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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—again the following papers :—

G.O., No. 1544 M., dated 5th July 1897.

ABSTRACT.—Recording letter from the Government of India forwarding, for information and guidance, a copy of letter addressed to the Government of Bombay on the subject of the allowances to be granted to military officers and troops employed on duty connected with the plague.

G.O., No. 957, Financial, dated 27th October 1898.

ABSTRACT.—Recording telegram from the Government of Bombay intimating the method under which the emoluments of military officers on plague duty are treated in the accounts of the Bombay Presidency; and directing that the emoluments of military officers employed on plague duty in the Madras Presidency be similarly treated.

G.O., No. 1141, Financial, dated 1st December 1898.

ABSTRACT.—Recording proceedings of the Plague Commissioner communicating to the Collector of Anantapur the Accountant-General's reply to his reference regarding the debit of expenditure on troops for plague duty.

G.O., No. 173 P., dated 2nd February 1899.

ABSTRACT.—Communicating to the Plague Commissioner, the President, Municipal Commission, Madras, and the Accountant-General the orders of the Government of India on the subject of the allowances to be granted to troops employed on plague duty; and approving the Plague Commissioner's proposals regarding the supply of working clothing to troops in lieu of compensation.

READ—also the following paper :—

From the Plague Commissioner, dated 4th January 1899.

ORDER—No. 213, Financial, dated 11th February 1899.

In Home Department letter No. 673, dated 26th June 1897, to the Government of Bombay, the Government of India classified the duties performed by troops in connection with plague into two kinds :—

- (1) Sanitary duties, i.e., searching, disinfecting, superintending, scavenging, &c.
- (2) Guard duty.

It laid down at the same time that guard duty is an ordinary military duty which any body of troops may be called upon to carry out and that therefore no allowances should be granted for its performance. The sanitary duties, on the other hand, it recognized as unusual, as well as disagreeable and dangerous, and it considered that officers and men who are called upon to execute such duties should receive adequate remuneration.

2. The following scale of allowances was accordingly sanctioned for the performance of sanitary duties in the Bombay Presidency :—

(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 five years' service, and Rs. 200 a month for officers of under five years' service, together with travelling allowances admissible to members of the Indian Civil Service.

(2) *British Non-Commissioned Officers*.—Re. 1 a day.

(3) *British Privates*.—Twelve annas a day and six annas a day extra ration money.

(4) *Native Officers*.—Rs. 1-8-0 a day.

(5) *Native Non-Commissioned Officers*.—Twelve annas a day.

(6) *Sepoys*.—Eight annas a day.

3. The foregoing allowances will be similarly granted in this Presidency to all officers and troops who have been, or may be, employed on plague duties.

4. Orders have already been passed in paragraph 2 of G.O., No. 173 P., dated 2nd February 1899, regarding the supply of working clothing in lieu of compensation for wear and tear of clothing.

5. As regards the distribution of these charges, it is to be observed that the emoluments of staff corps officers deputed exclusively on plague duty are, under existing orders, treated as *direct* and debited to 24-D. MEDICAL—GRANTS FOR MEDICAL PURPOSES—*Provincial*. The allowances granted to military officers retained on the strength of their regiments, but performing plague duties without being formally transferred to the Civil Department, whose pay is borne by the Military Department, and all other expenditure due to their employment on plague duty, together with charges on account of clothing, batta to men and contingent expenditure of all kinds incurred in consequence of disinfection work will be borne by *Local* or *Municipal* funds, according to the area within which the officers and troops are employed.

6. In accordance with the foregoing rulings, the travelling allowances of the officer in charge of the detachment on guard duty at Jalarpet and all expenses connected with the moving and encampment of the troops under him will be debited to *Local*. Similarly the charges referred to in the Plague Commissioner's proceedings, No. 672, dated 14th November 1898, which would not have been incurred by the troops on disinfection duty at Guntakal but for their being engaged on this duty, will be debited to *Local*.

7. The ruling contained in the last sentence of paragraph 1 of the "General Instructions" appended to G.O., No. 698, Financial, dated 15th August 1898, viz., that the expenditure connected with troops employed on plague duty is Imperial and need not be included in the civil estimates of plague charges, is cancelled.

8. The Plague Commissioner will be requested to report to the Financial Department whenever troops are detailed for plague duty, intimating the nature of the duty in each case.

(True Extract.)

A. Edington
for Chief Secretary.

To the Plague Commissioner.
" Local and Municipal Department.
" Public Department.
" Accountant-General.

Ed. P. Setharam.

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