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No. 221. Read the following letter from Colonel F. J. MOBERLY, R E, Superintending Engineer, Chingleput, to Major-General G. W. WALKER, R E, Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Guindy, 19th October 1875, No. 3,032.—

I HAVE the honor to request the instructions of Government for my future guidance under the following circumstances.

2 Serjeant Armitage, Overseer in the Cantonments of Palaveram, Poonamallee, and the Mount, applied for medical aid to Surgeon-Major Dickinson on the 20th September for an ulcer in his leg; it was treated at once, but on the 23rd it was so much worse that the Surgeon-Major put him on his sick list, forbidding him to perambulate the Cantonments, which is his principal duty.

3. As Surgeon-Major Dickinson would not give him a certificate, I could not grant him any leave, nor keep any other Overseer on the half-pay which Serjeant Armitage would have forfeited during the probable period of his absence, of which I could form no opinion.

4. In refusing a certificate and putting the Overseer on his sick list, Dr. Dickinson does not appear to appreciate our difficulty as to supplying the necessary supervision for a large amount of work in progress.

5. The form of certificate given in Section 28, Chapter XIII, of the Civil Leave Code, is perhaps not suited for such short periods as that in question, but some modification of it would be useful in enabling officers to arrange for the absence of their subordinates.

6. I may observe that I find other medical officers do not object to this form even for short periods.

No. 222. ORDER THEREON, 8th November 1875, No. 3,032.

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THE subject will be referred to the Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department, for disposal, with reference to the instructions issued by him for the guidance of Medical Officers in Circular Memorandum, No. 2,428, dated 7th June 1866.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Major-General, R E,  
*Secretary to Government.*

To the Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department  
~~Controller of Public Works Accounts.~~  
" Superintending Engineer, Chingleput

Exd. S. T. Austin.  
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From No. 5595  
The Supy Engineer  
Chugapat D.

To, The Secretary to Govt  
Public Works Dept.

Dated 19<sup>th</sup>  
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prescribed in the  
Civil Service Code for  
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*Medical Certificate*  
*Letter from the Surg Genl.*  
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