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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
2nd June 1866.*

No. 29. Read the following Endorsement of the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 23rd May 1866, No. 230.—

Read the following letter from the Acting Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, to the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 22nd May 1866, No. 290.

1. I have the honor to annex copy of a letter from Dr. VanSomerén on the subject of remuneration to be paid to Dr. Duff for professional attendance on Mr. Rymer Jones, one of the Company's Engineers.

2. Subsequently to the receipt of this letter Dr. VanSomerén called on me and said he feared that Dr. Duff would consider the sum named, Rupees 80, insufficient, and that he had only recommended the payment of that amount because it is in accordance with the rules sanctioned by Government. Under these circumstances, and at Dr. VanSomerén's request, I sent his letter to Dr. Duff, told him what fees had been sanctioned by the Government, and asked him whether he considered Rupees 80 an adequate remuneration for his services. Dr. Duff replied, that he did not, that his fee is Rupees 10 per visit, and that he declined to accept any thing unless that were paid to him.

3. Dr. VanSomerén urges, very justly I think, that it was impossible for him to give Mr. Jones' case that close attention which it required while he was living at Nungumbaukum and there was no Hotel to which Mr. Jones could have proceeded much nearer to Dr. VanSomerén's residence, and it was, therefore, absolutely necessary that some other medical man should be called in. Dr. Duff argues that the Railway Company have no right to dictate to him what his fees are to be, and I presume that the Government have no power to fix a tariff either in such a case as this. I therefore request sanction to disburse a fee of Rupees 160 to Dr. Duff.

From the Consulting Physician of the Madras Railway Company, to the Acting Agent and Manager, Madras Railway Company, dated Royapooram, 16th May 1866, No. 84.

1. Mr T. Rymer Jones came to my Dispensary on the 12th March seriously ill with dysentery, and informed me that he intended staying with the Chief Engineer during his residence in Madras

2. His case appeared to me so alarming, and his condition so critical, that I felt he should be seen two, if not three times daily, and this it was quite impossible for me to do while he lived at Nungumbaukum and I at Royapooram—two extreme points of this large city, and at least four and a half or five miles apart. Under these circumstances, and with anxious regard for the safety and proper care of this Officer of the Company, I recommended that Dr. Duff should be called in to take charge of the case, while I would meet him in consultation as often as was necessary. Under that Medical Officer's skill and care, Mr. Jones recovered, and the remuneration of Dr. Duff is now a question to be settled. He paid sixteen visits during the treatment of the patient.

3. This case is the first of its kind which has occurred within my knowledge, and the principle it involves is an important one. It appears to me that either the Company or the Consulting Physician should pay the charge in question.

4. I need scarcely say that I would gladly have attended Mr. Jones at Nungumbaukum had I felt able to go so far as often as his case demanded, but the patient's interests and those of the Company he serves, pointed rather to the arrangement which I made. However, these considerations did not deter me from offering Dr. Duff a cheque from myself for his attendance on Mr. Jones, an offer which he incontinently and firmly declined, so that I am placed in this unpleasant position. Dr. Duff's past services, if unremunerated, lay me under an obligation, which is far from

Madras, May 22nd 1866.

From

W. G. Smart Esq.,
Acting Agent and Manager of the M.R.C.

To

Major J. H. M. Shaw Stewart, R.E.,
Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways.

SIR,

I have the honor to annex copy of a letter from Dr VanSomeren on the subject of remuneration to be paid to Dr Duff for professional attendance on Mr Rymen Jones, one of the Company's Engineers.

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3. Dr VanSomeren urges very justly

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agreeable, and for the future, I cannot think of seeking his aid in similar cases, but must, at all hazards, undertake the treatment of patients, however remote, to the questionable advantage of both the Company's and their servants' interests.

5 I need scarcely add that the circumference of Madras is so large that wherever the Consulting Physician lives, sick Officers of the Company may reside so far away as to render the former's attendance two or three times daily on the latter almost an impossibility.

6 May I, therefore, beg you to pay Dr Duff, on behalf of the Company, a fee of Rupees eight, being Rupees five for each visit.

