

Local & Munl. (1899) Department.
Plague.

MISCELLANEOUS.

G.O., No. 871

DATED 9-6-98
Dtd. 10. 6. 99

[Despatch Abstract.]

Batta to troops

Sanctioning the payment of — employed in
the mador municipality.

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No 535
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Financial (1899) Department.

CURRENT No. 764

From

The Plague Commissioner
Madras

Order

Ref on C No. 2195

Dated 20. 2. 99

Received 21. 2. 99.

Registered 22. 2. 99.

Enclosures

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SUBJECT

Transferred to L & M, Pro: of the
for actual Pl. Commr forwarding copies of certain
outside to usual correspondence with the Pre-
sident, Municipal Com-
mission, Madras, regarding
the employment of troops
under plague officers in
Madras and the grant
of certain allowances
to them.

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No 535
5-11-98

Proceedings of the Plague Commission

Letter from the Sanitary Commissioner for Madras

No: 2555/S of 2-11-98:-

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As in teaching, I demanded from them complete fulfilment of duties expected by selecting a house for actual disinfection. Manual work of a nature outside the usual ~~role~~ role of the Sepoy was effected.

Under these circumstances, I think it would be but fair to allow them half "plague duty batta" for the period they were actually employed, namely, four out of the seven days absent from their head-

quarters. The following is the full rate sanctioned

for the period they were actually employed, namely, four out of the seven days absent from their head-

Local & Munl. (18

Commissioned Officers and sepoy
CURRENT (days only).

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From

THE PRESIDENT,

Municipal Commission,
Madras

G. No. 1419

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Dated _____

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187-⁸~~12~~--0

243-12--0

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22--8--0

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ch a day 33-12--0

Rs. 100/-

187- 8--0

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Rs. . . 243-12--0

0th at Rs.

22--8--

As. 12 each a day 22--8--

187--8--

Rs. . . 232--8--

BACK PAPERS

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

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G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

November 1898.

Half plague duty-batta to Commissioned Officers and sepoy who were trained by Sanitary Commissioner (for 4 days only).

3 Native officers at As. 12 each a day 9--0--0 ✓
 11 Non-Commissioned Officers at As. 6 each a day 16--8--0 ✓
 2 Drummers at As. 4 each a day 2--0--0 ✓
 100 Privates at do. 100--0--0 ✓
 1 Puckally at As. 4 1--0--0 ✓
 Rs. .. 128--8--0 ✓

December 1898.

2" & 3" Dns.
 Batta to 3 Non-Commissioned officers from 16th to 30th November 1898 at As. 12 each a day. 33-12--0 ✓
 1 Drummer at As. 8 7--8--0 ✓
 25 privates at As. 8 each a day 187--8--0 ✓
 Rs. .. 228-12--0 ✓

7" & 8" Dns.
 Batta to 1 Jamadar from 16th to 30th November at Rs. 1-8-0 a day. 22--8--0 ✓
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 25 privates at As. 8 each a day 187--8--0 ✓
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 25 Privates at As. 8 each a day 187--8--0 ✓
 Rs. .. 232--8--0 ✓
 1077-4-0

1899

7th Dec

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To

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January 1899.

1" Dn.

Batta to 1 Jamadar at Rs. 1-8-0 each a day

1 Havildar at As. 12 a day

2 Naicks at As. 12 each a day

25 privates at As. 8 each a day

1077-4

46--8--0 ✓

23--4--0 ✓

46--8--0 ✓

387--8--0 ✓

503-12--0 ✓

2" & 3" Dns.

Batta to 1 Havildar at As. 12 a day

2 Naicks at As. 12 each a day

1 Drummer 8 do.

25 privates. 8 do.

23--4--0 ✓

46--8--0 ✓

15--8--0 ✓

387--8--0 ✓

472-12--0 ✓

4" & 5" Dns.

Batta to 1 Subadar at Rs. 1-8-0

1 Havildar at As. 12

1 Naick at As. 12 a day

25 privates at As. 8 each a day

46--8--0 ✓

23--4--0 ✓

23--4--0 ✓

387--8--0 ✓

480--8--0 ✓

7" & 8" Dns.

Batta to 1 Jamadar at Rs. 1-8-0 a day

1 Havildar at As. 12 a day

3 Naicks do.

25 Privates at As. 8 each a day

(less fines)

46--8--0 ✓

23--4--0 ✓

62--0--0 ✓

373-12--0 ✓

505--8--0 ✓

Total 3039-12--0 or
Rs. 3040 in round
number.1028-12
128-8

29/1-4

876/m/99

Genl. Dept.
13.

G. No. 1469

MUNICIPALITY OF MADRAS,

General Department,

Madras, 20 March 1899.

From

THE HON'BLE LIEUT.-COL. SIR GEORGE MOORE, KT., C. I. E.,

President, Municipal Commission.

LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPT.

