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Communicating to the Surgeon-General and to the Accountant-General letter from the Government of India forwarding copy of correspondence with the Secretary of State regarding the grant of a local allowance to —.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper :—

From R. NATHAN, Esq., Under Secretary to the Government of India (Home Department (Medical), to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Simla, the 17th April 1899, No. 625.

In continuation of the letter from this Department, No. 333, dated the 27th February 1899, I am directed to forward,

* Despatch to the Secretary of State, No. 17, dated the 19th January 1899, for the information of the Governor in Council, a copy of correspondence * with the Secretary of State regarding the grant of allowances to medical officers for the performance of plague duty in addition to their ordinary work.

ENCLOSURES.

From the Government of India, Finance and Commerce Department (Salaries, Establishments, &c.—Medical), to the Right Honourable Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India, dated Calcutta, the 19th January 1899, No. 17 of 1899.

We have the honour to forward for Your Lordship's information a copy of the correspondence entered in the annexed list, regarding the grant of allowances to medical officers for the performance of plague duty in addition to their ordinary work.

2. In their letter of the 16th July 1898, the Government of Madras stated that in January last Major Hakim, I.M.S., had been placed in medical charge of the plague inspection station at Guntakal in addition to his own duties as District Medical and Sanitary Officer, Anantapur, but that, as he had not been *deputed* to plague duty within the meaning of Article 94 of the Civil Service Regulations, the Accountant-General, Madras, regarding his duties connected with the inspection station as portion of the duties of his appointment, held that he was not entitled to any additional allowance for performing them. The Local Government were of opinion that the fact that an officer has combined with the execution of plague duties the performance of his own work should not debar him from the allowance which he would have drawn had he been entrusted with plague duty alone. The Governor in Council accordingly recommended that the allowance specified in Article 101, Civil Service Regulations, which we have been applying, as a general standard, for plague duty as well as for famine duty, should be declared admissible, at the discretion of the Local Government, to any medical officer on plague duty, irrespective of the question whether the officer concerned has been *deputed* to the duty within the meaning of Article 94 of the Civil Service Regulations.

3. In connection with this recommendation of the Government of Madras, we have made a careful examination of the question of the grant of a special allowance to medical officers employed on plague duty in addition to their ordinary work. We

have hitherto acted on the view that, as a general rule, a special allowance ought not to be granted merely because the ordinary duties of the officers of Government become exceptionally arduous in times of calamity. We recognize, however, that the continuance of plague, involving the performance by medical officers of arduous and harassing duties for a prolonged period, will not permit of the above principle being strictly maintained. We have therefore decided, subject to Your Lordship's approval, that, in future, a local allowance under Article 38 (a) of the Civil Service Regulations may be granted to officers employed on plague duty in addition to their own duties, subject to the restrictions that (1) the allowance should in no case exceed in amount the deputation allowance admissible under Article 98, and (2) it should be given only to officers whose additional plague work, such as the medical inspection of passengers by road or railway, is entirely separate from and outside the sphere of their ordinary duties, and not to officers whose ordinary and legitimate work, such as that of attending on the sick in hospital, has been increased owing to the occurrence of plague. We have directed that these orders may be applied to the case of Major Hakim.

4. We trust our proceedings will meet with Your Lordship's approval.

Schedule of Papers.

1. Letter from the Government of Madras, No. 918 (Public), dated the 16th July 1898.
2. Letter to the Government of Madras, No. 1682, dated the 1st December 1898.
3. Circular letter to other Local Governments and Administrations, Nos. 1685—93, dated the 1st December 1898.

From the Right Honourable Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India, to His Excellency the Right Honourable the Governor-General of India in Council, dated India Office, London, 2nd March 1899, No. 48-Revenue.

I have considered in Council Your Excellency's letter, No. 17 (F. and C.), dated 19th January 1899, proposing in future to grant to officers of the Indian Medical Service employed on specially arduous plague duty, though not actually *deputed* to such duty, a local allowance limited by the terms of Article 98 of the Civil Service Regulations, and in respect only of work entirely separate from and outside the sphere of their ordinary duties.

2. I approve Your Excellency's proceedings in this matter.

ORDER—No. 487, Public, dated 2nd May 1899.

Communicated to the Surgeon-General and to the Accountant-General in continuation of G.O., No. 7, Public, dated 3rd January 1899.

(True Extract.)

G. STOKES,
Chief Secretary.

To the Surgeon-General.
" Accountant-General.
" Financial Department.
" Local and Municipal Department.

Exd. A. Rungaswamy Aiyangar.

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