North Arcot and Anantapur, dated Fort St. George, 4th February 1899, No. 464 to 467.

I have the honour to request you to be good enough to pay bills in establishment bill form presented by Plague officers of gazetted rank in your district, for batta of troops employed on plague duty, and to debit the amount to "24. Medical—Expenses in connection with the bubonic plague—batta paid to troops." This is a temporary arrangement made to obviate further delay pending arrangements to be made in the Military Department for the payment of the allowances through military disbursing officers.

No. 468.

Copy to Plague Commissioner for information and with the request, that he will issue instructions to the Plague officers concerned to draw and disburse plague allowances for the troops at the rates sanctioned by the Government of India in Finance and Commerce letter No. 2913-Ex., dated 3rd July 1897 (extract enclosed). Proper acquittance rolls must of course be maintained by such officers.

(Signed) W. H. DAWSON,
Deputy Accountant-General.

ENCLOSURE.

EXTRACT of letter from Mr. J. P. HEWETT, C.I.E., Secretary to the Government of India, to the Secretary to the Government of Bombay, General department, dated Simla, the 26th June 1897, No. 673.

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3. The following are the allowances sanctioned by the Governor-General in Council for the performance of Sanitary duties:—

(1) Combatant British Officers—The same rate as that admissible to officers employed on famine duty under article 101 of the Civil Service Regulations, namely, Rs. 300 a month for officers of over five years' service, and Rs. 200 a month for officers of under five years' service.

(2) British non-commissioned officers, Re. 1 a day.

(3) British privates, As. 12 a day and As. 6 a day, extra ration money.

(4) Native officers, Rs. 1-8-0 a day.

(5) Native non-commissioned officers, As. 12 a day.

(6) Sepoys, As. 8 a day.

PROCEEDINGS—No. $\frac{353}{28}$, dated 8th February 1899.

The attention of the Collectors is invited to the terms of the Government of India Resolution printed in the G.O. read above. Those employed on guard duty (*e.g.*, at Jalarpet) are not entitled to any allowances. As regards officers and men employed on Sanitary duty, *i.e.*, in disinfection, the allowances sanctioned by the Government of India should be drawn at once from the commencement of their duty and disbursed in the manner stated by the Accountant-General. The question as to whether any provision should be made in the plague budget on this account has been referred to Government in the Financial Department.

2. Two suits of cheap white drill and one pair of boots should be supplied to each sepoy so long as he is on plague duty. It will be most convenient to arrange for this regimentally. It should be reported how long this supply should last.

L. E. BUCKLEY,
Plague Commissioner.

To all Collectors (A, B, C, J, K).
,, the Sanitary Commissioner.
,, the Surgeon-General.
,, President, Municipal Commission, Madras.
,, the Deputy Adjutant-General, Madras Command.
,, General Officers Commanding Districts.

Exd. Shaik Karim.

Allowances

C. A.

Put up proper G.Os before sending flag C
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5-12-98

A

I understand that the ordinary pay & housing of troops is debitable to Imperial. Flag A, The doubt is as to compensation for clothing & plague allowances. May these I think be not Imperial — Flag B

B

Ch. King refers to an order of the Govt. of India. This is not put up — nor the Madras Govt's order on it. The question is an important one, & needs immediate attention. I cannot decide anything until the proper references are put up: please put up at once.

Flag C.

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C

The plague allowance to Staff Corps Officers in districts is debitable to Plague Charges I. Provincial. Indirect. 3. ~~[illegible]~~ Plague officers:. The G.O. sanctioning the allowance is not put up. [illegible]

NOTE FOR THE Financial Dept

If the expenditure connected with the housing & clothing of troops on plague duty, and their extra allowances on account of plague duty are to be debited to "Imperial" as ruled in General Instruction I, page 5 of G.O. No 9496. dt 29-8-97 and also stated in the Acct Genl's letter printed in Plague Comsr's Procs No 672, dt 14-11-97; it seems desirable that an estimate of such expenditure should be made & intimated to the Military Department for inclusion in its general budget. Otherwise, expenditure will have to be incurred without any allotment, which is contrary to the principle laid down in para 4 of G.O. No 868 Fin dt 11-10-98. 1

2. It may be noted that the plague allowances of Rs 300 a month granted to Military Officers on plague duty in the City of Madras and

and the Districts is ~~not~~ now
being ~~and~~ included in the
Provincial budget estimate.

