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Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 657 Press Mis.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
28th February 1870.

No. 543. Read the following endorsement of the Controller of Public Works Accounts, dated Madras, 22nd January 1870, No. 2,017:—

Read the following letter from the Secretary to the Inspector-General, British Medical Service, to the Controller of Public Works Accounts, dated Madras, 20th January 1870, No. 89-70.

With reference to your letter, No. 696, of the 30th November last, I have the honour, by desire of the Inspector-General, to forward Mr. Apothecary Carpenter's bills for house-rent and his application, (to be returned) supported by the Principal Medical Officer, British Troops, Rangoon, and he requests that they may be passed for payment under the explanation offered, or refer the question for the consideration of Government.

Submitted for the consideration and orders of Government.

2. The facts of this case are briefly as follows.

3. In November last, two bills, as per margin, were submitted to this office on account of compensation for house-rent on behalf of 2nd Class Apothecary Mr. G. F. Carpenter from the 26th August to the 10th September 1869 inclusive.

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4. These bills, not having been accompanied by a certificate to the effect that Mr. Carpenter was employed on Regimental or corresponding duty during the period in question, were returned to the Secretary to the Inspector-General of the British Medical Service with an intimation that, if the required certificate were furnished, the charges would be admitted as a debit to the Public Works Department.

5. The bills are now re-submitted to me under the instructions of the Inspector-General; but the certificate required to enable me to pass the claims under the orders of the Government of India, recorded in Public Works Proceedings of the 20th February 1869, No. 568, is not furnished. It is, however, explained in the correspondence herewith sent that Mr. Carpenter, having been removed to the Presidency and thence to Rangoon, was detained at Madras for sixteen days, viz., from the 26th August to the 10th September 1869, awaiting a passage to Rangoon. The Principal Medical Officer, British Troops, Rangoon, considers that Mr. Carpenter's claim is reasonable, as it appears that he was prepared to proceed at once to join his new appointment but was detained by the exigencies of the service, and thus incurred extra expense.

6. There is no rule which allows house-rent to Medical Subordinates en route to join appointments to which they may be transferred, and it appears to me that in this respect all Warrant Officers of the Medical Department are on precisely the same footing, seeing that in transit the distinction between Regimental and Civil duties can scarcely be defined. In no case, however, is a Medical Subordinate attached to a *Civil* charge and transferred to another station allowed the house-rent of his rank when detained en route to join his new appointment.

7. As the orders passed by Government upon the present reference will serve as a guide to this office in the disposal of all future claims of a similar nature,

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 28th February 1870.

I respectfully request to be informed whether, in the event of the validity of Mr. Carpenter's claim being admitted, a certificate should not be furnished in support of the bill to the effect that, during the period for which house-rent is claimed, he was employed on "Regimental or corresponding duty." In the absence of such a certificate it appears to me that the check exercised by this office will not be sufficiently effective.

(Signed) S. BROCK,
Controller of Public Works Accounts.

No. 544. ORDER THEREON, 28th February 1870, No. 657.

ACCOUNT, No. 54.

As, UNDER the orders of the Government of India, embodied in G. O., No. 568, of the 20th February 1869, Subordinates of the Medical Department not supplied with free quarters and camp equipage are entitled to house-rent only when employed on "Regimental or corresponding duty," the claim referred to in these papers is inadmissible.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Military Department.
" Controller of Public Works Accounts

Exd. A. S. Rodgers.

Answers 5-12-11
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No 2017

Endorsement.

1. Submitted for the consideration and orders of Government.

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Office of the Controller of Public Works Accounts. Madras 22nd January 1870.

J. Hoff
Controller of P.W. Accounts.

To,
The Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department,
Fort Saint George.
With 8 Enclosures.

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Claim Rs.

No. 2017 Dated 22nd Jany 1870.

From,
The Controller of W. Works.
To,
The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department.
Fort Saint George

Dated 22nd
Rec'd 24th } January 1870.

No. 2017. Relative

Submitting for consideration and orders claim to House rent preferred on behalf of Mr. Apothecary Carpenter from 26th August to 10th September 1869.

No 843.
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No. 657 - 28th Feby/70.

Public Works Department.
No. 657
Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 28th Feby 1870.
Read the following

From. The Controller of P. W. } No. C. No. 2017 of 22nd January 1870
Accounts }

As, under the orders of the Govt. of India contained in G O No. 568 of the 20th February 1869, Sub-ordinates of the Medical Deptt not supplied with free quarters and compage equipage are entitled to House rent only when employed as "Regimental or corresponding duty", the claim referred to in these papers is inadmissible

To Medl Deptt
Mr. Carter Mr. Apothecary
Dated 9/3/70

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To The Military Deptt.

Dated

Rec'd

G. O. 28 Feby 1870. No. 659.

Nos. 243-244

Remark The claim for House rent preferred in behalf of Mr. Apothecary Carfenlis Fromtin 26: August to the 10th Feb/69, declared to be inadmissible