To

The Secretary to Government,

Local and Municipal Department,

Sir,

Fort St. George.

Enclosure.

x One.

With reference to your Memorandum No. 322, dated 16th March 1899, I have the honour to state that the sum of Rs. 128-8-0 shown as paid for November 1898 was disbursed on the recommendation of the Sanitary Commissioner who wrote to the effect "that he thought it would be but fair to allow them half 'Plague Duty Batta' for the period they were actually employed, namely four out of the seven days absent from their Head Quarters".

This was while they were being trained for plague duty.

The remaining amount was paid in accordance with G.O. No. 173 P., dated 2nd February 1899.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

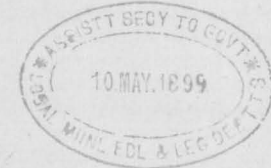
Your most obedient servant.

Geo. Moore Lt.-Col.,

President, Munl. Commn.

Local & Munl. (189 9) Department.

CURRENT No. 1325m



Order

From

THE PRESIDENT,
Municipal Commission,
Madras.

H. No. 307
B.O.

Dated 10 May 1899.

Received

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SUBJECT.

Informing with reference
to memorandum No 497 of 3-5-99
that the provisions of G. O. No 1735
of 2 Feb 99, were considered to be
retrospective in its effects and stating
that the majority of the sepoys were
actually engaged in performing
sanitary duties.

Madras, 10 May 1899.

H. No. 307
B.O.

From R.E. Ellis Esq., M.Inst.C.E.,

LIEUT. COL. SIR GEORGE MOORE, Kt., C. I. E.,

President, Municipal Commission.



The Secretary to Government,

Local and Municipal Department,

Fort Saint George.

Sir,

I have the honor to state that G.O.No. 173 P dated 2nd February 1899 was considered to be retrospective in its provisions.

Enclosure.

2. Some of the sepoys were actually employed in disinfecting the houses where imported plague cases had occurred. Others helped in the supervision of coolie gangs specially engaged to whitewash and clean up dirty places. It cannot be said if every sepoy was actually employed on one or other of the above mentioned duties, but the majority certainly were.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Ag. President, Muni. Commn.

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9-5-99

Plague Expenditure - Madras

* quoted in G.O. No 213 Fin^l dated
11th February 1899

in the Financial Department
as of March 1899. in which it was
stated that the Government of India

in Home Department letter No 673 dated
26th June 1897 laid down that the
following scale of allowances should be
granted for the performance of Sanitary
duties by the troops employed on plague
duty -

(1) Native Officers Rs 12-0-0 a day
(2) Native Non Commissioned Officers 8-12-0 a day
(3) Sepoys Rs 10-8-0 a day
These allowances are granted not for the
purpose of guard duty but for the
purpose of carrying out the Sanitary
duties which are considered dangerous
and disagreeable.

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the Hanumanik's proceedings No 535
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- Native Officers Rs 1.50 a day
- Native Non Commissioned Officers Rs 1.20 a day
- Sepoys Rs 1.00 a day

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Cm

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In the C.B.
The charge falls on the Madras Municipality and is the President

President has paid the same sepoy for doing nothing, it is not clear that Financial can interfere. Submitted that the paper may be transferred to L. & M.

Cm
The circumstances under which these payments were made are ascertained. With L & M please ask the Pres. Mr. Com.

W. J. J.

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Loh. no. 697 of 8-3-99.

W. J. J.

Note for the Secretary

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1.9
29/3/99
Certainly, I, when P.C., did not sanction bounty to the Sepoys, except for a few days they were under training. I remember kept & I left understanding from Col Moore that he intended taking some of the Sepoys for work in the city, but sanction was

What is G.O. no 173-11 dated 2.2.99.
Not asked for

11/4
14.10.99

In the C.B.

Recd 20/3 30M



2.0.1. Comm. in the orders of the Government of the Madras Presidency. The allowances provided to the troops employed in the city of Madras.

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not asked for

1/11/99

In the C.S.



2/2/99 - 2.0. Comm. in the order of the P.C. in the interest of the allowances provided to the Sepoys.

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 also "remaining amount (Rs 2,911) was
 can "paid in accordance with f.o.
 two No. 173 P. d 2.2.99. This
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 to made before the issue of this
 order. ~~It is~~ The point ~~is~~ ^{as}
 me whether the troops which
 in received this letter actually
 d performed sanitary duties
 has not been cleared up.

Chd
 29.4.99
 then the Fin. Secy
 he asked again about
 both the above points
 Ref. 497
 3/5/99

Ref. 497
 L. M. u. o. d. 1105 d 26.4.99
 1757 + 1

The Presd. M. M. is replying,
 with refer to the letter. d 20 March 99
 No 1419, to say how "payments"
 refer to could have been made
 with refer to G.O. 173 P. d 2.2.99
 as much they were apparently made
 before issue of that G.O. He is also
 requested to report if the sanitary
 duties performed

Note for the Secretary.

