*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,*
*7th August* 1874.

No. 29. Read the following letter from Surgeon-General E. G. BALFOUR, Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department, to the Honorable D. F. CARMICHAEL, Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Fort St. George, 31st July 1874, No. 344 :—

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2. To those questions, the Local Fund Board has reported that no definite proposal has been made by either party, but it was understood by the Board that either practitioner would gladly accept the post for 100 Rupees monthly. The Civil Surgeon has reported that it is not desirable to remove the Hospital Assistant from Luckady to Vythery, for which a separate medical subordinate must, he says, be allowed, and he has suggested as a perferable course that an Apothecary be placed at the latter place, to be supervised by the Civil Surgeon ; otherwise, he is favorable to the Local Fund Board's proposal in paragraph 3 of their letter, to employ for its supervision one of the private medical practitioners. Colonel Kennedy, in his reply to my question, says that, after the Vythery Hospital is opened, it will not be necessary to retain the Hospital Assistant at Luckady, provided the Medical Officer of the Vythery Hospital be required to afford medical aid to such officers and other employés of the Public Works Department as are entitled to attendance at their own residences ; but he advises that, in lieu of a Hospital Assistant, an Apothecary be retained at the Vythery Hospital, as the Hospital Assistants are sickly there, and as the medical gentleman to whom it is proposed to entrust the charge of the hospital has, from the extensive nature of his practice, to be frequently absent from the neighbourhood.

3. With reference to the above, I have the honor to submit to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council that, as the Vythery Local Fund Board has to pay for the medical men whom they employ, the wishes of the Board should guide in the decision of the questions which the Board has submitted to Government, provided that much extra expense be not thrown on the Government. As explained in my letter, No. 480, dated 13th December 1873, owing to the system of recruiting which had been followed up to the year 1870-71, there are at present twenty-six military medical officers of the warrant grade surplus to all military and provincial requirements, and if the Local Fund Board could accept one of them, it would be a relief. But, if the Board prefer one of the private medical practitioners now there, I deem it desirable that the wish should be complied with, leaving it to the Board also to say whether they would wish to have a Hospital Assistant or a Warrant Medical Officer as the House Surgeon or Resident Medical Officer, because paragraph 4 of the Board's letter shows that the medical practitioner whom the Board proposes to employ is only to undertake the supervision

of the hospital. At present, in paragraph 2 of the Board's letter, a Hospital Assistant is the officer desired, and the Board propose to remove into the Vythery Hospital the Hospital Assistant who has hitherto had the joint charge of Luckady and Vythery, to which Colonel Kennedy assents, provided the Vythery medical officer attends at the houses in Luckady of such employés as may be entitled thereto.

4. In paragraph 5, the Board propose that, if the Hospital Assistant now at Luckady and Vythery be transferred to the Vythery Hospital, his pay be borne by Government exclusively, as is at present the case; but the custom is for Local Fund Boards and Municipalities to pay the entire salaries of the military medical officers whom they employ, provided they be exclusively so employed.

5. With reference to the above, I have the honor to mention as my opinion that the medical establishment of the Vythery Hospital should be as per margin, with the usual complement of menial servants, and I suggest that the Board be asked to submit to Government a definite proposal as to the establishment the Board would wish to retain and the remuneration they wish to offer. I enclose the letters which the Civil Surgeon and the Executive Engineer have written to me, and suggest that they be sent to the Board, with a view to their expressing their views as to Colonel Kennedy's suggestion that the Vythery medical establishment attend on the Luckady residents.

*Vythery Hospital.*

1 Medical Officer, private or military, in charge
1 Warrant or Hospital Assistant

| Pay of Rank, House-rent, and Dispensary or Staff Allowances | If in Independent Charge. | If in Subordinate Charge. |
|---|---|---|
| *Warrant.* | RS. | RS. |
| Apothecary ... ... 1st Class. ... ... | 280 | 260 |
| 2nd do. ... ... | 230 | 210 |
| Assistant Apothecary 1st do. ... ... | 170 | 150 |
| 2nd do. ... ... | 145 | 125 |
| Passed Hospital Apprentice ... ... ... ... | 72 | 72 |
| Hospital Assistant ... 1st Class. ... ... | 60 | 60 |
| 2nd do. ... ... | 40 | 40 |
| 3rd do. ... ... | 25 | 25 |

6. I beg to place on the margin the pay and allowances of the Warrant and Hospital Assistant Officers in independent or in subordinate charge.

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From Surgeon-Major W. H. ROBERTS, M.D., Civil Surgeon, Malabar, to Deputy Surgeon-General W. JOHNSTON, M.D., Deputy Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department, Southern District, Malabar and Canara, dated Calicut, 3rd July 1874, No. 44.

With reference to your No. 2606 of the 29th June, attached to No. 3947 from office of Surgeon-General, and G.O., 10th June 1874, No. 983, herewith returned, I have the honor to report that, in my opinion, the requirements at Vythery are such that, when the hospital is completed, a medical subordinate must be allowed for it specially.

