

Public Works (¹⁸⁹⁵~~190~~) Department.

RAILWAYS.

G.O., No. 512 R

DATED 7-8-¹⁸⁹⁵~~190~~.

Includes 96 R of 21.2.95

[Despatch Abstract.]

Medical aid to the East Coast Railway

Informing the Government of India
that reply to the question of offering
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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

GENERAL.

To

The Joint Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Public Works Department, Railway Branch.

Calcutta, the 8th February 1895.

Sir,

I am directed to refer for the consideration of the Government of Madras ~~the~~ the question of affording medical aid to the staff of the Open Section of the East Coast Railway, which includes a proposal to utilize the services of the local Civil Surgeons, through whose districts the Line passes, for the Medical Charge of the Employees in question.

2. The plan of utilising Civil Surgeons in this manner has been in practice now for some time on all the State Railways in Upper India and to some extent on the Company's lines, and has been found to work satisfactorily and economically. One great advantage amongst others of utilising the Civil Surgeons, that they can, on emergencies, assist the Railway with their district staff; and the district dispensary, with the establishment appertaining thereto, would, under proper arrangement, be available for the use of the Railway Employés.

3. As regards the East Coast Railway, it is proposed, with the concurrence of His Excellency the Governor in Council, to follow the same practice and to obtain for the Railway the services of the Civil Surgeons of Coconada and

Vizagapatam

Vizagapatam whose Head Quarters are conveniently located for the purpose.

In this connection I am to forward for information a Statement No.I shewing the number of employes and the lengths of line, it is proposed to place under each of the Civil Surgeons named, and to request that the Government of India may be favoured with the views of the Madras Government on the proposal.

4. As regards the amount of the allowances to be paid to Civil Surgeons for Railway work, I am to forward for information a copy of Public Works Department No.3785 G., dated 2nd December 1892 which explains the scale on which the allowances are calculated. In accordance with this scale, allowances of Rs.50 and 100 respectively to the Civil Surgeons of Coconada and Vizagapatam would be admissible for the Railway work they would be required to do, and a further payment of Rs.50 might be made to the Civil Surgeon who may be appointed to undertake the duty of supervising the whole of the medical arrangements of the Railway.

5. I am also to request that the Government of India may be furnished with the opinion of the Surgeon General with the Government of Madras on the scale of Subordinate Establishment already engaged on the East Coast Railway, and the salaries provided for each as entered in the accompanying statement No.II. Any information on the subject can be obtained directly from the Manager of the line.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

E. H. Walker

Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

Documents accompanying:-

Copy of P.W.Deptt.No.3785 G., dated 2nd December 1892.

Statements Nos. I and II.

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No. I.

Statement Shewing number of employes, lengths of line, in each Civil medical Charge, and the distances of the Civil Stations at which Civil Surgeons are resident from nearest Railway Station

Number of employes	Length of line in each Civil medical Charge		Distance of the Civil Stations at which Civil Surgeons are resident from nearest Railway Station	Distance	
	Miles	of From		Miles	Railway Station
Europeans and Eurasians					
43	174	Ellore	Coconada	1	Coconada Town
188	762	Narsapattinam Road	Vizagapatam	within 2 miles	Vizagapatam town

E.P.

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Statement showing the Medical Establishment actually employed on open line C. & D. Ry.

Establishment	Bazunda to Seelanganam H.			Koonor H.			Off Water Station H.			Head quarter H.			Uplands H.			Total Amount
	No	Salary	Amount	No	Salary	Hospital	No	Salary	Amount	No	Salary	Amount	No	Salary	Amount	
Apothecary	1	100	100	-	-	-	1	100	100	-	-	-	-	-	-	200
Hospital assistant	-	-	-	1	55	55	1	50	50	-	-	-	-	27½	27½	132 8
Compounder	2	15	30	1	20	20	2	15x10	25	1	15	15	1	10	10	100
Wardwooly	1	5	5	-	-	-	1	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	10
Waterman	1	5	5	1	4	4	1	4	4	1	2	2	1	4	4	19
Sweeper	2	5	10	1	4	4	1	4	4	1	1	1	1	2	2	21
Peon	1	7	7	-	-	-	1	7	7	2	4	14	-	-	-	28
																Total 510 8

Scale of allowances to Medical Officers for the medical charge of Railway Staff.