3. Early orders on these points are requested, as the officer in charge of the troops on plague duty at Guntakal has in the accompanying letter (to be returned) made a claim on the Civil Dept for charges on account of the clothing and the entire plague allowance of the troops.

7/12/98

A

Please draft a note for Financial on the question.

A. Pay & allowances of Special officers is debitable to ~~Govt~~ Civil.

B. Ordinary pay of officers & men on disinfection duty should be debited to Military. Allowances presumably to Civil.

verify

From the papers put up it does not appear that allowances have been sanctioned for any of the officers; also that allowances for wash & deterioration of clothing may be sanctioned as noted in Nathan.

Govt of India sanction covers this pay also

These charges should, I think be debitable to Local.

The extra pay should I think go to District 24-C.

Allowances for depot to 24 D. Direct; so also contingent expenditure of all kinds, incurred in consequence

NOTE FOR THE Plague Commt.

In Bombay (vide Progs No 572 d/ 5-11-(98), ~~[illegible]~~ the pay of military officers deputed exclusively on plague duty, and their allowances are wholly debited to the Civil Dept, ~~whereas~~ while in the case of officers not formally transferred to Civil Dept but still engaged on plague duty, their pay is debited to Military Dept, and all extra allowances & other charges incurred on account of plague duty is debited to Civil Dept. To the former class belong the military officers now employed on plague duty in the City of Madras & in the Dts of Salem, N. Arcot & Cuddapah. To the latter class, belong the military officers attached to disinfecting parties at Guntakal, Molagavalli & to the guard at Jalarpet. If the Bombay procedure is to be followed, it seems doubtful whether the A.G. is correct in saying that the entire expenditure incurred by the

the sepoys at Guntakal on mats & bamboos (vide Progs No 672 dt 14-11-98) should be met by the Military Dept. But for the troops being on plague duty, this charge would not have been incurred & hence it seems to follow that it is a plague charge debitable to Civil Dept.

B. As regards the Govt of India order No 673 dt 26-6-97 quoted by the S.C., it has not been communicated to this office and the [illegible] Dept is unable to trace the paper – vide memo attached. The purport of this order is given on pages 401-402 of Vol I, Nathan.

C. The allowances to Military officers are admissible under article 101 of the Civil Service Regulations & the orders of the Govt of India quoted in reply to B.

D (Cuo 1966). I am sorry I have not seen any order about Lieut Grant & the sepoys under him, & the Office is unable to trace any.

2/12/98

of disinfection work. Now hands will have to be spared.

I think A.G. concur.

4/12

W.B.

Regd u Seal on 30/12/98

Appd 15/12

Encls

G.O. 1544 M dt 5-7-97
S.C. Progs No 672 dt 14-11-98

NOTE FOR THE Financial Dept

Military officers and troops ~~are~~ have for some time been employed on plague duty in this ~~district~~ Presidency, the officers ~~are~~ ~~chiefly~~ assist the ordinary district officers in supervising the observation schemes & carrying out ~~plague~~ measures for the suppression of plague, while the troops except at Jalarpet are chiefly engaged in disinfecting infected places. Under the orders of the Govt of India read in G.O. No 1544 M. dt 5-7-97 and later orders referred to on pages 401 & 402 of Nathan, Vol I, the officers and troops engaged on sanitary duty are entitled to the following allowances

(1) Combatant British Officers –

Rs 300 a month for officers of over 5 years' service & Rs 200 a month for officers of less service + travelling allowances admissible to a member of the Indian Civil Service.

(2) British non Commissioned Officers
Re 1 a day + 6 annas a day
extra ration money.
(3) British privates – 12 annas a day
+ 6 annas a day extra ration money.
(4) Native Officers – Rs 1-8-0 a day
(5) Native non Commd officers – 12 annas a day.
(6) Sepoys – 8 annas a day.

