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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

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Read—the following paper:—

From H. LUSON, Esq., Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department (Public), to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Calcutta, the 17th March 1898, No. 456.

I am directed to forward, for the information of the Government of Madras, a copy of the correspondence noted in the margin, regarding the grant of advances to public servants, who may be bitten by rabid dogs, to enable them to proceed by the quickest route to Paris for treatment at the Pasteur Institute there.

Letter from the Government of the Punjab, No. 1085, dated the 13th November 1897.
Letter to the Government of the Punjab, No. 433, dated the 17th March 1898.

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From H. J. MAYNARD, Esq., Junior Secretary to the Government of the Punjab, Home (General) Department, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, dated Lahore, the 13th November 1897, No. 1085.

The attention of the Lieutenant-Governor has recently been drawn by a case in which a young officer in the Police department was bitten by a rabid dog and ordered by a medical board to proceed at once to Paris for the Pasteur treatment, to the desirability of providing for advances to public servants under similar circumstances. For the Pasteur treatment to be efficacious it must be undergone as soon as possible after the bite, and it is necessary that the sufferer should raise the money to go to Paris immediately and should travel by the quickest and therefore most expensive route. In the case of young officers, particularly of those in the less well-paid departments of Government service, it is not to be expected that such a sum would be available for expenditure on a sudden emergency without borrowing, which it is for obvious reasons undesirable to encourage; and there are not a few officers drawing better salaries who find themselves occasionally in the predicament of being temporarily penniless. Under these circumstances, it appears to the Lieutenant-Governor clearly desirable that provision should be made by rule for an advance, in the circumstances indicated, of a sum approximately sufficient to cover the cost of a journey to Paris and back by mail steamer *viâ* Marseilles.

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.

From H. LUSON, Esq., Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department (Public), to the Chief Secretary to the Government of the Punjab, dated Calcutta, the 17th March 1898, No. 433.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Maynard's letter, No. 1085, dated the 13th November 1897, containing the following proposals for the grant of advances to public servants, who may be bitten by rabid dogs, to enable them to proceed by the quickest route to Paris for treatment at the Pasteur Institute there, viz., that—

(i) an advance may be given on the production of a certificate by a medical officer recommending treatment at the Pasteur Institute at Paris;
(ii) the power of sanction should vest in the principal district officer in the department concerned;

(iii) the maximum amount of the advance should be Rs. 1,200 in the case of officers entitled to first-class travelling allowance, and Rs. 700 in other cases;
(iv) the sums advanced should be recoverable by monthly instalments of one-third of salary on return of the officer concerned to duty; and
(v) two securities should be furnished to guarantee Government against loss.

2. In reply I am to say that the Government of India are pleased to sanction these proposals subject to the two following modifications:—

(1) The medical certificate recommending treatment at the Pasteur Institute at Paris should be given by a medical board consisting of two medical officers either commissioned or in charge of civil stations. In places where there is only one such medical officer, and it is inconvenient to assemble a board at once, the concurrence of a second officer may be obtained by telegram.
(2) The discretionary power of sanction should rest with Commissioners in the Civil Department, Superintending Engineers in the Public Works Department, and heads of departments in other cases.

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

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