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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
10th May 1864.

No. 216. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Financial Department:—

Communicating copy of the Resolution of the Government of India, sanctioning, as an experimental measure, half-pay to Customs Chuprassies when sick in Hospital. } (Here enter 28th April 1864, No. 238.)

No. 217. ORDER THEREON, 10th May 1864, No. 1,351.

Communicated to the Officers mentioned below:—
Superintending Engineers.
Controller and Auditor of Public Works Accounts.
Consulting Engineer for Irrigation and Canal Company.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineers.
„ Controller and Auditor of Public Works Accounts.
„ Consulting Engineer Irrigation and Canal Company.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 61. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Government of India, in the Financial Department, dated 31st March 1864, No. 1708.

Read letter from Captain HECTOR MACKENZIE, Secretary to the Chief Commissioner, C. P.; to Colonel H. M. DURAND, C. B., Secretary to the Government of India, Foreign Department, No. 876, dated 23rd February 1864.

I am directed by the Chief Commissioner to submit copy of letter, No. 3 of the 4th current, from the Commissioner of Customs, North Western Provinces, with enclosures, submitting a proposal to allow Customs Chuprassies while in hospital half-pay, for the consideration and orders of His Excellency the Viceroy and Governor General in Council.

2. It would appear that when Customs Chuprassies are in hospital, substitutes are entertained, and these latter necessarily draw the full pay of the sick men. Without special sanction, therefore, there is nothing available for the sick men.

3. The measure now proposed of allowing half-pay while in hospital, for any time not exceeding six months, on the Certificate of the Civil Surgeon that detention in hospital is absolutely necessary, seems judicious as well as considerate, and likely to tend to the improvement of the Department; and the Chief Commissioner accordingly ventures to hope that His Excellency may be pleased to accord his sanction thereto.

4. The Commissioner of Customs suggests that this half-pay may be met from savings, and no doubt the amount of saving would cover the charge. But as it would be difficult to check the charges as they occur, by savings actually accrued, I am to suggest that it would be more convenient and answer all purposes, to accord sanction to the disbursement of half-pay without insisting on its having any direct or immediate connection with the savings.

From the Commissioner of Customs, N. W. P.; to the Secretary to the Chief Commissioner, Central Provinces, No. 3, dated 4th February 1864.

I have the honor to submit the accompanying copy of a letter, No. 9, dated 25th ultimo, with its enclosure, from the Collector of Customs at Saugor.

2. From Dr. Rice's report it certainly appears inhuman, if not unjust, to refuse any support to Chuprassies of this Department temporarily prostrated by sickness contracted while in the performance of their duty.

3. There cannot be many instances of the nature described by Dr. Rice; but I would beg to propose, for the favorable consideration of higher authority, that, in all such cases, the patient receive half his pay for any time not exceeding six months, that the Civil Surgeon may consider his detention in hospital absolutely necessary.

4. This arrangement will not put Government to more expense than what has been sanctioned for the establishment, and at the same time its efficiency will remain unimpaired. The half salary proposed for the sick Chuprassie, whose whole pay will go towards his substitute, will be disbursed from the amount monthly saved and hitherto carried to the credit of Government by temporary vacancies among Jemadars and Chuprassies, &c.

From the Collector of Customs, Saugor; to the Commissioner of Customs, N. W. Provinces, No. 9, dated 25th January 1864.

I have the honor to submit in original a docket, dated 22nd instant, from the Civil Assistant Surgeon, Saugor, and request to be informed whether the men of the Customs Establishment are entitled to a portion of their pay whilst in the Civil Hospital.

From the Civil Assistant Surgeon, Saugor; to the Collector of Customs, Saugor, dated 22nd January 1864.

Reports that a Chuprassie of the Customs Establishment in the city was brought to hospital in a dying state last night, and died during the night. On *post mortem* examination, inflammation of the lungs was the cause; he had been ill for several days and dreaded coming to hospital as his pay would be stopped.

2. There is a man now in hospital for paralysis, his leave will expire in three days, and he says he must leave the hospital or starve, his sickness was contracted while on sentry duty; and for the week that he has been in, he has improved wonderfully.

3. The Customs Department is alone of all the Government Establishments in refusing medical aid in hospital to its servants. Those of the Saugor part of the line are worse off in this respect than the men at Deorie and Malthone, who have peripatetic Native Doctors, such as they are, to visit them every third or fourth day.

4. Some arrangement should be made, for humanity's sake alone, to assimilate the Customs with the Police Department, with regard to medical aid in hospital.

5. The men say if they were allowed an Anna a day for their food, they would gladly accept it rather than die of disease, or become cripples all their lives.

No. 124, dated 11th March 1864:

Endorsed by Government of India, Foreign Department.

Forwarded to the Financial Department, for consideration and orders, with a recommendation that the measure may be sanctioned experimentally for one year, the Commissioner of Customs to show the financial results at the end of that period. (To be returned.)

(True Copies.)

(Signed) J. E. COOKE,
Asst. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

RESOLUTION.—The Governor General in Council is pleased, under the circumstances stated, to sanction the proposed measure, subject to report after one year.

Ordered that a copy of the above Resolution, and of the letter from the Chief Commissioner, Central Provinces, be sent to the Foreign Department, for information and for the issue of the necessary orders.

2. Ordered, also, that a copy of the Resolution be sent to the Civil Paymaster, North Western Provinces, and the Deputy Auditor and Accountant General, Central Provinces, for information and guidance.

3. Ordered, further, that a copy of the Resolution, and of the letter from the Chief Commissioner of the Central Provinces, be forwarded to the several local Governments and Administrations, with a remark that His Excellency the Governor General in Council approves of the extension of the above indulgence throughout India, as an experimental measure, to all Chuprassies when sick *in hospital*.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) J. E. COOKE,
Asst. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 62. ORDER THEREON, 28th April 1864, No. 238.

Communicated to the Departments of the Secretariat, and to the Deputy Auditor and Accountant General, and Civil Paymaster.

(True Extract.)

G. J. Grantham

Chief Secretary.

To the Public Works Department.
„ Deputy Auditor and Accountant General.
„ Civil Paymaster.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

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With an Order.

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