

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Establishment.

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From W. R. CORNISH, Esq., F.R.C.S., C.I.E., Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Fort St. George, 1st April 1885, No. 191.

I have the honor to submit, for the favorable consideration of Government, the accompanying application from the Superintending Engineer, I Circle, for some additional remuneration being given to the hospital assistant attached to the Potinghi ghât.

2. The climate is shown to be very unhealthy, and the cost of living considerable compared with the plains, in consequence of which all the subordinates employed on this work are allowed a compensation of 50 per cent. of their pay, all except the hospital assistant, who is held to the bare pay of his grade, *plus* the usual charge allowance which he would draw in any malarious district.

3. The Engineer in charge certifies that the hospital assistant's receipts do not cover the cost of his expenses, and recommends that he be granted temporary promotion from 3rd to 1st class, that the higher rate of pay and the proportionately higher travelling allowances might cover the cost of living on the ghât. But instead of the unusual step of temporary promotion, I would recommend the usual 50 per cent. of pay to the hospital assistant in common with the other employés at Potinghi, and mileage in lieu of daily allowance. Hospital assistants employed on cholera, fever and other duty involving much travelling have been permitted by Government to draw mileage for daily allowance, and from the accompanying correspondence it seems to me that mileage should be allowed also to the hospital assistant at Potinghi ghât.

Office note from the Examiner of Public Works Accounts, dated Madras, 11th April 1885, No. 22.

Government may sanction the extra 50 per cent. on pay under Madras Public Works Department Code, paragraph 564 A., but not in addition to charge allowance. The charge allowance of Rs. 25 sanctioned by Government in G.O. No. 1830, dated 17th July 1873, at Jeypore was in consequence of unhealthiness of climate (see also code paragraphs 978 and 979) and has been taken as a setoff against the 50 per cent. on salary allowed by paragraph 564 A.; the latter would only amount to Rs. 12-8-0, half the pay of the hospital assistant. Any alterations in travelling allowances will, under section 70 of the Civil Travelling Allowance Code, require the previous sanction of the Government of India.

ORDER—dated 22nd April 1885, No. 955 W., Public Works.

The foregoing note from the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, will be communicated to the Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras, with respect to the

extra 50 per cent. on pay applied for on account of the hospital assistant employed on the Potinghi ghât.

2. The question of granting mileage in lieu of daily allowance will be considered in the Financial Department.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. SHAW-STEWART, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras
(through the Public Department).
,, Financial Department, with two enclosures.
,, Superintending Engineer, I Circle.
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Exd. A. Grubert.
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Dated April, 22nd.

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APRIL.

Allowances

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