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[Despatch Abstract.]

Reminding L and M despatch proceedings
on a communication from India on the
subject of the allowances to be granted to
troops employed on duty connected with
the plague.

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SUBJECT.

Recording letter from the
Govt of India forwarding
for information and guidance
Copy of a letter to the Bombay
Govt. on the subject of
allowances to troops
employed on plague
duty.

Ref. to the letter from the
S.A. & M. Secy. This to Put apparatus
for communication to the D.A. 8.
which that Dept itself could have
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No. 673.

FROM

J. P. HEWETT, ESQ., C.I.E.,
Secretary to the Government of India,

TO

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF BOMBAY,
GENERAL DEPARTMENT.

Home Department.
Medical.

Simla, the 26th June 1897.

SIR,

IN continuation of this Department telegram No. 613, dated the 17th instant, I am directed to state that the question of the allowances to be paid to combatant commissioned officers, non-commissioned officers and men when employed on duty in connection with the plague has been considered by the Government of India, and I am now to communicate their orders on the subject for the information and guidance of the Government of Bombay.

2. The duties performed by the troops in connection with plague appear to be of two kinds :—

(1) Searching, disinfecting, superintending, scavenging, etc. This may be called Sanitary duty.

(2) Guard duty.

The Guard duty is an ordinary military duty which any body of troops may be called upon to carry out, and the Governor General in Council is therefore of opinion that no allowances are admissible for its performance.

The Sanitary duty, on the other hand, is an unusual one, and it is disagreeable and dangerous. His Excellency in Council considers that the officers and men who have been called upon to execute it should receive adequate remuneration. His Excellency in Council recognizes that the same troops may be occupied on both sorts of duties at the same time, and in this case it must be left to the discretion of the Local Government to decide, on the merits of the case, whether or not the allowances should be granted.

3. The following are the allowances sanctioned by the Governor General in Council for the performance of Sanitary duties :—

(1) Combatant British Officers. The same rate as that admissible to officers employed on famine duty under Article 101 of the Civil Service Regulations, namely, Rs. 300 a month for officers of over 5 years' service, and Rs. 200 a month for officers of under 5 years' service.

(2) British non-commissioned officers. Re. 1 a day.

(3) British privates. 12 annas a day and 6 annas a day extra ration money.

(4) Native Officers. Rs. 1-8 a day.

(5) Native non-commissioned officers. 12 annas a day.

(6) Sepoys. 8 annas a day.

4. From the date of issue of the orders allowances at the above rates should be substituted for the allowances which are at present being paid under the orders of the Government of Bombay. In cases where no allowances have hitherto been paid, the present orders may be applied retrospectively, with effect from the date on which the troops were employed on Sanitary duty.

5. It is understood that the two officers of the Indian Staff Corps who were deputed to Sind on special plague duty and who have been employed in supervising the disinfection of large villages (*vide* the Resolution of the Government of Bombay, No. ²⁷⁹²_{1857-P.}, dated the 3rd May 1897,) have hitherto been paid detention allowance at the rate of Rs. 5 a day. The Government of India consider that the rates sanctioned in paragraph 3 above should be applied retrospectively in the case of these two officers who have been employed on important executive work. They should also be granted the travelling allowances of a military officer in civil employ, namely, those admissible to a member of the Indian Civil Service.

6. In conveying sanction to the grant of the allowances which have hitherto been paid to troops employed on plague duty, I am to say, with reference to your letter No. M.—211-P., dated the 20th April 1897, that whilst the Governor General in Council fully recognizes the importance of prompt action to which your letter alludes, His Excellency in Council is of opinion that it would have been better and would have saved some difficulty and embarrassment if, when it was decided to employ troops on plague duty and to grant them special allowances for the work, the question of the allowances had been immediately referred to the Government of India.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

J. P. HEWETT,

Secretary to the Government of India.

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COPY forwarded to the Governments of Bengal, North-Western Provinces and Oudh, and the Punjab, and the Chief Commissioner, Central Provinces, for information.

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COPY forwarded to the Foreign Department with the request that the orders may be communicated to the Agents, Governor General, Rajputana, Central India and Baluchistan, and to the Residents at Hyderabad and Mysore.

By order,

R. NATHAN,

for Secretary to the Government of India.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following paper:—

Letter from the Secretary to the Government of India, Home department, No. 681, Medical, dated 26th June 1897.

I am directed to forward, for the information and guidance of the Government of Madras, a copy of a letter No. 675 dated 26th June 1897, addressed to the Government of Bombay, on the subject of the allowances to be granted to troops employed on duty connected with the plague.

Order:—No. 1544 H. Hs. dated 5th July 1897.

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[Signature]
Secretary to Government.

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