No. 3785-G., dated 2nd December 1892.

From—The Government of India, Public Works Department,
To—The Accountant General, Public Works Department.

I am directed to inform you that the Secretary of State for India has approved of a proposal that the allowances to be given to Civil Surgeons for the medical charge of railway staff shall in future be determined by the Government of India without special reference to His Lordship.

2. The allowances will, as a general rule, be determined with reference to the number of Europeans and Eurasians of all grades and of Natives drawing more than Rs. 15 per mensem, who are liable to attendance by the Civil Surgeons, in accordance with the scale noted in the accompanying schedule. As, however, it will be necessary to consider the special circumstances of each case, the allowances will be finally settled by the Railway and Medical Departments in consultation with reference both to the scale referred to and to the special circumstances, if any, affecting the case under consideration.

Scale of allowances.

					Rs.
Up to 25 employés	...	...	...	...	Nil
25 and up to 99 employés	...	...	...	...	25
100 " 399 "	...	...	...	...	50
400 " 799 "	...	...	...	...	75
800 " 1,599 "	...	...	...	...	100
1,600 " 2,999 "	...	...	...	...	125
3,000 " 5,999 "	...	...	...	...	150
6,000 " 8,999 "	...	...	...	...	175
Above 9,000 employés	...	...	...	...	200

N.B.—In the above calculations each European and Eurasian employé is to count as three Natives, i.e., a station having 25 European employés and 100 Natives would be reckoned as having $75 + 100 = 175$.

For guaranteed and assisted railways, 20 per cent. should be added to the allowances admissible under above scale.

An addition of Rs. 50 should be allowed in cases where administrative duties are performed.

[From G., Dec. 1892, Nos. 83-89-A.]

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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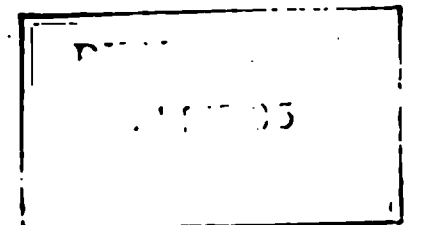
*Letter from the Govt
of India P.W. Dept. — No 406 G. of 8 Feb 1895.*

*The Public
Department will be
requested to obtain the
views of the Surgeon General
with the Govt of Madras
on the points raised by
the Govt of India.*

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No. 96. R. of 18.5.95.

*Reminder sent to the
Chief Surveyor,
on the 17/5/95.*



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Government of Madras.

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P. W. DEPARTMENT.

No. 3042 dated 6th June 1895

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From

The Public Department

ENCLOSURE

No. 1147.

Dated 25.5.95

Received 0.29.5.95

SUBJECT.

Medical aid to the staff of
the open section of the
East Coast Railway - Trans.
- forwarding letter from the Surgeon
General with the Government
of Madras stating that the
office of the Chief Medical
officer on State Railways
should be held by Com.
- missioned medical officers
of the Indian medical service

Forwarded to the
Public Department
for perusal and any
further remarks with
reference to the notes by
His Excellency The Governor
and Honourable Members

(sd) J. R. Upcott.
Joint Secy to Govt. Mad.
Ry. Branch

Reminder to be 3042
Issued 28-6-95.

No. 96 R. dated 21.2.95

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No. 406 G

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

GENERAL.

TO

THE Joint Secretary to the Govt of Madras
P. W. D. Branch

Simla, the 10th May 1895

The undersigned is directed to invite attention
to the letter noted below, and to request that the
reply may be expedited.

G. H. Walker

Under-Secretary.

