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recipients might live at any distance from their work. As previously observed, it would amount practically to an increase of pay all round, which, in this Presidency at all events, is not needed.

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

ORDER—dated 2nd May 1894, No. 303, Public.

Communicated to the Local and Municipal Department for the further necessary action, and to the Surgeon-General and Public Works Department.

(True Extract.)

W. H. P. Price
Under Secy. to Govt.
In Chief Secretary.

To the Local and Municipal Department.
" Surgeon-General.
" Public Works Department. ✓
" Accountant-General.

No. 224.

Returned to the Public Department with the remark that almost all civil hospital assistants in this Presidency are under municipalities and local boards, and that it is not considered desirable to make an addition to their emoluments in the shape of allowances for house-rent, and thus to impose a further liability on the funds from which these subordinates are paid.

2. There is no general requirement that they should live near their work, but no objection would be raised in this department were a local body to propose the grant of free quarters to enable them to do so.

FORT ST. GEORGE
13th April 1893

(Signed) A. T. PRINGLE,
Assistant Secretary.

To the Public

Memo dated 28th April 1893, No. 796, Public.

Surgeon-Major-General W. F. DEFABECK, M.D., Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government (through the Accountant-General), dated Ootacamund, 8th May 1893, No. O-57.

With reference to Public Department memorandum, No. 796, dated the 28th April 1893, I have the honour to state that, as far as I am aware, there is no separate scale of travelling allowances for hospital assistants on famine or cholera duty. They are governed by the rules in the Civil Service Regulations and draw travelling allowance while actually on the move.

2. The recommendation in the last paragraph of my letter, No. 269, of the 15th March, refers to the cases of men who are temporarily employed at one station on famine or cholera duty.

3. I send this letter through the Accountant-General in case that officer can afford any further information on the question referred to in paragraph 1.

From T. W. RAWLINS, Esq., Accountant-General, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Fort St. George, 19th May 1893, No. 1419.

With reference to the Surgeon-General's letter, No. O-57, dated 8th May 1893, I have the honour to observe that the statement made by that officer is correct, and that the travelling allowances of hospital assistants on cholera or famine duty are regulated by the rules of the Civil Service Regulations.

Order—dated 13th June 1893, No. 456, Public.

The Government raises no objection when local bodies propose to provide their hospital assistants with free quarters in proximity to the hospitals which they maintain, but there is no case for a general grant of house-rent to these subordinates in lieu of such quarters. It would simply be an increase to their pay for which there is no necessity.

2. With reference to the Surgeon-General's recommendation on behalf of hospital assistants employed on famine and cholera duty, it is observed that they draw travelling allowance and seldom, if ever, remain at one place for any length of time. In these circumstances there is no reason why they should draw house-rent.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

To the Surgeon-General.

Letter—to the Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, dated 13th June 1893, No. 457, Public.

With reference to your letter, dated 25th February 1893, No. 2-Medl.—98, I am directed to inform you that although there are instances in this Presidency in which hospital assistants are supplied with free quarters, the practice is not general and no house-rent is allowed in lieu of such quarters. Almost all the civil hospital assistants in this Presidency are under municipalities and local boards and His Excellency the Governor in Council does not consider it desirable to make any addition to their emoluments in the shape of allowances for house-rent and thus to impose a further liability on the funds from which these subordinates are paid. No objection is, however, raised when local bodies propose to provide free quarters for their subordinates in proximity to the hospitals which they maintain, but there is no general requirement that the hospital assistants should live near their work.

2. The case of the few subordinates directly employed under Government should, in the opinion of His Excellency the Governor in Council, be governed by the same rules as those working under local bodies.

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

READ—also the following papers:—

From H. LUSON, Esq., Under Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department (Medical), to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Calcutta, 31st March 1894, No. 208.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 457, dated 13th June 1893, on the subject of the grant of free quarters or house-rent to the hospital assistants in civil employ in the Madras Presidency.

2. With reference to the remark contained in paragraph 1 of your letter, to the effect that there is no general requirement in the Madras Presidency that hospital assistants should live near their work, I am to state that that Presidency appears to be exceptional in this respect, it being considered necessary in all the other Provinces in India for officers of this class who are employed in sanctioned appointments to reside within a short distance of the scene of their duties.

The other Local Governments and Administrations have, moreover, agreed generally to the proposal of the Government of India that these hospital assistants should on this account be allowed free quarters or house-rent in lieu thereof, whether employed directly under Government or by local bodies.

3. In these circumstances, and as the extra expense involved is not likely to be great, I am to inquire whether His Excellency the Governor in Council is not disposed to modify his opinion in this matter.

Letter—to the Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, dated 2nd May 1894, No. 302, Public.

In reply to Mr. Lusson's No. 208, of the 31st March, I am directed to inform you that this Government concurs in the opinion that it is highly desirable that hospital assistants should live near their work and efforts will accordingly be made to induce assistants—which are almost the sole employers in this Presidency of civil hospital assistants—to provide free quarters close to the hospital or dispensary for at least one hospital assistant for each such institution. The Government will make similar provision wherever possible for the men whom it employs itself.

2. In regard, however, to the grant of house-rent in lieu of quarters, this Government does not see how the concession would secure the object in view, as the

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READ—again the following paper:—

G.O., dated 13th June 1893, Nos. 456, 457, Public.

Read—the following papers:—

From C. J. LYALL, Esq., C.I.E., Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department (Medical), to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Calcutta, 25th February 1893, No. 2-Medl.—98.

In connection with the question of improving the position and prospects of hospital assistants in civil employ, it has recently been suggested to the Government of India that a general rule should be laid down to the effect that all hospital assistants who are employed in sanctioned appointments, as opposed to those doing general duty, should be allowed free quarters or house-rent in lieu thereof. The Government of India understand that the practice of allowing free quarters or house-rent to hospital assistants when employed in sanctioned posts is now generally adopted in all Provinces on the ground that they are required to reside close to the scene of their work. I am to enquire whether this is the case in the Madras Presidency and also whether His Excellency the Governor in Council sees any objection to a rule such as that proposed being made absolute.

From Surgeon-Major-General W. F. DEFABECK, M.D., Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 15th March 1893, No. 269.

In reply to your endorsement, No. 424, dated the 4th instant (herewith returned), I have the honour to state that the proposal to grant free quarters or house-rent to civil hospital assistants will certainly tend to make the civil branch more popular. Local bodies have frequently suggested that this should be done, and there are at present instances where medical subordinates occupy free quarters, although the proposal to grant actual house-rent has frequently been negatived. Hospital assistants have often complained when ordered to live near their hospitals where cheap quarters could not be obtained. I would therefore strongly recommend that the proposal of the Government of India be adopted.

2. I would further suggest that the concession may be extended to hospital assistants employed on famine and cholera duty, as the difficulty of obtaining proper quarters is even greater in their case. The term "sanctioned appointment" should include subordinates employed on such duties.

No. 521.

Referred to the Local and Municipal Department for favour of remarks.

17th March 1893.

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.