British & native troops are also entitled to Compensation for wear & tear of clothing at the following rates:—

(7) British troops — Rs 15
(8) Native " Rs 10
(9) Transport followers — Rs 5.

2. The first point for consideration is ~~[illegible]~~ what department should bear the above allowances and all ~~other~~ charges which the officers & troops ~~[illegible]~~ would not have incurred but for their being placed on plague duty. The last sentence of General Instruction I appended to G.O. No 698 Fin dt 15-8-98 states—"The "expenditure connected with "troops employed on plague "duty is Imperial and need "not be included in the Civil Estimates

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"Estimates of plague charges" It seems necessary to cancel this ruling formally with reference to G.O. No 957 Fin dt 27-10-98, in which it is stated that the emoluments of Military Officers employed on plague duty in this Presy will be ~~dealt with~~ treated in the same manner as in Bombay. The Bombay procedure is stated to be as follows:—

(a) Officers deputed exclusively on plague duty. Their emoluments are paid & audited in the Civil Dept.

(b) Officers retained on strength of regiments ~~[illegible]~~ but doing plague work without being formally transferred to the Civil Dept. Their pay alone is ~~[illegible]~~ paid & audited in the Military Dept, but allowances granted to them for plague duty & all other expenditure due to their employment on plague duty is debited to the Civil Dept.

3. If this procedure is applied to this Residency, the pay and allowances

allowances of all the 7 military officers named in the papers printed in G.O. No 1112 Fin dt 25-11-98, are debitable to the Plague Budget, while in the case of the officers in charge of the disinfection parties at Maddikera, Guntakal, Mologavalli, only the allowances alone but not the pay should be charged to the Civil Dept. There is a detachment of 60 sepoys on guard duty at the Jalarpet Inspection Station & the officer in charge of it is not entitled to any plague allowance under the orders quoted in para 1, but it is presumed that his travelling allowances and all expenses connected with the moving & encampment of the troops under him but not their pay should be debited to plague. Similarly it would seem that all charges x which would not have been incurred by the troops on disinfection duty but for their being engaged on this duty should also be debited to plague. The salary & allowances of officers exclusively employed in plague duty should be paid from Provincial ~~[illegible]~~ as is now being done, but the allowances to the second class officers as well the charges on account of compensation for clothing, batta to men, ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~ & contingent expenditure of all kinds incurred in consequence of disinfection work may I think be debited to 'Local'.

x Cf. the charges referred to in G.O's Procs No 672 dt 14-11-98, though the A.G. has ruled otherwise.

4. If orders are issued accordingly, it must follow that provision should be made in the Provincial plague estimates for the items mentioned above.

Lws
2/1/99

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LB.

Despd 7/1/99.

Copied For Ag. Collector General

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R'S OFFICE

[P. C. 300—19-10-98.]

Urgent

MEMORANDUM.

For C. No. 1899/98

Requested for reference the undermentioned papers:—

~~A spare Copy~~ E.O. on of Government of India Res. No: 673 of 26-6-97 about the grant of Compensation for clothing to the Sepoys

Plague Commissioner's Office,
19-12-1898.

N. B. [illegible]
19/12/98
Personal Assistant.

To

The First Assistant

[illegible]

Ret'd 9/12

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The paper referred to on the reverse cannot be traced in this office.

V. Raghava Charlu
First Assistant

Furnished
Srinivasachari
Clerk L&M. Dept.
30.12.98

20.12.98

VK

G.O's No. 1544 M. Mis. dt 5th July 1897, and G.O No. 50 M. Mis of 1898 contain the Govt of India letter referred to.
It is requested that the papers may be furnished at a very early date

Srinivasachari
Personal Assistant

M.S. 29/12/98

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PLAGUE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

(1899)

CURRENT No. 1830

P. C.
10 FEB 1899

Progs.
~~Letter~~
~~Ref.~~

Ref

~~The Collector's query in the first sentence of his letter is answered in the affirmative. Extra allowance or expenditure due to employment of troops on plague duty are debitable to Civil dept - Provincial 24. D. medical~~

Submitted for the very early orders of P.C. in continuation of office note dt 4-1-99

13/2/99

P.C
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To
The Coll. of Salem

~~Copy to the Collectors~~
Fin Dept
~~Judl Dept. in continuation~~
~~of this office ref. in note~~
~~dt 4-1-99~~

Show P.C. on this
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G.O. no 213 Fin dt 11-2-99 is submitted. It was communicated to the Coll of Salem in a separate Commn.