P. W. D. No. 406 G, dated 8th Feb 95
requesting opinion of the Engineer
Genl with the Govt of Madras
regarding the proposal for
the employment of the Civil
Engineer of Cochin and
for a separate for medical
charge of the employees, also of
the Subst Establt employees
on the East Coast Rly -
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Ans: 15-5-95

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No. 406 L

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

GENERAL.

TO

THE Joint Secretary to the
Government of Madras
P.W.D. Railway

Simla, the 18th June 1895.

The undersigned is directed to invite attention
to the letter noted below, and to request that the
reply may be expedited.

G. H. Walker

Under-Secretary.

P. W. D. No. 406 L, dated 8th Feb 1895
requesting to be furnished with the
views of the Govt of Madras on the pro-
posal to utilize the services of the Civil
Surgeons of Coimbatore & Vizagapatnam
for the Medical Charge of Employees of the
East Coast Ry & with the opinion of the
Surgeon-General Madras on the scale of
Subordinate Establishments employed on that line

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Ans: 24.6.95

11TH JULY 1895, No. 586, PUBLIC.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

LETTER—from

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF
FORT ST. GEORGE,

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

In reply to your No. 406-G., dated 8th February 1895, referring for the consideration of this Government the question of affording medical aid to the staff of the open section of the East Coast Railway and utilizing the services of the local Civil Surgeons for the medical charge of the employes in question, I am directed to forward copies of the correspondence noted in the margin and to state that this Government regrets that, while fully desirous of meeting the wishes of the Government of India, it is unable to recommend any additional work being entrusted to District Medical and Sanitary Officers as in its opinion such work would most seriously interfere with the efficient performance of their present multifarious duties and responsibilities, none of which can in any way be curtailed.

2. District Medical and Sanitary officers are, by the orders of this Government, expected to render assistance in case of railway accidents. But if in addition to this they were entrusted with the general supervision of medical arrangements and consultative practice in connection with railways, the Surgeon-General is of opinion that they would necessarily be compelled to neglect, or only imperfectly perform, their legitimate work.

It was for similar reasons that in 1889 sanction was refused by the Government of Madras to the appointment of Medical officers in the service of Government as Consulting Physicians to railways.

3. The Surgeon-General is, however, of opinion that the Civil Surgeon at Cocanada can, without detriment to his legitimate work, perform the railway duties at that station, and this Government has therefore no objection to his being entrusted with them.

4. His Excellency in Council agrees with the Surgeon-General that State Railways should employ a Chief Medical officer of their own, who should be a member of the Indian Medical Service, in order to increase the war reserve of medical officers.

5. With reference to paragraph 5 of your letter, I am directed to say that the Surgeon-General considers the scale of Medical establishment provided by the Government of India for the East Coast Railway to be sufficient and the salaries adequate.

6. I am to invite attention to paragraph 3 of the Surgeon-General's letter No. 186, dated 20th May, and to request that orders may be communicated on the points raised therein.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Madhusudan

Chief Secretary.

OOTACAMUND,
11th July 1895.

Copy to the Public Works Department (Railway Branch).
" " Surgeon-General.

ANNEXURE.

READ—the following papers:—

G.O., dated 21st February 1895, No. 96 R., Public Works.

From the Government of India, Public Works Department, dated 8th February 1895,
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5. I am also to request that the Government of India may be furnished with the opinion of the Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras on the scale of

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ENCLOSURES.

From the Government of India, Public Works Department, to the Accountant-General, Public Works Department, dated 2nd December 1892, No. 3785-G.

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No. I.

STATEMENT showing number of employés, length of line, in each Civil Medical charge, and the distances of the civil stations at which Civil Surgeons are resident from nearest Railway station.

Number of employés.			Length of line in each civil medical charge.			Distances of the civil stations at which Civil Surgeons are resident from nearest Railway station.		
Europeans and Eurasians.	Natives		Miles.	From	To	Head-Quarter.	Distance.	
	Drawing Rs. 15 and over.	Under Rs. 15.					Miles.	Railway station.
42	174	1,311	120	Ellore.	Turi.	Cocanada.	1	Cocanada town.
188	762	2,110	97	Narainpatam road.	Virinagaram.	Vimgapatam.	2	Vimgapatam town.