(True Copy)

(Signed) W. G. SMART,
Acting Agent and Manager.

1. The rates at which fees should be paid for medical attendance on the portions of line opened for traffic, and on those portions under construction, are laid down in G O, dated the 17th March 1863, No. 129. It does not appear that the Order was generally made known to Medical Officers, especially to those at the Presidency.

* Note - He draws a monthly salary of Rupees 210 from the Company and is expected to attend in cases of sickness upon the Railway servants at the Presidency - Vide G O., 10th November 1853, No 156

2. Mr. Jones should have been treated by the Consulting Physician of the Madras Railway Company whether he resided at Nungumbakum or elsewhere; but as Dr. VanSomeren could not do so conveniently, I consider that he should make good to Dr. Duff the difference between Rs. 55, the sum which the rules entitle him to receive from the Railway Company, and the amount Rs. 60, claimed by Dr. Duff.

3. It is obvious from Dr. VanSomeren's statement that Mr. Jones' complaint was of a very serious nature, and that it required more than ordinary care on the part of his medical attendant.

4. The concluding remarks in Mr. Smart's letter will doubtless be noticed by Government.

(Signed) J. H. M. SHAW STEWART, Major, R. E.,
Acting Consy Engr. for Railways.
ORDER THEREON, 2nd June 1866, No. 1,740.

As Dr. VanSomeren receives an allowance from the Railway Company for affording professional aid to all Railway employees at the Presidency, he was bound to give his attendance in the case referred to in this correspondence, and the matter in dispute appears to be one for arrangement between him and Dr. Duff, and not for the intervention of Government

(True Extract.)

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

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways
Exd T. O'Connor.

No 30

RAILWAY, No. 1.

those at the Presidency.

2 Mr Jones should have been treated by the Consulting Physician of the Madras Railway Company whether he resided at Nungambakum or elsewhere, but as Dr Van Someren could not do so conveniently, I consider that he should make good to Dr Duff the difference between Rupees 85, the sum which the rules entitle him to receive from the Railway Company, and the amount Rupees 160 claimed by Dr Duff.

3 It is obvious from Dr Van Someren's statement that Mr Jones' complaint was a very serious nature, and that it required more than ordinary care on the part of his Medical attendant.

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Madras
23 May
1863

W. Someren
Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways

To

The Secretary to Government
D.P. W.
Fort Saint George

Note - He draws a monthly salary of Rupees 250 from the Company and is expected to attend in cases of sick-ness upon the Railway Servants at the Presidency
Order of 10 November 1863
No 156 m

27/5 1863 Rupees 10
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Rupees 85

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I have the honor to be
Your most obedient servant.

W. Someren
Acting Agent and Manager

No 230.

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Form No 2650, G. M.-27-2-66-100.

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RAILWAY DEPARTMENT.

From
The Consgr. Engineer for Railways,
To
The Secretary to Government,
P. W. Dept.

Dated *25th* May 1866.
Received *25th*
No. *231*.

Enclosures, No. *one*.

Observations on
a letter from the Acting
Asst Engineer's letter
No 290 of 22nd Instant,
on the subject of remun-
eration to be paid to Dr
Dutt -

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MADRAS RAILWAY

The Agent and Manager.

The Consulting Engineer

for Railways.

Dated *May 2nd* 1866
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No. *290*.

Enclosure, Copy of a letter
from the Asst Engineer, on the
subject of remuneration to be
paid to Dr Dutt for preparing
a statement of the expenses
incurred by the Asst Engineer,
and regarding the same, under
the order of the Asst Engineer,
in No. 180 to Dr Dutt.

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Under Order

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PROCEEDINGS of the **MADRAS GOVERNMENT**
under date the 2nd June/66.
Read the following

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for Railways -

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[Signature]

To
The Consulting Engr. for Railways
J. H. [Signature]

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Proc. of Govt for June
No 1740.

PROCEEDINGS OF GOVERNMENT *of Iowa*

Dated *2 June 66*

Dr. Van Sice
informed that he also did settle
the dispute, relative to the amount
to be paid to Dr. Galt for
professional attendance on
Mr. C. J. Jones of the Missouri
Railway.