From The Ag Collector of Salem

Ref **No.** 354
P.C

Dated 8th Feb. 1899

Received 10-2-99

Registered 10-2-99

Enclosures One

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SUBJECT.

Requesting to be informed whether provision should be made in the monthly Plague Budget to meet the charges for disbursing batta to troops employed on plague duty as suggested by the Accountant General.

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Fort St George

Accountant-General's Office

No 464 4th February 1899

From

The Accountant-General to the

Government of Madras.

To The Treasury Officer Salem

Sir,

I have the honor to request you to be good enough to pay bills in establishment bill form presented by Plague officers of Gazetted rank in your district, for batta of troops employed on plague duty and to debit the amount to "24, X. Medical expenses in connection with the Bubonic Plague-batta paid to troops". This is a temporary arrangement made to obviate further delay pending arrangements to be made in the Military Department for the payment of the allowances through Military disbursing officers.

I have etc

(Sd) W H Dawson

Dy Accountant General

(True copy)

R Jenkins

For Ag Collector

Copied by [illegible]

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SALEM COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,

8 February 1899.

No. 394 / P.C

8/2-99

FROM Robert B. Clegg Esq., I.C.S.

ag COLLECTOR AND DISTRICT MAGISTRATE,

Salem,

TO

THE ~~SECRETARY TO THE~~ Plague COMMISSIONER ~~OF~~ Fort St George

Madras.

SIR,

In forwarding herewith a copy of Accountant General's letter No 464 dated 4th instant stating that pending arrangement by the Military Department for disbursement by its officer of batta for troops employed on plague duty the amount should be paid by debit to 24 D Medical, I have the honor to request to be informed whether in the circumstances the necessary provision should be made in the monthly Plague Budget to meet these charges. I think it need not be budgetted for, as the transaction ~~the~~ seems to be of the nature of recoverable advances.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
R. L. Jenkins
For ag Collector

Copied by [illegible]

I am not sure that Military Commands be called on to pay this. It is a Local charge on Government.

C № 2235

20-2-99

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Government (1899) of Madras.

FINANCIAL.

P. C.
20 FEB 1899

Recd. } 1899. *Enclosures*

Regd. *Spare copies*

G.O., No. 213, 11th February 1899.

FEBRUARY.

Plague Expenditure.

Passing orders in regard to the debit and distribution of the charges connected with the employment of military officers and troops on plague duties.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

Read—again the following papers :—

G.O., No. 1544 M., dated 5th July 1897.

Abstract.—Recording letter from the Government of India forwarding, for information and guidance, a copy of letter addressed to the Government of Bombay on the subject of the allowances to be granted to military officers and troops employed on duty connected with the plague.

G.O., No. 957, Financial, dated 27th October 1898.

Abstract.—Recording telegram from the Government of Bombay intimating the method under which the emoluments of military officers on plague duty are treated in the accounts of the Bombay Presidency ; and directing that the emoluments of military officers employed on plague duty in the Madras Presidency be similarly treated.

G.O., No. 1141, Financial, dated 1st December 1898.

Abstract.—Recording proceedings of the Plague Commissioner communicating to the Collector of Anantapur the Accountant-General's reply to his reference regarding the debit of expenditure on troops for plague duty.

G.O., No. 173 P., dated 2nd February 1899.

Abstract.—Communicating to the Plague Commissioner, the President, Municipal Commission, Madras, and the Accountant-General the orders of the Government of India on the subject of the allowances to be granted to troops employed on plague duty ; and approving the Plague Commissioner's proposals regarding the supply of working clothing to troops in lieu of compensation.

Read—also the following paper :—

From the Plague Commissioner, dated 4th January 1899.