No. II.

EAST COAST STATE RAILWAY.

STATEMENT showing the Medical establishment actually employed on open line, East Coast Railway.

Establishment.	Benwada to Seerhangram hospital.			Kavoor hospital.			Waltair station hospital.			Head-quarter hospital.			Uplands hospital.			Total amount.
	Number.	Salary.	Amount.	Number.	Salary.	Amount.	Number.	Salary.	Amount.	Number.	Salary.	Amount.	Number.	Salary.	Amount.	
Apothecary ..	1	Rs. 100	Rs. 100	..	..	..	1	Rs. 100	Rs. 100	..	..	..	..	..	..	Rs. 200 0 0
Hospital Assistant ..	..	..	..	1	55	55	1	50	50	..	..	..	27 1/2	27 1/2	132 8 0	132 8 0
Compounder ..	2	15	30	1	20	20	2	15 & 10	25	1	15	15	1	10	10	100 0 0
Ward cooly ..	1	5	5	..	..	..	1	5	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	10 0 0
Waterman ..	1	5	5	1	4	4	1	4	4	1	3	3	1	4	4	19 0 0
Sweeper ..	2	5	10	1	4	4	1	4	4	1	1	1	1	2	2	21 0 0
Peon ..	1	7	7	..	..	..	1	7	7	2	7	14	..	..	..	28 0 0
Total ..																Rs. 510 8 0

Order—dated 21st February 1895, No. 96 R., Public Works.

The Public Department will be requested to obtain the views of the Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras on the points raised by the Government of India.

(Signed) A. D. G. SHELLEY, Captain, R.F.,
Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D., Railway Branch.

To the Public Department.

No. 409.

Referred to the Surgeon-General for report.

27th February 1895.

(Signed) W. FRANCIS,
Acting Asst. Secretary.

From Surgeon-Major-General C. SIBTHORPE, F.R.C.P.I., Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 4th April 1895, No. 341.

With reference to your No. 409, dated the 27th February 1895, forwarding, for report, Public Works Department No. 96 G.O., No. 325, Public, dated 8th April 1889. R., dated the 21st idem, I have the honour to state that in the Government Orders marginally quoted Government have distinctly ruled that Medical officers should not hold appointments of Consulting Physicians to Railways.

2. Although the East Coast Railway is not a private one, but a State Railway, I am, however, of opinion that the principle on which the objection in the above-quoted Government Orders was based applies equally to the present case. The appointment will not only entail periodical absence of the Medical officers from their head-quarters but also liability to be called away at any moment in case of accidents on the line.

3. The District Medical and Sanitary Officer, Vizagapatam, has expressed his inability to take up any work in addition to his present duties. I consider that the legitimate duties of this officer, if properly and efficiently performed, can hardly allow

him time to take up the railway work. In the interests therefore of the civil medical work entrusted to his care I must deprecate his being saddled with any extra duties, as both will suffer by such an arrangement. It appears to me to be a more efficient and better arrangement that the East Coast Railway should have a Medical officer of its own who can devote his whole time to it.

4. As regards Cocanada, the Civil Surgeon states he can perform the duties in addition to his own, and in this I concur.

5. As regards the subordinate medical staff required, I am not in a position to give any decided opinion. The present chief medical officer of the railway will be in a position to say how many and what class of men are required, and when this is approved I shall endeavour to spare as many as can be conveniently done.

No. 854.

Returned to the Surgeon-General for report as regards paragraph 5 of the letter from the Government of India.

OOTACAMUND,
20th April 1895.

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

From Surgeon-Major-General C. SIBTHORPE, F.R.C.P.I., Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Ootacamund, 20th May 1895, No. 186-Tour.

