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No. 41. ORDER THEREON, 5th October 1874, No. 1686.

The Rules for the management of Civil Dispensaries embodied in the Medical Code having been rendered inapplicable by the transfer of the institutions to Municipalities and Local Fund Boards, the Surgeon-General submitted for approval a set of amended rules, and in G.O., dated 9th May 1873, No. 620, these were circulated to all Presidents of Local Fund Boards and Municipalities for remark.

2. The replies having been received, the various views will be considered below.

3. Thirteen Local Fund Boards and twenty-two Municipalities approve of the rules and offer no suggestions for further amendment. The remarks made by the others will be noticed in order :—

*Paragraph* 26 of the proposed revised rules states that "Civil Dispensaries in the Madras Presidency are entirely supported by Local Fund Boards and Municipalities and conducted under their control."

It is pointed out from Vizagapatam, Madura, and Ootacamund that there are exceptions to this, and the rule will be omitted as unnecessary.

*Paragraph* 27 will also be omitted as a mere repetition of Local Fund Rule No. XII.

*Paragraph* 28 deals with the powers of Committees of Management, and prescribes that they shall not interfere in professional matters such as the treatment of the sick. The Saidapet Board propose the addition of the words "except by reporting to the Surgeon-General cases requiring notice." This seems unobjectionable and will be adopted, but the further addition proposed by them is amply provided for in the Local Fund Rules.

The President of the Madura Local Fund Board considers that the rule should deal more definitely with regard to inspection by the Deputy Inspectors-General, &c. The Government, however, have already stated that they are not at present in a position to satisfactorily increase the Inspection Agency, and the rule will, therefore, be permitted to stand with the addition of the Sanitary Commissioner. It is observed that it does not exclude additional inspection under local arrangements as recently sanctioned in the case of Canara (G.O., dated 11th July 1874, No. 1157).

*Paragraph* 29 prescribes that district officials, European and Native, shall visit and may make entries in the "Visitors' Book."

From Ganjam it is proposed by Mr. Master that it be left optional with the visitors to communicate their sentiments by letter to the President of the Local Board or to the Surgeon-General.

The Tellicherry Municipal Commissioners consider that the Visitors' book should be open to the remarks of all respectable private gentlemen.

The proposal that communication may be made by letter, instead of by entry in the Visitors' book, is unobjectionable, but the Government are not prepared to throw the hospitals open to the inspection of the general public. The recognized official visitors will be the Surgeon of the District, the Deputy Surgeon-General of the Division, and the Sanitary Commissioner, in addition to the members of the Local Boards who are so by virtue of their position.

*Paragraph* 30 provides for the inspection of the Visitors' book by the Inspection officers and the inclusion of copies of the remarks in the annual medical reports. From Ganjam and Tellicherry it is proposed that copies should be laid before the Local or Municipal Boards. Under the arrangements above adopted Visitors' books will be unnecessary.

*Paragraph* 31 directs Medical officers in charge to be kind to all applicants. A special rule on the subject seems unnecessary, and it will be struck out.

*Paragraphs* 32 *and* 33.—These rules prescribe that the Medical officer in charge shall attend at a fixed hour every day, and shall remain at least two hours in the Dispensary building.

The Vice-President of the Chingleput Circle proposes that the minimum attendance of the Medical officer in charge should be raised to three hours, and that at least two of them should be before 9 A.M.

From Ootacamund on the other hand it is proposed "that more latitude to Medical officers as to time of day, length of visit, &c., should be expressed as it is now quite understood."

The Government are inclined to think the retention of a minimum necessary, but will be prepared to reduce it on application to one hour in the case of the smaller Dispensaries. It must also be clearly understood that the rule applies only to officers such as Civil Surgeons who are in charge of Dispensaries in addition to their other duties. Medical officers of the subordinate grades in charge of a Dispensary as their sole duty come under the provisions of another rule.

*Paragraph* 34 prescribes that "paupers" shall be dieted and clothed while in hospital, but that others must diet and clothe themselves.

From Ganjam it is proposed that it should be mentioned that the solvency or otherwise should be decided by the Medical officer in charge.