Order—No. 213, Financial, dated 11th February 1899.

G.O., No. 1544 M., dated 5th July 1897.

In Home Department letter No. 673, dated 26th June 1897, to the Government of Bombay, the Government of India classified the duties performed by troops in connection with plague into two kinds :—

(1) Sanitary duties, *i.e.*, searching, disinfecting, superintending, scavenging, &c.

(2) Guard duty.

It laid down at the same time that guard duty is an ordinary military duty which any body of troops may be called upon to carry out and that therefore no allowances should be granted for its performance. The sanitary duties, on the other hand, it recognized as unusual, as well as disagreeable and dangerous, and it considered that officers and men who are called upon to execute such duties should receive adequate remuneration.

2. The following scale of allowances was accordingly sanctioned for the performance of sanitary duties in the Bombay Presidency :—

(1) *Combatant British Officers.*—The same rate as that admissible to officers employed on famine duty under article 101 of the Civil Service Regulations, namely, Rs. 300 a month for officers of over five years' service, and Rs. 200 a month for officers of under five years' service, together with travelling allowances admissible to members of the Indian Civil Service.

(2) *British Non-Commissioned Officers.*—Re. 1 a day.

(3) *British Privates.*—Twelve annas a day and six annas a day extra ration money.

(4) *Native Officers.*—Rs. 1-8-0 a day.

(5) *Native Non-Commissioned Officers.*—Twelve annas a day.

(6) *Sepoys.*—Eight annas a day.

3. The foregoing allowances will be similarly granted in this Presidency to all officers and troops who have been, or may be, employed on plague duties.

4. Orders have already been passed in paragraph 2 of G.O., No. 173 P., dated 2nd February 1899, regarding the supply of working clothing in lieu of compensation for wear and tear of clothing.

5. As regards the distribution of these charges, it is to be observed that the emoluments of staff corps officers deputed exclusively on plague duty are, under existing orders, treated as *direct* and debited to 24-D. Medical—Grants for Medical Purposes—*Provincial.* The allowances granted to military officers retained on the strength of their regiments, but performing plague duties without being formally transferred to the Civil Department, whose pay is borne by the Military Department, and all other expenditure due to their employment on plague duty, together with charges on account of clothing, batta to men and contingent expenditure of all kinds incurred in consequence of disinfection work will be borne by *Local* or *Municipal* funds, according to the area within which the officers and troops are employed.

6. In accordance with the foregoing rulings, the travelling allowances of the officer in charge of the detachment on guard duty at Jalarpet and all expenses connected with the moving and encampment of the troops under him will be debited to *Local.* Similarly the charges referred to in the Plague Commissioner's proceedings, No. 672, dated 14th November 1898, which would not have been incurred by the troops on disinfection duty at Guntakal but for their being engaged on this duty, will be debited to *Local.*

7. The ruling contained in the last sentence of paragraph 1 of the "General Instructions" appended to G.O., No. 698, Financial, dated 15th August 1898, viz., that the expenditure connected with troops employed on plague duty is Imperial and need not be included in the civil estimates of plague charges, is cancelled.

8. The Plague Commissioner will be requested to report to the Financial Department whenever troops are detailed for plague duty, intimating the nature of the duty in each case.

(True Extract.)

A Edgington
for *Chief Secretary.*

To the Plague Commissioner. ✓
„ Local and Municipal Department.
„ Public Department.
„ Accountant-General.

Exd. P. Seetharam.

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Ref [illegible] 2235

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To The Collector of N. Arcot
" Salem
" Bellary
" Anantapur
" Kurnool

President M. C. Madras

Df
20/2

Sir

~~In forwarding an extract~~ With reference to ~~para~~ paras 5, 6 & 7 of G. O. No ×213 Fin dt 11-2-99, I have the honour to request that in your next monthly plague estimate which is due in this office on the 5th March, you will kindly make full provision under the heads now prescribed for ~~the~~ all charges which will have to be incurred during the current official year on account of the employment of ~~sepoy~~ troops on plague duty

× Note
apply at once for spare copies & send ~~them~~ as early as [illegible].