2. The proposal in paragraph 4 of the President of the Local Fund Board's letter to remove the Hospital Assistant now at Luckady to Vythery, is not desirable. The services of this medical subordinate are subsidized by the Department of Public Works, and I know it is the wish and intention of the Special Executive Engineer, Colonel Kennedy, to remove him (after the establishment of the Vythery Hospital) to Sultan's Battery, a place where large gangs of men are constantly at work and medical aid much required.

3. For the supervision of this new hospital, I suggest one other way beside that indicated in the President of the Local Fund Board's letter, and this is that, if it should not be considered



desirable to give the supervision to any other than a Government servant, a good Apothecary be placed in charge, and the general supervision be vested in the Civil Surgeon, Malabar, as in the cases of the hspitals at Munjeri, Palghaut, and Ponani.

4. From the above it must not be supposed that I am opposed to what is in a manner proposed in paragraph 3 of the letter above referred to. I am in reality for several reasons favorable to it, and will vote for one of the gentlemen. The suggestion is made simply to meet the supposition should it happen to come up.

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No. 2742.

Submitted, with reference to No. 3947 of 25th ultimo on Proceedings of Government, Financial Department, No. 983, of 10th June 1874.

(Signed) W. JOHNSTON, M.D.,
*Deputy Surgeon-General, Southern District, Malabar and Canara.*

TRICHINOPOLY,
13*th July* 1874.

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From Lieutenant-Colonel R. B. KENNEDY, Special Executive Engineer, Wynaad, to Surgeon-General E. G. BALFOUR, Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department, Fort St. George, dated Luckady, 24th July 1874, No. 535.

In reply to your letter, No. 4517, dated 18th instant, I have the honor to inform you that, as soon as the Vythery Hospital is ready for operation, I do not consider there will be further need for the services of the Hospital Assistant at Luckady, provided, however, that some arrangement is made by which the services of the medical officer in charge of the hospital can be secured for such of the officers and other employés of the Public Works Department as are entitled to attendance at their own residences.

2. My own opinion is that, the medical gentleman in private practice to whom it is proposed to entrust charge of the hospital being liable from the extensive nature of his practice to be frequently absent from the neighbourhood, an Apothecary would be a more suitable officer as Resident Attendant than an Hospital Assistant, the more especially that natives (the class of which the latter are generally composed) are so much more sickly up here than East Indians, and that less inconvenience from frequent changes is likely to be incurred by the employment of the latter. I speak from experience of many years of both classes, and I think you will find what I say amply confirmed by the records of the Medical Department in connexion with this station since 1862. The call for medical aid at the Vythery Hospital, I may add, is likely to be very great.

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No. 30. ORDER THEREON, 7th August 1874, No. 1303.

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(True Extract.)

*Acting Chief Secretary.*

To the Board of Revenue.
,, President, Local Fund Board, Calicut Circle.
,, Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

Govt. of {1874} Madras

FINANCIAL.

To THE BOARD OF REVENUE, &c., &c., &c.

Dated August, 7th.

Read.

G.O., 7th August 1874, No. 1303.

**AUGUST.**
**Nos. 29-30.**

*Vythery Hospital*—Letter from the Surgeon General, Indian Medical Department, proposing certain arrangements on the subject of medical attendance for this hospital, referred to the President of the Calicut Local Fund Board, for report as to the arrangement which the Board would prefer.

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No. 44

Calicut 3rd July 1874

From

Surgeon Major W. H. Roberts M.D.
Civil Surgeon
Malabar

To

The Deputy Surgeon General
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Southern District M & C.
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W. W. Smith Surgn

Surgeon Major
Civil Surgeon Malabar

No 2745 dated 15th Augt 1874
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The Civil Surgeon
To The Deputy Surgeon General
Madras Medical Department
Southern Division
Trichinopoly

No 414
Captured 3rd July 1874.
Reports on Lythery and
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W.W.S Ruxton Lieut/Col
Special Exp: Engineer
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No. 344

Surgeon
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR-GENERAL, I. M. D.,
*Fort Saint George, 31st July* 1874.

From Surgeon
INSPECTOR-GENERAL EDWARD BALFOUR,
~~Surgeon~~
*Inspector General of Hospitals,*
*Indian Medical Department,*
*Fort Saint George,*

To

*The Chief Secretary to Government.*
*Financial Department.*
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From

Surgeon
~~Inspector~~-General E. BALFOUR,
~~Inspector~~-General of Hospitals,
Indian Medical Department,
Fort Saint George,

To

The Chief Secretary to Govt.
Financial Dept.
Fort St. George

Dated 31 July

Despatched

Received 5 August 1874.

No. 344

Subject. ~~G.O. 1303~~

Submits remarks called for in G.O. No. 983 of 10th June 1874, with reference to the Hospital Assistant at Lakadi.

The Board of Rev
Pres. & 2 Mbrs. Colonel Circle
Surgeon F. & M. Dept

dated 1878

With adv

Govt. of {1874 Madras.

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To

The Board of Revenue

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| Apothecary | 1st Class. | 280 | 260 |
| | 2d do | 230 | 210. |
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| | 2d do | 145 | 125. |
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| Hospital Assistant | 1st Class. | 60 | 60 |
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I have the honor to be
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Your most obedient servant

Edward Balfour Surgeon General
Surgeon General
Indian Medical Dept.

C.B.