From Dr. Mackenzie's letter with G.O., dated 7th September 1870, No. 1124, it appears that the prevailing practice is to treat *as paupers* all who claim relief as such, inquiry being difficult and open to many objections. The rule will be modified so as clearly to explain the prevailing practice.

From Trichnopoly objection is made to the use of the word "pauper," and they would strike out the words about payment, leaving the matter to the discretion of the Municipality. The Government consider, however, that Municipal Funds should not be expended on the diet and clothing of those who *admit* their ability to pay for it.

*Paragraph* 37 prescribes the duties of medical subordinates attached to Dispensaries, states that they are to be encouraged to engage in private practice so far as is compatible with their other work, and directs executive and administrative officers to notice in their annual reports whether the medical subordinates are making themselves useful.

Encouragement to engage in private practice is deprecated from Bellary and Ootacamund, but the rule will be allowed to stand as interference with more legitimate duties is guarded against, and the Government have recently fixed a scale of fees for such private practice.

The Tellicherry Municipal Commissioners wish the power of reporting on medical subordinates to be extended to Municipal and Local Boards. This is provided for elsewhere.

*Paragraph* 38 fixes the ordinary hours of business at from 7 to 10 A.M. and 3 to 5 P.M.

From Mangalore it is suggested that 4 to 6 P.M. would be more convenient.

From Ellore it is represented that the rules regarding attendance cannot be adhered to, as there is only one medical officer and he has other work. The rule will be allowed to stand, but exceptions will be sanctioned in special cases on application.

*Paragraphs* 41 and 42 prescribe the cots and bedding.

From Coimbatore, Madura, and Anantapore, it is suggested that matters of this kind should be left to the local managers.

From Tellicherry it is proposed that white cloths be substituted for blue which only conceal the dirt.

*Paragraph* 44 prescribes a diet scale.

The scale is objected to from Vizagapatam, Mangalore, Tellicherry, Madura, Coimbatore, and Combaconum, and it is proposed that the matter might be left to the Local Committee who are the best judges of local requirements. In accordance with these recommendations paragraphs 39 to 42 will be omitted.

*Paragraph* 45 refers to indents. It is objected to by the President of the Madura Circle as removing the power of control hitherto exercised by Local Boards. It does not appear clearly that this is intended by the proposed rule, but the matter has already been dealt with in a separate Order of Government* the wording of which will be adhered to.

The President of the Coimbatore Municipalities objects to the manner in which indents are cut down. This should form the subject of a special reference, as should also the proposal by Dr. Davis about a free gift of medicines for Ootacamund.

*Paragraph* 46 prescribes that indigenous drugs should be purchased locally.

This is strongly objected to by the Vice-President of the Dindigul Circle, who gives six reasons for his objections, all of which appear to be based on the supposition that by the use of the word "locally" it is made incumbent on a Hospital Assistant in charge of a Village or Taluk Dispensary to make the purchases in the village bazaar. There is nothing in the rule, however, to prevent the purchases being made at the head-quarters of the district (or elsewhere) under the superintendence of the Civil Surgeon or other competent officer.

* G.O., dated 17th April 1872, No. 516.

Dr. Davis' remarks on cost of stationery should be submitted separately, if the Committee think necessary.

*Paragraph* 47 prescribes records "according to form." From Ganjam it is pointed out the "forms" should be given in the rules. The forms will be published as appendices.

*Paragraph* 49 deals with reports by Collectors, and, as pointed out from various quarters, requires alteration with reference to G.O., dated 2nd March 1872, No. 209, and G.O, dated 9th March 1874, No. 392, dispensing with Collectors' reports and directing that the Dispensaries shall be noticed in the Local Fund and Municipal reports which shall be accompanied by copies of the Medical officer's report prepared for the *official* year.

*Paragraph* 52 prescribes that money realized by sale of medicines to persons not entitled to gratuitous medical aid shall be credited to the Dispensary funds.

This rule must be omitted as unendowed Local Fund and Municipal Dispensaries have no separate funds. In the case of endowed institutions full provision is made by the Local Fund Act and Rules.

*Paragraph* 53 provides for making up prescriptions for private persons *in places where druggist's shops do not exist.*

From Trichinopoly it is suggested that private prescriptions should be made up, if desired, even where druggist's shops *do* exist. The Government are willing to leave the matter to the discretion of the Local Boards concerned.

