

G.O., No. 7494a

DATED 24 August 1897

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[Despatch Abstract.]

With remarks

Port Health Officer, Cocanada, stating that
the Port is not prepared to sanction
any special fees to the — for ordinary
inspections of vessels made under the
Epidemic Diseases Act.

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at Cocanada

Public Dept.

Submitted with
reference to the Hon. Members
signing on the bill file

18/8/97

in

No doubt the Civil Surgeon has
superintended, who assist in these
works. From Feb 13 to July 7, 20
weeks, he inspected 25 vessels,
rather over 1 a week - I don't
think he should get any extra
remuneration - See my pencil
note on his letter

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at Cocanada fees are
claimed on the ground of
the distance from the shipping
from the shore. This does
not apply to Tellicherry.

Note for the Marine Department.

At page 30 of the annual re-
turns ^{relating to} the Civil Hospitals and Dis-
pensaries of this Presidency - 1896 it is
shown that there are four Medical insti-
tutions at Cocanada

(1) A Municipal hospital with an aver-
age daily sick { 16.54 in-patients
66.91 out-patients..

(2) A branch Municipal dispensary with
an average daily attendance of 44.4 out-
patients.

(3) A Local Fund Dispensary (Caste and
Gosha) average daily attendance 40.18
out-patients.

(4) A Municipal hospital - The Cocanada
Seamen's Hospital. Average daily attend-
ance 0.15 in-patients .

In addition to the Medical
supervision of these institutions the
Civil Surgeon at Cocanada has also to
perform the railway duties at that sta-
X tion under paragraph 3 of letter No. 386
Public, dated 11th July 1896. Excluding
these railway duties for which he ap-
parently receives an extra allowance of
Rs. 50 per mensem the work of the Civil
Surgeon Cocanada may be compared with ~~that~~
that of the Civil Surgeon Tellicherry. As
the latter place is also a port this com-
parison may be of use to the Marine Dept.
in deciding the question of fees.

With reference to the Hon'ble
Sir Henry Bliss' remarks as to why a
Civil Surgeon should be allowed Cocanada

at

1888 see G.O. 1148, Public, dated 14th December 1888.

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From the correspondence in that order it will be seen that up to 1869 Rajahmundry was the head quarter station but that in 1870 Cocanada was made the head quarters on the ground that the European residents there i.e. the commercial men and Government officials, were ^{very} much more numerous than at Rajahmundry. The latter station was however reverted to as the head quarters of the District Medical and Sanitary Officer in 1888 when the Civil Surgeon at that station was transferred to Cocanada. This was because Rajahmundry with its jail, Police hospital, and Civil dispensary was considered to be the more important place and more centrally situated and therefore ^a more convenient centre from which to carry on the inspection duties of the District Medical and Sanitary officer. It will however be observed that whilst on the one hand Cocanada as a European trading centre was considered then to have seen its best days (vide notes at B) on the other, the Hon'ble Sir P. (then Mr.) Hutchins thought that the relative merits of the two places as a head quarter station were pretty well on a par. (C)

14/8/97

Marine DEPARTMENT.

C. No. 995 of 1897.

SUBJECT

H. E. THE GOVERNOR.
Sir Henry
THE HON'BLE MR. BLISS, K.C.I.E.
THE HON'BLE MR. GROSE, C.I.E.

Medical Inspection of vessels
at Cocanada.

FOR ORDERS.

I should not allow a fee. So far as I know, this Civil Surgeon has precious little to do. There is no jail, indeed why a Civil Surgeon is allowed to Cocanada at all, unless it is because it is a part of his business is more than I know. He must have a very easy

G.O. 389 Marine dated 28th April 1897.

bill at ordinary times & must take the ship with the smooth.

24/7/97

Show Public Dept. - May know more than I do of the amt. of work of the Civil Surgeon.

To

The Chief Secretary.
Public Dept.

Forwarded with reference to the Hon. Members remarks above.

It will be seen that the Civil Surgeon has himself had to do all the inspections afloat at Cocanada, under the Epidemic Diseases Act; Apothecary R. Stewart not having taken up the appointment of Assistant Port Health Officer. Each inspection, the Collector pointed out in his former letter, para 3, involves a journey of 12 miles and takes several hours. The Civil Surgeon is only entitled to a fee, under existing rules, when the inspection is made in bad weather. In Madras, however, the special fee is payable in the case of all vessels lying outside the harbour.

2. The Civil Surgeon states that he has already made 25 inspections of vessels, and if he gets Rs. 15 for each inspection he will have earned Rs. 375, payable by ~~the~~ Funds.

23/7/97

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18/7/97

CURRENT No. 995

Order

From

Surgen-General
C. Sibthorpe F.R.C.P.S.
Surgen-General with
the Govt. of Madras
No. 52/214

Dated

17th July 1897.

Received

19-7-97

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SUBJECT.

Towards certain commu-
- nication for orders recom-
- mending that the Civil
Surgen, Ceylon, may
be granted an allowance
of Rs. 15 for each trip made
inspecting vessels under
plague regulations.

FURTHER PAPERS.

Cur no 967-997
Office of the Civil Surgeon,
N. J. 2. July 1897.

From
Youngblood, Shano
nothing bad to what
I have also written
the subject in the G.O.
quoted
Cannanville
Cannanville
7-7-97

From
To
By
Through
The
Reference
Your
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No.
of

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12.4.57

I have the honor to submit an application
that an allowance of Rs 15- for each trip
made by me for the inspection of vessels
under plague regulations may be sanctioned.

I have already submitted such an application stating my claims for such fees which were submitted by the collector & the Post office but disallowed by Government in G.O. No. 389 Marine, dated 28 April 1899 on the ground that 1st class Pensioner apothecary R Stewart might be appointed assistant Health Officer & sanctioning him an allowance of Rs 5 for each trip.

90389

I now beg to resubmit my application on the following grounds in addition to those already stated by the Collector, Jordan District, in his letter dated 2^d April '97 Ref. on C. No. 356. Eng.

(1). Irish (Law Pension Apothecary R.

Stewart cannot now be appointed
assistant to cattle officer as he has
gone to reside permanently in Madras.

(2) I have now made 25 inspections
of vessels involving a distance of
over 300 miles covered by me.

(3) If an assistant to cattle officer
may be sanctioned Rs 5 for each trip
I submit that I am no less entitled
to compensation for the extra duties
involved. *But he was to
get nothing
pay! R*

(4) This application only applies to such
times as the Plague inspection rules
are in force; in ordinary times, I
am content to do the work as
hitherto without special payment.

(5) I believe Coimbatore to be the only
Port where vessels lie at such a
great distance from the shore, or
where an inspection involves as
much time & trouble.



I have the honor to be
Dear Sir
Yours most truly
Wm Abbott
Lieut Col
Civil Surgeon.

No. 12/214.

Obtained 17 July

To
THE HON'BLE THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
MARINE DEPARTMENT.

Submitted for the orders of Govern-
ment with reference to G.O. No 389,
Marine, dated 28th April 1897.

2. Under the altered circumstances
pointed out by the Civil Surgeon, Coimbatore
I am of opinion that he is entitled to
a fee.

C. A. M. R.

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

Quyer