

Public Works (1899) Department.

G.O., No. 3064 W

DATED 22 Nov 1899.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Mrs W. G. Moleworth, Asst Engr.
on leave. Permitting ~~her~~ her
to return to duty before the expiry of
his leave and posting him to the
Const Archt's D^y from date of his
rejoining

REPORTING THAT MR. W. G.
MOLANWORTH ESQ: ENG^d
RETURNED TO DUTY ON 29th
OCTOBER 1899 PRIOR TO THE
EXPIRY OF LEAVE AND
REQUESTING THAT HE MAY
BE EXEMPTED FROM THE
OPERATION OF RULE IN C. S. R.
257 A.

October 1899, & the Offs. Consulting Architect requests that he may be exempted from the operation of the rule in Art 257A of the C.S. Regulations.

Under this article an officer on leave in India, or in any place out of Europe, taken on account of ill health, whether the leave be technically leave or medical certificate or not, may be required by the authority who granted the leave to produce, before he is permitted to return to duty, a medical certificate of fitness signed by such medical officer as the authority may direct.

There is no necessity to demand a medical certificate in the present case, & Mr. Molesworth may accordingly be permitted to return to duty before the expiry of his leave.

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15/11/99

To

The Cons. Architect
" Comm. P.W. Accts."

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INSTRUCTIONS.

With the cognizance of the head of his office, or if he is himself the head of the office, of the head of his department: the applicant must present himself with 3 copies of the statement of his case in a cover sealed by his medical attendant at the seat of the Government under which he is serving, or at such other place as may be appointed by that Government where a committee of medical officers can be assembled under the orders of the Surgeon-General. The board should see that the applicant fulfils these conditions.

Before deciding whether to grant or refuse the certificate the medical board may in a doubtful case, detain an applicant under professional observation during a period not exceeding fourteen days.

If it can be avoided, the medical attendant on a case should not be a member of the board which considers it, and under no circumstances can he sit as president. He should, however, be required to attend the board to furnish any information whenever his presence is considered necessary.

The medical board, after a careful examination of the officer, and consideration of the medical attendant's statement of the case, will record in the proceedings as follows:—

- Whether change of climate in or out of India is necessary.
- The period of absence recommended in or out of India, care being taken that leave in excess of the period to which the sick officer is entitled by regulations is not recommended.
- In the case of an officer requiring furlough or leave of absence owing to illness caused directly by intemperance, the medical board, whilst recording their opinion, will confine their recommendation to the officer appearing periodically before fresh boards, or to the treatment of the case as one of discipline, whichever may be deemed necessary.

In urgent cases when a medical board considers it absolutely necessary that an officer recommended for change of air, either in or out of India, should proceed in anticipation of sanction, a recommendation to that effect should be made in the proceedings.

GAZETTED OFFICERS ONLY.

Proceedings of a Civil Medical Board assembled at General Hospital
Madras on the 2nd day of September 1899.

to report on the state of health of Mt. W. G. Molesworth
of the Public Works Department

PRESIDENT Lieut. Colonel W. A. Lee, I. M. S.

MEMBERS { Major F. J. Crawford, I. M. S.
Captain H. St. J. Fraser, I. M. S.

We do hereby certify that according to the best of our professional judgment, after a careful personal examination of the case, we consider the health of Mr W. G. Molesworth of the P. W. D. service to be such as to render leave of absence to Australia for a period of three months absolutely necessary for his recovery.

W. A. Lee Lt. Col., I. M. S.
President.

H. Crawford Major, I. M. S.
Members.
H. Fraser Captain, I. M. S.

STATEMENT of the case of

Mr. Walter Guy
Molesworth, Assistant Engineer P.W.D.

Age ... years 25

Total Service ... years 2 + months 9

Service in India ... years 1 + " 9

Previous periods of leave of absence on
medical certificate or private affairs. nil

Date of return from last leave

Habits ... Regular

Temperament ... Sanguine

Disease ... Enteric Fever

This officer was admitted into the General Hospital on 28th July 1899 suffering from fever of about one week's duration. a diagnosis of Typhoid fever was come to three days after admission. His illness has followed throughout a normal course there being at no time any complication. The treatment consisted of milk as a diet and repeated doses of Calomel and thymol. During period of high temperature ice packs were continuously applied.

Mr. Molesworth has been in India one year and nine months during which time he has enjoyed excellent

Whenever a medical officer considers an officer under his charge to be in such a state of health as to render a change of climate necessary, he will, with the cognizance of the head of the department forward the prescribed certificate and a statement of case to the office of the Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras with a view to his being brought before a medical board.

