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Fort Saint George,
Accountant General's Office,
18 October 1869.

FROM *The* ACCOUNTANT GENERAL,
TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

TO THE *Chief Secretary to Government*

SIR,

With reference to the Proceedings of Government in the Public Department dated 31 August and 18 September last, I have the honor to point out that there will be so far as I can at present judge, no Savings in the Medical Department from which the allowances proposed to be allotted to Mr. Cornish during his employment on special duty can be met. Nor is it at all probable that there will be any Savings under Grant 26, which perhaps might otherwise be applied to that object. Under these circumstances an application to the Supreme Government for a special grant will be necessary before the proposed expenditure can be admitted by the Audit Department.

I beg further to point out that the increase of 6 rupees per diem sanctioned

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on account of Dr. Larnick's deputation
allowance in the order of Government of
the 18th ultimo and which is apparently
intended to cover the temporary loss of
that gentleman's salary as Secretary to ^{+ Rs 175 per mensem}
the Medical Fund is opposed to the ruling
of the Supreme Government contained
in letter No. 2930 dated 26 August to the
Chief Secretary, and would be therefore
held to be inadmissible by the Audit
Department -

I have the honor to be

Yours obedient servant

J. A. Cunningham
Account General

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states that an additional budget grant would be obtained before any thing can be decided by the Board's report on account of Apple Avenue St. Pauline's. I would what we should not that the grant of Apple Avenue St. Pauline's and limiting of the Board of the English Ladies Institute will be decided.

Oct. 27th

My dear Dalzell

I have had to delay
answering your note till
I could get the actuals
from the Red Sea unit for
the month of August.

According to the first
brother actuals, there will
be a saving of upwards
of Rs. 30,000 in our
budget, but to be sure
if this it must be borne

and progress of Cholera. In regard to these local inquiries it was pointed out that they were of such a special nature that it would be desirable to select men on the spot to carry them out, as it was known that there were some officers in India serving with British and Native troops who had shown more than ordinary ability for such investigation, and who might be temporarily detached for the duty on the recommendation of the principal medical officers.

2. This Memorandum was forwarded to the Government of Madras by the Secretary of State for India with

views under the name of compensation, but as a bonus in a large sense at the expense of the time of duty. The letter from the Govt. of India was not passed on and I have since used it for the first time. It was probably read aloud at the Council table, but if so I was not present. I was present but with the Govt. of India granted compensation to Mr. Miller as a special case, the terms of this instruction is such as to prohibit its being granted in any form in similar cases in future. and in my opinion the Government is perfectly justified in having these instructions before him, in reporting to the Secretary of State. I have to this allowance of Rs 6 per day continuing with him for the Council. The other objection that there are not sufficient funds in the budget to meet the expense of the Council is adopted in principle.

Representation on the duty which has been assigned to him, and in my opinion the more imperative on this Govt. but before we proceed to Council to present on his terms, we should obtain the orders of the Supreme Govt. on the subject of the allowance to be shown to him. He must, I think, be very hard on the Council. I must have in this duty if he is to receive no compensation for the loss of his salary as Secretary of the Council Fund, and of the Govt. of India. The instructions contained in this letter of the 26th Sept 1869, the proper course is to send what another officer for the duty or to assign it to the Council (Commissioner) with as I understood, in the arrangement is the arrangement adopted in principle.

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with his despatch dated 23rd April 1869 No 10 (Sanitary) with instructions that the special inquiry on the whole subject of Cholera should at once be instituted as suggested by the British Army Sanitary Commission. 3. On receipt of this despatch the Madras Government in their order under date 10th June 1869 No 481 (Public) directed the Military Department to issue the necessary instructions as regarded certain portions of the Sanitary Inquiry, and appointed a Committee, of which the two Inspectors General (Indian & British Service) were

were members, to consider and report how the inquiry among the Civil population which was suggested in the Memo of the Army Sanitary Commission could best be carried out.

4. This Committee did not restrict their reply to this point, but made several suggestions as to how the general inquiry had best be conducted. They, however, recommended that a medical officer should be selected and appointed for the special inquiries contemplated in Sec: 5 & 6 of the "Instructions" and were unanimously of opinion

the Army Sanitary Commission but there will be a saving of over Rs 30000 on the medical Budget, but the greater part of this will probably be absorbed by the expenses of local hospitals for which no provision has been made in the Budget. In the present state of the finances, and considering the difficulty under which we labour at the present moment in meeting charges which must be met without grave public inconvenience and expending which we have about to submit a representation to the Govt. of India, I consider that we should be making a very serious representation in connection with the Budget which the Government General has advanced against the orders proposed in this matter. A responsibility which I for one am not

prepared to incur.

20th Oct/64
If Mr Phillips agrees in the above a letter should be at once prepared & deposited in Calcutta for the Hon. Secy to Govt. of India.

The orders received from England seem to me to contemplate immediate & direct arrangements being made for the local Govt. for the purpose of making use of the resources of the State, but since the date of the Commission's report, a financial crisis has been declared to impend, and I should doubt the propriety of expending our carrying into effect the Commission's suggestion unless it be approved by the Govt. of India. Whichever way we happen that the Sanitary Comm: is a proper person to select for the special charge of the inquiry. The best qualified person should be appointed when the investigation has been made.

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opinion that Surgeon Cornish was the medical officer most likely to do justice to the subject.

