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FROM

A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George,

TO

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
 HOME DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

I am directed to forward the accompanying papers connected with the allow-

Proceedings, 15th January 1867, Nos. 135 & 136.
 „ 6th February „ „ 25 & 26.

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2. In 1862 this Government recommended that the late Honorary Assistant Surgeon Mason, then in Medical charge of the Institution, should, in consideration of the increased importance and responsibility of his duties, be granted the honorary rank of Surgeon. The Home Government, however, felt precluded from complying with this recommendation, but authorized the grant to him of an additional allowance of Rupees 125 per mensem.

3. On the death of Mr. Mason, this Government appointed Assistant Surgeon Bidie, M. B., to be Superintendent of the Asylum, without prejudice to his appointment as Professor of Botany and Materia Medica, and with permission to draw the allowance of Rupees 125 per mensem granted by the Home Government to the late Mr. Mason. Mr. Bidie was further allowed to receive the undrawn moiety of the salary attached to the charge of the Asylum for the period during which (in the absence of Mr. Mason on sick certificate,) he had acted as Medical Officer of the Institution.

4. To the disbursement of these allowances the Accountant General, on the grounds assigned in the letter of the Examiner of Claims, dated 25th ultimo, No. 73, has taken exception. Adverting, however, to the increased labor imposed on Mr. Bidie, and to the peculiar nature of his duties in connection with the Asylum, this Government does not consider the additional remuneration granted to that Officer to be more than adequate for the services required of him. I am instructed therefore to solicit the confirmation of the Government of India to the proceedings of the Madras Government in this case, and their sanction to similar allowances being passed to the Superintendent of the Lunatic Asylum when the appointment may be held, as at present, by one of the Professors of the Medical College.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
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Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

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