A medical officer, who may be called upon to grant a certificate to an officer when absent from his appointment, will—except in cases of emergency require the officer to obtain a statement of his previous medical history from his authorized medical attendant. When, under similar circumstances, an extension of sick leave is required, the medical officer in attendance will request the sick officer to procure a copy of the medical statement on which the original leave was granted.

Medical officers on leave at hill stations are prohibited from granting certificates to officers residing there to enable them to appear before a medical board. Such certificates will only be granted by the regularly appointed local medical officer.

The case of an insane officer recommended to be sent to Europe, or to an asylum in India, will be specially considered by the medical officer drawing up the medical history, and by the medical board with a view to distinct recommendations being inserted by both as to the necessity for a servant, or other escort, or any special accommodation being provided for him en route.

The following rules relating to the admission of patients into the Government Lunatic Asylum, Madras, are issued for the information and guidance of all medical officers:—

I. No patient can be admitted into the asylum, under any circumstances, without a medical certificate of insanity (Form A) and an admission order.

II. Admissions into the Asylum are divided into two classes:—

- (a) Private—paying.
- (b) Public—non-paying.

NOTE.—Exemption from paying in the case of private patients is only made when it appears to the Superintendent that the friends or relatives are unable to contribute towards the maintenance of the patient.

III. The documents required for the admission of private patients are as follows:—

- (1) Two medical certificates (Form A) signed by two Physicians or Surgeons, of whom one should be a Presidency Surgeon or a Surgeon in the Government Service.
- (2) Admission order (Form B), one copy. This should be signed together with the statement attached to it by the relative or friend who places the patient in the asylum.
- (3) An indemnity bond to be executed before the patient's admission. Form and full particulars for filling in can be obtained on application.

IV. Medical officers are prohibited from sending private patients to the Commissioner of Police, Madras, or to any Magistrate for an order for their admission to the Lunatic Asylum when such patients have friends or relatives competent to sign the order. The interference of a Magistrate or the Commissioner of Police is only necessary when a patient has no friend or relative competent to sign an order or is not properly cared for by such friend or relative if he exists, or is found wandering at large or is dangerous. In all other cases the procedure referred to in the preceding rules should be invariably adopted.

V. In the case of a public non-paying patient, the following documents are necessary:

- (1) Medical certificate (Form A), one copy signed by the Surgeon of the District.
- (2) Medical statement (Form C), one copy signed by the Surgeon of the District.
- (3) Admission order signed by Magistrate.

health, with exception of an attack of hepatitis at the end of March 1899 for which he was treated by Major Browning, M.B.

He is now Convalescent but naturally very weak and emaciated and for his complete recovery I recommend that two months' leave be granted to enable him to take a sea voyage to Australia and back.

His illness was contracted in but not necessarily by the Service.

A clear opinion should be included in this statement as to whether, or not, or how far, the disability was contracted in and by the service and from the effects of climate, with the reasons for so concluding.

I, W. H. Murray, M.B., A.S., Asst. Med. Officer General Hospital do hereby certify that Mr. Walter Guy Molesworth of the Public Works Department

is in a bad state of health, and I solemnly and sincerely declare that according to the best of my judgment, a change of air is essentially necessary for his recovery, and do therefore recommend that he may be permitted to proceed to Australia for a period of two months.

W. H. Murray, M.B.
Asst. Med. Officer
General Hospital

Station, Madras
Date, 31 August 1899.

Office of the Consulting Architect to Govt.,
Chennai, Madras.

No. 2768

7th November 1899.

From

R. S. Paterson Esqr:

R. S. Paterson Esqr.

Offg: Consulting Architect

to the Government of Madras,

To

The Chief Engineer

Public Works Department.

Sir,

2 Enclosures

I have the honour to report that Mr: Molesworth Assistant Engineer 3rd Grade returned to duty on 29th-- October 1899 (fore noon) prior to the expiry of leave sanctioned in G.O.No.2787-W dated 21st October 1899. It is requested he may be exempted from the operation of rule in C.S.R.257 A.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

R. S. Paterson

Offg: Consulting Architect to Government

PROCEEDINGS OF A CIVIL MEDICAL BOARD

assembled at *Madras*

on the *24th September* 1899.

to report on the state of health of *Mr.*

Mr. G. Molesworth

of *the Public Works Dept.*

Three copies required, and will be disposed of as follows:—

One copy to the sick officer in a sealed cover for the use of his next medical attendant also a separate copy of page I of the Proceedings to be attached to his application

Two copies to be forwarded to the Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras.

This form is applicable to Gazetted Civil officers, also to Commissioned Officers under Civil Leave Rules and to Warrant Medical officers employed for the time being in the Civil department.

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