The Pennacondah Local Fund Board suggest that a rule may be inserted regarding the observation of caste distinctions in the preparation and distribution of diet to in-patients. A matter of the kind does not seem to call for special notice in the rules.

From Trichinopoly it is suggested that a rule may be added to the effect that Local and Municipal Boards having management of Dispensaries shall have power to add to the rules as occasion may require.

A special rule to this effect seems hardly necessary, and the Dispensaries are entirely under the control of the Boards as regards matters in respect of which no rules have been laid down by Government.

As almost all Dispensaries are now under the management of local bodies, the inclusion of any rules on the subject in the Medical Code seems inappropriate.

4. The rules as revised below will be published for the guidance of Local Fund and Municipal Boards, and should be adopted, as far as possible, in the case of the few Dispensaries managed by local Committees which are still independent of these Boards.

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## *Rules relating to Municipal and Local Dispensaries.*

1. *Supervision.*—Municipal and Local Fund Boards will supervise the financial and economical concerns of Dispensaries entrusted to their care or established by them, but will in no way interfere with purely professional matters, such as the management or treatment of the sick, except by reporting to the Surgeon-General cases which may require notice.

2. *Inspection.*—Dispensaries will come under the inspection of the Surgeon-General and Deputy Surgeon-General, and the Sanitary Commissioner, during their periodical official tours. A copy of the Inspection report should be furnished by the Inspecting officer to the President of the Board concerned. Members of Local Fund or Municipal Boards should also frequently visit and thoroughly inspect the institutions.

3. *Out-patients.*—The Medical officer in charge shall give his attendance at the Dispensary at a fixed hour every day, when those who desire gratuitous medical or surgical aid and advice will be attended to and prescribed for. The time of attendance is to be fixed by the Medical officer in communication with the Municipal or Local Fund Board; and intimation thereof given to the inhabitants of the district, the hour being arranged to suit the convenience of the majority of the people.

4. *Medical.*—A Medical officer in charge of a Dispensary, in addition to his other duties, shall at his daily visit remain for two (2) hours at the least in the Dispensary building, during which time he must personally see, and prescribe for, all applicants. The period for which the Medical officer will be present should be notified in the vernacular on a board in the waiting-room or some other conspicuous place, and the Medical officer is enjoined to be punctual and regular in his visits. Medical officers in charge of Dispensaries with no other duties shall attend as prescribed in Rule 8.

Proceedings of Government, Public Department, No. 1476, of 15th November 1871.

5. *In-patients.*—Paupers, Native, East Indian or European, suffering under medical or surgical disease, requiring hospital treatment, will, when the means at the disposal of the Managing Committee of the Dispensary permit, be admitted as in-patients, and treated, fed, and clothed, while resident in the hospital; cases may also arise in the richer classes, where from the nature of the ailment, hospital treatment would be desirable; such patients also may be admitted, but are to diet and clothe themselves while in hospital.

6. *Female Patients.*—One ward, or more if necessary, will be set apart for women. When lying-in wards are provided, they should be detached from the main building. It is desirable that venereal cases in women be kept in a separate ward also.

7. *Contagious Wards.*—Cholera or small-pox cases should, when there is no detached building available, be treated in temporary sheds or leaf pavilions erected for the purpose.

8. *Medical Subordinates.*—The medical subordinates attached to Civil Dispensaries will, if not provided with quarters in the hospital, reside conveniently near the spot, so as to be ready to give aid to any applicant during the day or night. The Medical officer in charge will always attend, when he may be sent for, to accidents and other emergent cases. When a medical subordinate is required for a new Dispensary, the proposal for his employment should be made to Government by the President of the Municipality or Local Fund Board in whose control the institution is vested, either in a distinct form or in the Budget Estimate. If sanctioned, the Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department, will then comply as best he can, or the President will consult the Surgeon-General as to the person to be nominated.

Warrant Medical officers and Hospital Assistants in civil employ may be encouraged to engage in private practice; but care must be taken that their doing so does not in anyway interfere with the punctual performance of their official duties, and that the use made of hospital medicines or instruments is strictly in accordance with regulations. Executive and administrative officers will notice in their annual reports whether subordinates are making themselves acceptable and useful as private practitioners.