5. The Government when disposing of the Committee's report in G.O. 8 Aug: 1864 directed that arrangements

should be made for placing the service of Surgeon Cornish at the disposal of Government for the purpose of making the special inquiry contemplated in Sec: 5 of the "Instructions", and requested Dr. Cornish to report what places he would select for his investigation. The Government at the same time forwarded

forwarded a copy of their
Proceedings to the Gov. of
India and to the Secretary
of State.

In reply to the order
of Government the Inspector
General, Indian Medical
Dept. forwarded a letter
from Dr. Cornish dated 18th
Aug. in which he proposed
to visit certain localities,
and recommended that
while Dr. Cornish was employ-
ed on this special duty
he should draw compensa-
tion for the loss of his
salary as Secretary of the
Medical Fund and a
deputation allowance of
Rs 10 per diem, with his
actual

actual travelling expenses.
In their order under
date 21st August 1869 (No. 171)
(Pub. Dept.) the Government
sanctioned the Inspector
General's proposal, as to
the salary to be drawn
by Dr. Cornish, & approved
of the scheme on which
Dr. Cornish proposed to
carry out the surveying
which had been entrusted
to him.

The Govt of India in
their letter under date
28th Aug. 1869. No. 293 having
objected to the compensation
granted to Dr. Hinde for
loss of the salary of Secretary
to the Medical Fund while
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he was employed on special duty, this Govt in their order under date 18th Sept. 1869 No 1319 (Med. Dpt.) points out that Dr. Cornish could not be permitted, while absent, to draw the salary of that office, but reserved in modification of their former order, to fix his deputation allowance at Rs. 16 per diem instead of Rs. 10.

9. The Accountant General, in the letter now under consideration, written 2 1/2 months after Dr. Cornish's appointment, and a month after the order of Govt. determining his salary, objects to the action of

of Govt. first because, in his opinion, there will be no savings from the Medical budget to pay Dr. Cornish's salary while on special duty, and secondly because the order of Govt. fixing his deputation allowance at Rs. 16 per diem is opposed to the ruling of the Govt. of India in regard to granting compensation for the loss of the salary of the Secretary to the Medical Fund.

10. It is not too late Dr. Cornish has not yet started, and a part of our action has been reported, and our contravention of the order of the 28th Augt.

It is submitted that the objection is taken too late, the action of Govt. having been already reported

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to the Secretary of State and to the Govt of India. It is further submitted that that action is strictly in accord. with the instructions of the Secretary of State, for the Army Sanitary Commission evidently contemplated that the special inquiry for which Dr. Cornish was nominated should be carried out by special officers with known qualifications, who should be recommended for it by the Heads of the Medical Department, and Dr. Cornish's nomination was made precisely under these circumstances.

11. It is suggested therefore that

Actuals up to July 31st 4 months	Hospitals &c 93,486.	Lunatic Asylum 21,989.
Estimated for 8 months at same rate of expenditure.	86,942	43,978
Total.	280,458	65,964.
Budget grant.	328,260.	51,350
Savings	47,802	14,614
	446,17	33,185

that the Accountant Genl be informed that the Govt see no reason to depart from the orders already issued and will be prepared if necessary to apply to the Govt of India for a Special grant to meet Dr. Cornish's salary, but that in their opinion it is probable that there will be sufficient savings in the Medical budget for the purpose, and that he be requested to confer with the Inspector Genl on the subject and report the result.

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To the Act General
Prof. J. A. Mead
Surgeon W. R. Cornish

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Ordered that a reference
be made to the Committee
of India on the subject of
the proposed letter from the
Honourable General and
that in the mean time the
Committee be requested to defer
proceeding on the subject until
further notice.

Ordered that the following

letter be despatched

1458.

No 1458

to the Secretary to the Govt
of India
Financial Dept

As I am directed to submit
for the consideration & action
of the Secretary to the Viceroy
and Governor General in Council
the annexed copy of a letter
from the Honourable General

objecting to an order passed
by this Government under date
the 18th ultimo in regard to the
amount of deputation allowance
to be drawn by Surgeon Comdr
which employed as the special
agent in the subject of cholera
anti-plague in Section 5 of
his instructions prepared by the
Army Sanitary Commission.

Copy of the present order proposed
by this Government on the subject
and of a letter addressed to the Secretary of
the Govt. of India in the same
Department under date the 3rd
August last are enclosed.

2. It will be found that Surgeon
Comdr was selected for the duty
as the recommendation of a Committee
of distinguished officers of which the
Principal Medical Officers in this
Sanitary Commission were members, as being
the Medical Officer most likely to
do justice to the emergency in
question, and that his commission
was given in strict accordance
with the instructions contained in
the despatch from the Secretary of
State under date the 23rd April

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3. It was at first stated, on the
recommendation of the Surgeon
General of the Indian Army
Department, that the Comdr
which employed as the special
agent should draw in addition
to compensation for the value
of his substitutive office and
as Secretary of the Medical
Board, a deputation allowance
of Rs 10 per diem & actual
travelling expenses; but on
the receipt of the letter from
the Govt. of India in the
Enclosed Dept. dated the
26th August last, bearing reference
to the claim of Surgeon
Comdr for compensation for
the loss of his appointment
as officiating Secretary to the
Sanitary Commission, it was
ordered that the Comdr's de-
putation allowance should be
fixed at Rs 10 per diem,
which it was announced would
be the same as the Govt.

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From Government of Fort St. George.

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in the report to the depu-
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to be drawn by J.
Commish while employed
on the Special Enquiry
regarding cholera.*