Sent
[illegible]

Sd
for [illegible]
20/2/99

Despd 20.2.99
[illegible] with sec of G.O.

Ref on Cur no $\frac{2235}{99}$

To

The Collrs of North Arcot, Salem
Bellary, Anantapur & Kurnool
& the Presdt. M. M. Commn

Sir:

I have the honor to request, in continuation of my letter Ref on: Cur no: 2235 of 99 of 20-2-99, that you will be good enough to exhibit in your future monthly plague Estt lists the names & no of the military officers & ~~men~~ depy ~~respectively attached to troops~~ employed on Sanitary plague duties in your Dt ~~on the arrangement shown in para 2 of G.O. no: 213 Rev of 11-2-99~~. They have to be shown under the heads "Local" or municipal according to the locality where they execute their duties

Return file after despatch.
23/2

Resubmitted
23-2-99

C.A. Extract prepared complete, including those noted for camp today
23/2

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OC
23/2/99
for P.C

Desp 23-2-99

23-2-99

This information in the Estt list will facilitate checking of Estimates

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PLAGUE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

(1899)

A suit, would under ~~[illegible]~~ the Circumstances, necessarily include the head dress also. The Collr may be informed accordingly

23-2-99

CURRENT No. 2387

Progs.
~~Letter~~
Ref.

Two turbans should also be supplied to all sepoys on Disinfection ~~plague~~ duty.

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28/2/99

To all Collrs

From The Collector. North Arcot

Re No. 714 of 99

Dated 16-2-99.

Received P.C. 23 FEB. 1899

Registered 23-2-99

Enclosures

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SUBJECT.

Requesting to be informed whether the supply of turbans to troops on plague duty is considered unnecessary.

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Plague

NORTH ARCOT, COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,
Camp Ranipet 16 – 2 – 1899.
R.C. No. 714 P OF 1899

FROM
J. K. Batten Esquire
Ag COLLECTOR AND DISTRICT MAGISTRATE,
North Arcot,

TO
THE Plague Commissioner
Madras.

SIR,

With reference to your Proceedings no $\frac{353}{28}$ dated 8th February 99, I have the honor to request that you will be so good as to let me know whether you consider the supply of turbans to troops on plague duty unnecessary. In the letter forwarded with my letter, Reference No. 205 P dated 18.1.99, the Commandant of the 28th Regiment asks for the supply of turbans also, but in para 2 of your Proceedings under reference you sanction only the supply of two suits and a pair of boots.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant

for Ag Collector.

DESPATCHED
21 FEB. 1899

Read the following papers C 1830

(1) S.C.'s Procs No $\frac{353}{28}$ dt 8-2-99 (print abstract)

(2) ~~Note in~~ S.C.'s note to the Fin. Dept. dt 4-1-99 (Print full)

Cho 1830 (3) Letter from the Coll. of Salem to the S.C. Ref on Cho 394 dt 8-2-99, enquiring whether provision should be made in the plague budget to meet the batta and other charges connected with the employment of troops on plague duty.

Cho 2235 (4) G.O. No 213 Fin dt 11-2-99 (print full order only).

Cho 2387 (5) Letter from the Collr of N. Arcot to the S.C., Ref on Cho 741 dt 16-2-99. (print full)

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Procs No $\frac{656}{45}$ dt 7-3-99

The G.O. read above is communicated to all Collrs and the President M.C. Madras for information & guidance.

2. The allowances admissible to a British non-Commissioned officer is Re 1 a day + 6 annas a day extra ration money. and not as shown in para 2 of [illegible]

3. In addition to two suits of white drill and one pair of boots, each sepoy on plague duty should be allowed two white turbans.

4. The President, M.C. Madras & the Collectors of districts in which troops are employed have been & already

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already requested to make provision for military officers & sepoys in the monthly plague estimates in accordance with the orders now issued by Government and also to include them in the monthly printed plague estimate lists.

To all Collectors (A.B.C. & K.)
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" Surgeon General
" President M.C. Madras
" D.A.G. Madras Command
" General Officers Commanding &c.
" Secy to Govt, L & M Dept.
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