The file may now be for-
 -warded to the Financial Department
 with the President's reply (No 1325 M) to
 memorandum No 497 dated 3rd May 1899.

XR
 16.5.99

By. The file may be
 forwarded to Financial -
 The troops appear to have been
 used on disinfection & sanitary
 duties - They were put on as
 protective & I believe have
 done a good deal in the way
 of cleaning up particularly
 in sanitary spots

JMR
 18.5.99

P. C.
 P. 1. And -
 Apparently no order is
 necessary
 24.5.99



To form Fin. Secy
 concerned then - to
 found to raise any objection
 to this payment.

Ref. 78.
 L. M. u. o. No. 1340 d 20.5.99
 1757 + 1

THE Secretary.

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to the payment of bills
to the troops, as neither the retention
of the troops nor the frank to them of
bills was sanctioned by any
competent authority. The President
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Go No 1736 of 2-2-88 was considered
to be retrospective in its provisions,
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not paid with arrears after the receipt
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29/5/88

AM
The payment must
be sanctioned
16.99

Note
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sick.

AM
31-V-88

NOTE FOR THE Secretary.

The auditor is one to take objection to the payment of batta to the troops, as neither the retention of the troops nor the frank to them of batta was sanctioned by any competent authority. The President states in his letter of the 10th May that Rs 1738 d 2.2 ss was considered to be retrospective in its provisions, but it appears that the batta was not paid with arrears after the receipt of the go. but had been regularly issued every month before the issue of the go.

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H M
31-V-88

Fin. C. No 764

Municipal C No 876

" " 1325

NOTE FOR THE Secretary

The first of the three
currents has not been
transferred yet to L & M.
It is therefore submitted
that the Financial Dept.
may be requested to transfer
it to this Dept. so that
orders, sanctioning the
payment of ~~the~~ batta
to troops specified in the
second current, may be
issued.

W
2.6.99

To financial for
transfer of the current - if
thought proper.

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3. vi 99.

To,

Financial N.O. 31
3. vi 99



Encl No 1510
6.6.99
H. Transferred

W
5/6/99.

Papers to be read in proceedings:—

Again G.O., No.	dated	189	.
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Current No.	of 189, dated	20.5.99	from the Fin. Dept.
" "	876m	" 1899,	" 20.3.99, " the Presd. M.C. Madras
" "	1325m	" 1899,	" 10.5.99, " Do.

ORDER. No 871 Pms 28-6-99
9/6

The payment of batta to the troops employed in the Madras Municipality and referred to in the second paper read above is sanctioned.

(From Orders)

6/6/99.
M. V. 99
2. Incident not infirmed
Fin. Dept.
A.S.
H.S. 10.6.99
all to Comd.

Fin. C. No 76A
Municipal C No 876
" " 1325

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to troops specified in the
above current may be
issued.

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by the Government of Madras.

Native officers	Rs: 1-8-0	} Per day
Non Commissioned officers	0-12-0	
Sepoys	0-8-0	

The men used their own uniform during training. It is, however, advisable that steps be at once taken to provide special clothing for them for use during actual plague duty, as was the case under similar circumstances in Bombay. Whenever Sepoys were employed, they were provided at the cost of Government with two suits of "cheap khaki or blue drill."

3. I advise that not less than 60 men be fully equipped without delay both in respect to clothing and disinfecting plant, so that, at any moment, they may be available for duty. The remaining 40 men of the 100 trained, could be equipped should plague actually attack the Madras city.

4. I would advise that while drill be used with such ornamentation as the Commanding Officer of the 28 Regiment may elect in lieu of khaki or blue drill, as the latter would disadvantageously hide the drill.

Order no: 535 dated 5.11.28.

Communicated to the President, Municipal Commission, Madras. The Plague Commissioner

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agrees with the Sanitary Commissioner that the baton might be granted to the Sepoys for the four days they worked. It is important to make the work popular with these men from the outset. The President is requested to say if he agrees to grant them baton. The proposal made by the Sanitary Commissioner in paras. 3 & 4 of his letter should be carried out and the Plague Commissioner accordingly requests the President to take the necessary action in the matter.

(Signed) Mr. Hammick,
Plague Commissioner.

(True Copy)

Asst. Commr.
2/12/28

PROCLAMATION
November 1898.

READ—^{the following} letter from the ^{Officers and sepoy} ^(only).

Commission, Madras, 8/1898

H. No 1488/18.0.

With reference to your No. 12 of 12th February 1899, I have the honor to refer you to Proceedings of the Commission No 535 of 5th Nov in accordance with which were distributed for only officers.

2. I had intended with their services with their services at Vellore it better to wait.

3. I am now commanding 28th to relieve 8th for only officers, the able w

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1899

7th Dec

Andres. No.