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To the Surgeon Genl (S.C. 20)

Fees for Medical Inspection of Vessels

Considering that fees sanctioned to Port Health officers under the Epidemic Diseases Act will fall against Port funds and authorizing the Collector of Gódvári to appoint First-class Apothecary R. Stewart to be Assistant Port Health officer for the port of Cocanada.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following papers:—

From V. A. BRODIE, Esq., C.S., Collector, Górávari District, to the Secretary to Government, Marine Department (through the Presidency Port Officer), dated Rajahmundry, 2nd April 1897, Ref. on C. No. 356/Eng.

I have the honour to submit, for the orders of Government, letter No. 98 of the 23rd ultimo, from Surgeon-Captain Gabbett, Civil Surgeon, Cocanada, requesting that he may be paid a fee of Rs. 15 from Port funds for each certificate of health granted by him involving a trip to a vessel lying beyond one mile from the Port office. Surgeon-Captain Gabbett is Health officer under the notification published under G.O., No. 182, dated 2nd March 1897, and makes the application on the ground that the duty in the case of Cocanada involves extraordinary trouble, as the general anchorage for steamers is 6 or 7 miles from the Port office.

2. The Port officer on my making a reference to him reports that such a fee is payable from Port funds when the inspection involves extraordinary risk and trouble, and that by the rules it is payable only in the case of inspections in bad weather. He adds, however, that such a fee is payable in the case of Madras in the case of all vessels lying outside the harbour, and thinks that this concession should also be made in the case of Cocanada in the case of all steamers lying at the steamer anchorage, as this is about 6 miles from the Port office.

3. Having regard to the fact that each inspection involves a journey of 12 miles and takes several hours, besides involving frequently the discomfort of having to trans-ship from the steam launch to a rowing boat in order to get over the bar (which a steam launch can only cross at high tide), I think Surgeon Gabbett's request a reasonable one that should be complied with.

4. Both Surgeon-Captain Gabbett and the Port officer suggest that Pensioned First-class Apothecary R. Stewart should be appointed Assistant Health officer, as he has ample leisure and Surgeon Gabbett has not. He is also said to be professionally competent and ready and willing to undertake the duty in consideration of the payment from Port funds of Rs. 5 per vessel inspected. The suggestion appears to me to be a good one, for being an idle man and living near the port, he is always available for this duty at short notice; whereas the Civil Surgeon is not, and has other duties which his duty as Health officer may occasionally seriously interfere with. I accordingly request that Pensioned Apothecary R. Stewart may be appointed Assistant Health officer for the port and a fee of Rs. 5 per trip payable from Port funds sanctioned for him as remuneration.

ENCLOSURE.

COPY of letter from Surgeon-Captain P. C. GABBETT, Civil Surgeon, Cocanada, to the Collector of Górávari, dated 23rd March 1897, No. 98.

I have the honour to request that you will be good enough to sanction an allowance of Rs. 15 from the Port funds for each certificate of health granted by me involving a trip to a vessel lying beyond a mile radius from the Port office. The majority of vessels, owing to the shallow water, lie at a distance of 6—7 miles, and I think that such a trip may be said to involve extraordinary trouble and to entitle me to a fee of Rs. 15 for each trip.

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Submitted for the consideration of Government, observing that a fee of Rs. 15 is payable from Port funds for the purposes specified in G.O., No. 625, Public, dated 18th June 1888, but that the claim for remuneration in the present instance is for services performed under the Quarantine Regulations, and I think that the fee should be paid by the agents of the vessels inspected.

2. As to the proposal in regard to Apothecary Stewart, the fee, in my opinion, should be also paid by the agents of vessels inspected.

MADRAS,
14th April 1897.

(Signed) H. A. STREET, Comdr., R.I.M.,
Presidency Port Officer.

ORDER—No. 389, Marine, dated 28th April 1897.

His Excellency the Governor in Council observes that it was ruled in G.O., No. 625, Public, dated 18th June 1888, that vessels can, as a matter of right, claim bills of health without payment of a fee. Whatever fees, therefore, may be sanctioned to Port Health officers under the Epidemic Diseases Act will, in ordinary cases, fall against Port funds.

2. At outports, the Health officer is entitled to a fee of Rs. 15, if the inspection of a vessel is made in bad weather, the existence of which must be certified to by the Port officer.

3. The special fee of Rs. 15 sanctioned * in the case of the port of Madras is for inspections made —

- (1) between the hours of 6 P.M. and 9 P.M.;
- (2) on Sundays;
- (3) on close holidays;

and the fee is in each case payable by the agents, on the ground that the ship is not entitled, as of right, to inspection at such times. Fees on the same scale are now sanctioned in the case of inspections at outports; the fee being payable by the ship, as at Madras.

4. As Chief Sanitary Authority of the district, the Collector is authorized to appoint First-class Apothecary R. Stewart to be Assistant Port Health officer for the port of Cocanada under the Epidemic Diseases Act. Mr. Stewart will receive a fee of Rs. 5 from Port funds for each vessel inspected under ordinary conditions. The appointment will last only so long as the plague inspections are carried on. In ordinary times, the Civil Surgeon must, as hitherto, do the work without special payment.

(True Extract.)

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Under Secretary to Government.

To the Presidency Port Officer.
" Collectors, Maritime Districts.
" the Public Department.
" the Local and Municipal Department.
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