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Ex P.W.D.
Supt. in H. Works.
Genl Supt. P.W. Stores.
C.A. to J. Es.
Ex Rys. dated 29th Dec 24/11

Medical Certificates.

Communicating letter from the Government of India regarding the — required from Government servants to justify mere casual leave of absence.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper :—

From A. MACKENZIE, Esq., C.S., Secretary to the Government of India, Home department (Medical), to the Secretary to the Government of Bombay, dated Calcutta, 3rd January 1884, No. 1.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 4635, dated the 15th December 1883, inquiring whether the orders contained in Home department, No. 8-410, dated the 13th November 1883, expressing the opinion of the Government of India that medical certificates should ordinarily be accepted only from Government Medical officers, are intended to apply to all medical certificates or only to those which under the provisions of the Civil Leave Code or Pension Code or other special rules are required to be granted by the Civil Surgeon of a district or a Commissioned Medical officer.

2. In reply, I am to say that it is not necessary to insist on the course prescribed in the orders cited when certificates are required to justify mere casual leave of absence.

No. 1-2.

Endorsement on the above.

* Madras.
Bengal.
N. W. Provs. and Oudh.
Punjab.

Central Provinces.
British Burma.
Assam.
Coorg.
Hyderabad.

Copy of correspondence forwarded to other * Local Governments and Administrations for information and guidance.

(Signed) G. S. FORBES,
Offg. Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

To the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras.

ENCLOSURE.

From J. MONTEATH, Esq., Acting Under Secretary to the Government of Bombay, General department, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Home department, dated Bombay Castle, 15th December 1883, No. 4635.

With reference to Mr. Officiating Under-Secretary Forbes' memorandum, No. 8-410, dated 13th ultimo, communicating the orders of the Government of India to the effect that medical certificates should ordinarily be accepted only from Government medical officers who are under Government control and supervision, I am directed to inquire whether these orders are intended to apply to all medical certificates or only to those which, under the provisions of the Civil Leave and Pension Codes or other special rules, are required to be granted by the Civil Surgeon of a district or a Commissioned Medical officer. If a medical certificate from a Government Medical officer is insisted on in the case of every application from a Government servant for sick leave or casual leave on account of illness, great inconvenience will ensue, and the orders now communicated will have the effect of indirectly compelling Government servants in case of need to seek the advice of Government Medical officers only.

2. It has been the practice in this Presidency for heads of offices, whenever any of their subordinates absent themselves from duty for more than 2 days on account of illness, to insist upon the production of a medical certificate, which is generally furnished from the subordinate's medical attendant. If, therefore, the orders of the Government of India are held to be of general applicability, they will not only entail hardship on the subordinates but also throw considerable extra work upon Government Medical officers, as applications for such certificates will be numerous. Moreover, it will be apparent that in many cases up-country, no Government Medical officer can be found within many miles.

ORDER—dated 10th January 1884, No. 41, Public.

Communicated to the departments of the Secretariat and to heads of departments, in continuation of G.O., dated 4th December 1883, No. 2291.

(True Extract.)

John Lubbock

Chief Secretary.

To the departments of the Secretariat. *20.1.84*
 „ all heads of departments.
 „ the Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras.

Exd. J. Wright.

20.1.84