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No. 3. From H. D. PHILLIPS Esq., Acting Resident of Tanjore; to E. MALTBY, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 22nd July 1857, No. 352.

Sir,

The Durbar Surgeon, Doctor S. Brooking, having taken advan-
25th April 1857, *No. 322.* tage of the leave of absence accorded to him on the marginal date, the duties of the Rajah's Hospital have been left in the hands of an Ex-assistant Apothecary named William Rouse to whom Doctor Brooking pays a Salary of 35 Rupees a month. Mr. Rouse is assisted by a Dresser who receives I believe $10\frac{1}{2}$ Rupees a month, all the other expences of the Establishment being borne by Doctor Brooking out of the 500 Rupees allowance made to him by the Palace authorities.

There is no rule by which I can guide myself in respect of continuing to Doctor Brooking, the whole of the Durbar allowance or of reducing it on account of his absence; and as the sum was fixed on the contract principal, Doctor Brooking himself supplying all Medicines required and all Sundries wanted in an Establishment of the kind, I am in doubt how to act.

It seems clear that in fixing a sum of 500 Rupees as the monthly Stipend, Doctor Brooking's current expences and his professional services were both taken into account. It may then be fair to estimate the latter at 350 Rupees a month, and assume that 150 Rupees will cover the ordinary monthly cost of the Hospital.

I would therefore request to be favored with instructions, whether the entire allowance is to be continued to Doctor Brooking during his absence, or whether any deduction is to be made from it; and I would further request orders whether in the event of a stoppage being directed, the
Doctor Arnold sum stopped ought not to be made over to the Assistant Surgeon now in Medical charge of Tanjore, who is willing to give his time and attention to the Superintendance of the Rajah's Hospital.

My opinion is in favor of allowing Mr. Arnold a third of the amount at which I assume Doctor Brooking's services to have been remunerated, *viz.* 116 Rupees.

Should the Government approve of my apportioning the allowance, it will rest with Doctor Arnold to communicate with Doctor Brooking, as to the use of the Medicines now in store which are Doctor Brooking's property.

If Doctor Brooking objects to their use by Mr. Arnold, the latter Gentleman may, I think, lay on his own supply and be paid for it by the Department of the Palace, through which Mr. Brooking receives the 500 Rupees a month, a proportionate reduction being made from the amount which Doctor Brooking would draw, had the Hospital duties remained under the sole Superintendance of Doctor Brooking's Subordinates.

(Signed) H. D. PHILLIPS,
Acting Resident.

No. 4. From H. D. PHILLIPS, Esq., Acting Resident of Tanjore; to E. MALTBY, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Tanjore 23rd July 1857, No. 355.

Sir,

Adverting to my letter of yesterday's date, No. 352, on the subject of assigning to Doctor Arnold now in Medical charge at this Station, a portion of the sum of 500 Rupees allowed from the Tanjore Durbar to Doctor Brooking, for his Superintendence of the Rajah's Hospital.

2. I have the honor to report that a case has just now occurred, which places in a strong light the necessity of some provision being made for the conduct of Doctor Brooking's Hospital duties, by persons of more ability than the Ex-assistant Apothecary and the Dresser who are his substitutes during his absence on the Neilgherries.

3. A Man was last night brought into the Town suffering so severely from gangrene on the foot, that amputation is unavoidably necessary. The Assistant Apothecary, officiating in the

Rajah's Hospital, incompetent to treat it, refused its admission and sent it up to Doctor Arnold. But Doctor Arnold cannot allow a patient of this class to be brought into the Government Hospital under his charge which is intended to be available only for the sick Sepoys of the Detachment here. The gangrene case is therefore adrift and had it not been for measures which I have adopted, might have been wholly neglected.

4. I have required the Assistant Apothecary to take the patient into one of the Wards and Doctor Arnold has kindly consented to prepare the Man for the operation that must be performed in a few days.

5. When in conversation with Doctor Arnold about this matter, I casually mentioned the tenor of my conmmunication to you, dispatched yesterday, and the amount which I had recommended should be assigned to him from the sum of 350 Rupees assumed to be Doctor Brooking's net remuneration for his charge of the Hospital.

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6. Doctor Arnold stated, however, that it seems to be the general rule of the service, that if one Medical Officer acts for another, he should receive *half* the emoluments allowed to the Office. Assuming such to be the case, I appear to have erred in suggesting that only one third of 350 Rupees sha llbe allowed to the Officer performing Doctor Brooking's Hospital duties. The proper amount should perhaps be 175 Rupees per mensem.

(Signed) H. D. PHILLIPS,
Acting Resident.

No. 5. ORDER THEREON, No. 584; dated 29th July 1857.

Government concur with Mr. Phillips that during Dr. Brooking's absence on leave a competent Officer should be appointed to superintend the Rajah's Hospital, and Mr. Assistant Surgeon Arnold's Services seems properly available for the occasion.

2. The assignment of Rupees 175, as proposed by the Acting Resident, out of the allowance allotted for the Hospital, to the Officer who takes charge of it during Dr. Brooking's absence seems unobjectionable, but before passing definite orders on this point, Government wish Mr. Phillips to communicate with Dr. Brooking, and ascertain his views, as the allowance of Rupees 500 made to the Hospital includes the supply of Medicines.

Exd. A. P. W. Begbie.

No. 584 Political Depart.

Extract Mins. of Cons. Dated 29th July 1857.

Read letter from the act. Resident of Tanjore d. 22 & 23 Inst. Nos 352 & 355.-

Govt concurs with Mr Phillips that during Dr Brooking's absence on leave a competent Officer should be appointed to superintend the Rajah's Hospital, and the Asst Surgeon Arnold's services seem properly available for the occasion.

2.- The assignment of the 175 Rupees proposed by the act Resident out of the allowance allotted for the Hospital, to the Officer who takes charge of it during Dr Brooking's absence seems unobjectionable, but before passing definite orders on the point Govt wish Mr Phillips to communicate with Dr Brooking, & ascertain his views, as the allowance of Rs 500 made to the Hospital includes the supply of medicines.

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Dated 29 July 1857

Concurring with the Acting Resident that some competent Officer should be appointed to superintend the Rajahs Hospital during Dr Thostin's absence on leave, also that 175 Rs should be allowed to the officer who takes charge of it, he proceeds to wish for Dr King's views respecting the allowance & the manner