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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
27th February 1873.*

No. 596. Read the following Circular from the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Establishment—General,) dated Fort William, 13th January 1873, No. 5:—

THE following is forwarded to the Local Governments and Administrations and Officers noted in

Governments of Bengal, North-Western Provinces, and the Punjab, in the General and Irrigation Branches.
Chief Commissioners of the Central Provinces, Oudh, British Burmah, and Mysore and Coorg.

and Coorg.
 Resident at Hyderabad.
 Agents, Governor-General for Central India and Rajpootana.
 Inspector-General of Military Works.
 Director-General of Telegraphs.
 The Superintendent of Port Blair and Chief Commissioner of the Andamans and
 Nicobar Islands.
 Punjab Northern (State) Railway.

The Superintending Engineer,	Nicobar Islands.
"	Chief Engineer, Punjab Northern (State) Railway.
"	Engineer-in-Chief, Indus Valley (State) Railway.
"	Superintending Engineer, Delhi District, Rajpootana (State) Railway.
"	" " Agra " " (") "
"	" " Holkar (State) Railway.
"	" " Neemuch Railway.
"	" " Bengal Northern Railway Survey.
"	" " Western Rajpootana Railway Survey.
"	" " Indus Valley (State) Railway.
" Deputy Controller,	Holkar and Neemuch (State) Railways.
"	Rajpootana (State) Railway.
"	Punjab Northern (State) Railway.
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and Officers noted in the margin for information. In cases where a special allowance has been granted to a Civil Surgeon, it is not to be paid to the next incumbent without special reference to the Government of India in this department.

Also to the Governments of Madras and Bombay for information.

By order,

(Signed) A. B. SAMPSON,

Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

*Extract from the Proceedings of the Government of India in the Home Department,
(Public), No. 1,993, under date Fort William, the 26th April 1872.*

Read again—

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The Circular issued by this department Nos. 3,986—93, dated the 31st August 1869, laying down rules relative to gratuitous medical attendance on Uncovenanted Government servants.

Read also—

The under-mentioned communications from the Financial Department, forwarding, for consideration, proposals made by the Public Works Department for remunerating certain Medical Officers for professional aid to members of that department employed in the interior of districts :—

No. 871, dated the 31st January 1872.

1,507, " " 29th February "

1,789, 6th March

A letter from the Inspector-General of Hospitals, Indian Medical Department, No. 1,190, dated the 20th February last, requesting an authoritative decision as to whether medical subordinates called in to attend on ungazetted Uncovenanted Officers of the upper grades at their own residences should be paid their actual travelling allowances by the patients themselves.

RESOLUTION.—When the pay of Civil Medical Officers of all grades was recently consolidated, and considerable increases made to that pay on the recommendation of the Medical Commission, it was understood that these Officers were in future to undertake all the ordinary civil work of their respective charges without any extra allowance, except only travelling allowance under special circumstances.

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2. The papers forwarded by the Financial Department under their endorsement dated 6th March 1872, No. 1,789, raise the broad question—what is “ordinary civil work.” It certainly includes attendance on the ordinary Civil or quasi-Civil Officers; on all the Civil establishments; on all strangers passing through the district, if in Government employ in some other district; and on all isolated Officers, or small parties of Officers, employed in, or travelling about, the district. Thus, if a party of convicts is sent to work at out-door labour at a distance from the Jail, the Civil Surgeon is bound to visit them at all reasonable times without charge, except under certain circumstances for travelling allowance.

3. On this point the only rule which the Governor-General in Council is able to lay down is that the Civil Surgeon of a district cannot claim extra remuneration for any duties appertaining to his charge, except those for which a special allowance may have been separately sanctioned, and His Excellency in Council is averse to any increase in the number of special allowances which are now granted. When the Civil Surgeon's presence may be required beyond a distance of five miles from the limits of his station, he will, in future, draw travelling allowance.

4. It, however, seems questionable whether attendance at a distance of five miles should in all cases be required of a Medical Officer. His Excellency in Council is of opinion that service of this nature should not be considered compulsory, except under extraordinary circumstances, and that, where journeys of this distance are frequent, provision should be made for the services of a Sub-Assistant Surgeon.

5. As regards the question raised by the Inspector-General of Hospitals, Indian Medical Department, the Governor-General in Council is pleased to rule that, when an Uncovenanted Officer requiring medical aid lives at a distance of more than two miles from the official residence of the medical subordinate, and the latter has to hire a conveyance for the journey, the expense so incurred should be defrayed by the officer concerned.

ORDER.—Ordered that a copy of the above Resolution be forwarded to the Financial Department, with the remark that the applications submitted by the Public Works Department should be negatived under the orders now issued.

Government of Bengal.
“ of N.-W. Provinces.
“ of Punjab.
Chief Commissioner of Oudh.
“ of Central Provinces.
“ of British Burmah.
“ of Mysore and Coorg.
Resident at Hyderabad.

Ordered also that a copy of the above Resolution be forwarded to the Governments and Administrations marginally noted for information and guidance, in continuation of Circular letter Nos. 3,986—93, dated 31st August 1869.

Ordered further that a copy of the above Resolution be forwarded to the Governments of Madras and Bombay for information, in continuation of endorsement No. 333, dated 31st August 1869, and to the Inspector-General of Hospitals, Indian Medical Department, with reference to his letter dated the 20th February last, the enclosures of which are returned as requested.

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No. 597.

ORDER THEREON, 27th February 1873, No. 624.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 56.

COMMUNICATED to District Engineers
and to the Controller of Public Works
Accounts.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To District Engineers.
To the Controller of Public Works Accounts.
“ Military Department.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

Wishes are not

Sept 24
Communicated to District Engineer and to the War

Holder of Dr. Account.

11/11/17

Attest: *Wm. D. [illegible]*
 Secretary: *Wm. D. [illegible]*

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Govt. of 1873 Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

The District Engineer

Date

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Allowance. Circular

From the Govt of India
Regarding Civil Officers
undertaking all the
primary civil work of
their respective charges
without extra allowance,
and the Officers
concerned.