

Penalty for Imposition.

66. Any employee practising imposition under the plea of sickness shall be subject to instant dismissal, disratment in rank, or reduction in salary, as the Commissioner may determine.

Ill Health resulting from Misconduct.

67. No leave on account of illness shall be granted with pay if the sickness or ill health has been caused by the misconduct of the employee. In order to satisfy himself on that point the Government Printer may send a medical practitioner to attend on and examine such employee at his residence. A fee not exceeding £1 1s. shall be paid to the medical practitioner for his attendance and report; and if such report is, in the opinion of the Government Printer, not favourable to the employee concerned the amount of the fee so paid shall be deducted from any money which is or becomes payable to the said employee by the Government. The same practice may be followed where an employee is suspected of absenting himself from duty without sufficient cause.

Inefficiency through Illness.

68. If in the opinion of the Government Printer any employee is inefficient through repeated illness, such inefficiency shall be reported to the Commissioner, who, in the case of a permanent employee, may take steps to have such employee examined under the provisions of the Public Service Superannuation Act, with a view to his retirement from the Public Service as being medically unfit for further duty.

Sick-leave for Temporary Employees.

69. (1) A temporary employee of less than twelve months' continuous service when absent from duty on account of sickness or ill health, other than as the result of an injury sustained in the discharge of his duty, shall not be entitled to pay during the period of absence: Provided that in exceptional cases the Commissioner may take any special circumstances into consideration and authorize payment at such rate as he may think fit.

(2) After twelve months' continuous service temporary employees may receive the same sick-leave privileges as permanent employees.

(3) Pay during sick-leave shall not be granted where an employee receives compensation under the Workers' Compensation Act.

(C) SPECIAL LEAVE.

Short Leave of Absence.

70. The Government Printer may at any time grant an employee leave of absence without pay for any period not exceeding one week if in his opinion there are special circumstances justifying such a course. The granting of such leave shall be reported to the Commissioner. Where more than one week's leave is desired application shall be made in the usual way, through the Government Printer, to the Commissioner.

Special Leave.

71. In special cases leave may be granted to employees of the permanent staff (on written application on the prescribed form to the Government Printer) on such terms and conditions as the Commissioner may approve.

Employees not to be Absent without Leave.

72. Any employee absent from his work without application for leave having been made and granted shall, except in cases of sudden illness or other emergency, as mentioned in Regulation 10, be deemed to be absent without leave.

Furlough.

73. On application, after ten years' continuous service, leave of absence may be granted by the Commissioner (on the recommendation of the Government Printer)—

(a) To overseers and readers, for a period not exceeding three months on full pay; and

(b) To employees of the permanent staff, for a period not exceeding two months on full pay:

Provided that in each case the employee has not during the previous ten years had similar leave. ("Continuous service" means from original date of continuous employment.)