With reference to the correspondence ending with your endorsement, dated 20th April 1895, No. 854, I have the honour to state that in my opinion the office of chief medical officer of such State Railways should be held by Commissioned Medical officers of the Indian Medical Service. The funds these officers are paid from are from the State, and such appointments would increase the reserve of Military Medical officers at the disposal of the Government of India as a war reserve.

2. With reference to paragraph 5 of the letter from the Government of India, I attach a copy of a return I have received to-day from the Manager of the East Coast Railway, which shows fully the work the subordinate establishment have to do. I consider the salaries adequate for the present men and the scale of establishment sufficient.

3. As hitherto I have had nothing to do with the medical administration of the State Railway, I would like to be informed—

(a) Whether in future the medical administration is to be carried out under my orders, and if so?

(b) Whether the reports on all such hospitals or dispensaries should be included in the annual report on civil hospitals and dispensaries.

(c) Whether the medical establishments are to be included in the civil medical establishments of the Madras Government.

ENCLOSURE.

TABLE Form of Subordinate Medical establishment employed on East Coast Railway Open line.

Name	Age	Professional qualification	Rate of pay	Rate of allowances in detail	Head-quarters	Quarters provided at public expense	Nature of duties	Dispensaries	Hospitals	Remarks
1. Richard Bowie	35	Apothecary	100	Nil.	Seetanaagram	Yes	To render medical aid to all officers and subordinates and their families resident at Seetanaagram and on line from Seetanaagram to Goddaveni South 89 miles, and attend accidents in his jurisdiction.	(1) Vengalpetam— (a) Fully equipped. (b) Compounder .. 16 Waterman .. 2 (2) Wallair (uplands)— (a) Sufficiently equipped for the purpose. (b) Compounder .. 10 Waterman .. 4 Sweeper .. 2	(1) Seetanaagram— (a) Twelve beds. (b) Fully equipped. (c) Compounder .. 15 Ward cooly .. 7 Peon .. 5 Waterman .. 6 (2) Rajahmundry— (a) Six beds. (b) Fully equipped— (c) Compounder .. 20 Waterman .. 4 Sweeper .. 4 (3) Wallair Station— (a) Eight beds. (b) Fully equipped and supplied with relief van equipment. (c) Compounder, senior .. 16 Do. junior .. 10 Ward cooly .. 8 Peon .. 7 Waterman .. 4 Sweeper .. 4	All subordinates are efficient. The dispensary and hospital arrangements are adequate.
2. J. Ranganathulu	32	Hospital Assistant	50	Do.	Rajahmundry	Do.	To render medical aid to railway employees and their families from Ellore to Tuni, 126 miles, and attend accidents in his jurisdiction.			
3. Samuel Arnold	33	Apothecary	100	Do.	Wallair station	Do.	To render medical aid to all lower subordinates and workmen and their families resident at Wallair station grounds and from Tuni to Berhampore, 231 miles, and attend accidents in his jurisdiction.			
4. A. Guriah	33	Hospital Assistant	40	Do.	Do. do.	Do.	To assist the Apothecary at Wallair station.			
5. V. Guruswamy Raja	50½	Do.	27½	Conveyance allowance, Rs. 14.	Do. (uplands)	No.	To attend on clerks and their families resident at Wallair, and when necessary those at Vengalpetam also.			

No. 1147.

Transferred to the Public Works Department (Railway Branch).

OOTACAMUND,
28th May 1895.(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

Reference—dated 13th June 1895, No. 1368.

The Surgeon-General is of opinion that the District Medical Officer, Vizagapatam, cannot possibly undertake any duties in connection with the East Coast Railway, but that the Civil Surgeon at Cocanada could, although he does not recommend that he should.

2. The Government desires to meet the wishes of the Government of India in this matter if feasible, and will be glad if the Surgeon-General will report what medical officers, the head-quarters of whom are on the line of the East Coast Railway, could take up the general supervision of medical arrangements and consultative practice in connection with the railway without in any way interfering with their present medical and sanitary duties, e.g., the District Medical and Sanitary officers of Ganjam, Kistna and Nellore. Daily inspection of hospitals would in most cases be impracticable.

