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Public Works (1898) Department.

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Read the following paper:—

From—The Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department.
To—The Joint Secretary to the Government of Madras, P.W. Dept., Ry. Branch.
Dated—Simla, 2nd May 1898, No. 1122 G.

Rules for regulating the grant of advances to public servants who may be bitten by rabid dogs, to enable them to proceed to Paris for treatment at the Pasteur Institute.

To the Governments of Madras and Bombay, Public Works Department, General and Railway Branches.
To the Governments of Bengal, the North-Western Provinces and Oudh, and the Punjab.
To the Government of Burma, Public Works Department, General and Railway Branches.
To the Chief Commissioners of the Central Provinces, Assam and Coorg.
To the Resident at Hyderabad.
To the Agents to the Governor-General for Rajputana, Central India, and Baluchistan.
To the Accountant-General, Public Works Department.
To the Directors of Railway Construction and Traffic.
To the Consulting Engineers to the Government of India for Railways, Calcutta, Lucknow, and Assam.
To the Director-General of Telegraphs.

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ENCLOSURES.

From—The Junior Secretary to the Government of the Punjab, Home (General) Department.
To—The Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department.
Dated—Lahore, 13th November 1897, No. 1085.

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2. I am accordingly to suggest, for the favourable consideration of the Government of India, that a rule should be made under article 137 of the Civil Account Code, providing for an advance on the production of a certificate by a medical officer recommending treatment at the Pasteur Institute at Paris, the power of sanction being vested in the Principal District Officer in the department concerned. The maximum amount of the advance should be Rs. 1,200 in the case of officers entitled to travelling allowance at first-class rates and Rs. 700 in other cases. It should be recoverable by monthly instalments of one-third of salary on return of the officer concerned to duty; and the rule might provide that two securities should be furnished to guarantee Government against loss.

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From—The Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department.
To—The Chief Secretary to the Government of the Punjab.
Dated—Calcutta, 17th March 1898, No. 433, Public.

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3. The necessary addition to the Civil Account Code will be made accordingly.

No. 434—41.

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(True Extract.)

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Joint Secretary.

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" Mr. W. J. Weightman.

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