3. It is in this connection understood that District Medical officers have to travel by rail frequently, and they should therefore have favourable opportunities for inspecting the sanitary arrangements, &c., of stations.

4. The Civil Surgeon at Cocanada might undertake duties at that station, but the District Medical Officer at Rajahmundry would have to supervise the work on the section of railway running through the district. It may not be possible to afford much assistance, but such as is practicable should be rendered.

5. The Surgeon-General is requested to reply to this reference without delay.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

To the Surgeon-General.

From Surgeon-Major-General C. SIBTHORPE, F.R.C.P.I., Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Ootacamund, 22nd June 1895, No. 330-Tour.

With advertence to Public Department reference No. 1368, dated the 13th June 1895, I have the honour to state that, while fully desirous of meeting the wishes of Government, I regret that a sense of the present multifarious duties and responsibilities of District Medical and Sanitary officers precludes me from recommending any additional work being entrusted to them which must necessarily interfere with the efficient performance of their legitimate duties.

2. It will be seen from G.O., No. 286, Judicial, dated the 7th February 1881, that District Medical and Sanitary officers are already liable to render assistance in case of railway accidents; but if they be appointed to take up the general supervision of medical arrangements and consultative practice in connection with railways, they will be called upon to perform most of the duties laid down in G.O., No. 410, dated the 17th June 1892, and this will, in my opinion, lead to their neglecting their own district duties or performing them in a perfunctory manner. Such a state of affairs, I am sure, Government will not tolerate. It was on these considerations that Government declined to allow either a District Medical and Sanitary officer or a Regimental Medical officer to hold the appointment of a Consulting Physician to a

railway—Vide G.O., No. 706, Public, dated the 20th August 1889. This order, which has been the outcome of a careful consideration of the whole question, should, in my opinion, form the guide both as regards State and private Railways.

3. With reference to paragraph 3 of the reference no satisfactory sanitary inspection can, in my opinion, be made during ordinary travelling without making a halt for the purpose, and if any real inspection is to be done special tours will be necessary for which District Medical and Sanitary officers can hardly spare time.

4. The Civil Surgeon, Cocanada, could perform the railway duties at his head-quarter station and he may be nominated accordingly.

P. W. DEPARTMENT No. 5774

1895.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

From the Government of
Fort St. George.

Issued

Recd.

Encl.

Letter, 11th July 1895, No. 586.

JULY.

Medical Aid to the East Coast
Railway.

Replying to the Government of India on the question of affording —, that this Government is unable to recommend the utilization of the services of the local District Medical and Sanitary officers, as they are already overburdened with work, but making an exception in the case of the officer at Cocanada who could undertake the additional duties.

Ans: 29.7.95

All communications
should be addressed
to the Secretary.

No. 2153 G.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

GENERAL.

To

The Joint Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Public Works Department, Railway Branch.

Simla, the 30th July 1895.

Sir,

I am directed to invite your attention to Public Works Department letter No. 401 G., dated 8th February 1895, in which the views of the Government of Madras were requested on the proposal to utilise the services of the local Civil Surgeons for the Medical charge of the employes of the East Coast railway, also the opinion of the Surgeon General with the Government of Madras on the scale of subordinate Medical establishment employed on that line, and to request that the Government of India may be favored with an early reply thereto.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Copy the views of
were embodied in
P.O. forwarded to
Govt. India on

G. H. Walker

Under Secretary to the Govt. of India.

Documents accompanying:-

Nil.

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Government of Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
RAILWAY BRANCH.

To
THE Secy to the Govt. of India

P. W. Depto.

to Secy
Dated 9th August 1895.

Sir,

With reference
to your letter no. 2158 G, of
30 July 1895, I am directed
to inform you that the
views of the Madras
Government and the Engineer
General were embodied
in G. O. no. 586 Public
of 11 July 1895 forwarded
to the Government of India
on 27th July 1895.

Yours

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W. H. B.