9. *Hours for Business.*—Civil Dispensaries shall be open from 7 till 10 o'clock A.M., and from 3 to 5 P.M. every day for ordinary out-patients. This regulation is not to preclude persons from getting medicines at any hour of the day or night when there may be immediate necessity.

10. *Patients' Clothing.*—As a rule patients' own clothing on admission should be taken from them, washed, and ticketed before being placed in the store-room, and finally returned to them on leaving hospital. With caste patients, or persons who object to use hospital clothing, means should be adopted to ensure cleanliness and change of attire as often as may be needed.

11. *Medical Stores.*—The indents from Local Boards will be forwarded, as directed in the Local Fund Rules, to the Board of Revenue. Printed price lists

should be prepared by the Medical Storekeeper, showing the value to be put upon all articles which are ordinarily supplied to Dispensaries, and copies furnished to the Board of Revenue, and to Presidents of Local Boards and Municipalities. With the aid of these price lists, which should be revised from time to time, the indents should be priced when framed or when passed by the Board. The indents will be sent by the Board of Revenue and Government to the Surgeon-General for supply, and it will be open to him to make any remarks with reference thereto which he may think proper, for the consideration of the Revenue Board or of Government as the case may be, before he authorizes the Medical Storekeeper to issue the supply. The indents must invariably be prepared in the prescribed forms.

*Bazaar Medicines.*—The indigenous drugs of the Indian Pharmacopœia are to be used in preference to European medicines whenever practicable. Imported medicines will not be issued to Civil Hospitals when indigenous supplies of the same articles or substitutes are readily available. Medical officers should take pains to see that indigenous medicines are collected at the proper season, and that they are genuine and perfectly fit for use. Bazaar medicines, stationery, &c., are not issued for the Medical Store Depôts, but must be purchased locally, or otherwise obtained.

12. *Records.*—Medical officers in charge of Civil Dispensaries will keep a Nominal Register of in and out-patients treated, showing the daily average attendance of the latter class, and will transmit monthly and annual returns of sick treated, prepared according to the form given in the appendix, and with the latter will forward a special medical report. Printed blank forms may be obtained from the Medical Storekeeper on indent.

13. *Annual Report.*—The annual reports of the Medical officer in charge must reach the Surgeon-General's Office not later than 30th April in each year.

14. A copy of the annual report and of the prescribed returns is to be sent to the President of the Local Fund or Municipal Commission who will notice in his report to Government or the Board of Revenue, the views of the Board on the general state of the Dispensary and its usefulness and acceptability to the native community.

15. *Peon.*—When a peon is provided by a Municipal or Local Fund Board for a Dispensary, the duties of this servant are to keep order amongst the out-patients, to watch the building and property and to protect them from wilful damage, to deliver letters, &c., on the business of the charity, and such other work as the Medical officer may employ him on.

16. *Prescriptions for private persons.*—Local Fund or Municipal Boards may permit professional prescriptions for private individuals to be compounded at a Dispensary, and have the power of fixing the rates at which such prescriptions shall be issued to subscribers and non-subscribers to the Dispensary Funds.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
*Acting Chief Secretary.*

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department.
,, all Presidents of Local Fund Boards.
,, all Presidents of Municipal Commissions.
,, the Accountant-General.
,, the Examiner, Medical Accounts.

Exd. W. H. French.

# APPENDIX.

## FORM I.

(Form 35 of the Medical Code).

DISPENSARY.—*Monthly Return of Sick of In and Out-patients.*

| To be arranged agreeably to revised Nomenclature of 1869. | IN-PATIENTS. | | | | | | | | | | OUT-PATIENTS. | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| DISEASES. (Diseases not mentioned here must be inserted in their proper places in MS). | Remained last return. | Admitted since. | Total treated. | Discharged. | | | | Died. | Remaining. | | Remained last return. | Admitted since. | Total treated. | Discharged. | | | | | Died. | Remaining. |
| | | | | Cured. | Relieved. | No better. | Total. | | | | | | | Cured. | Relieved. | No better. | Absented. | Total. | | |
| I.—General Diseases. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sub-division A. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Simple continued Fever .. .. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Febricula .. .. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ague .. .. .. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Remittent Fever. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Simple Cholera.. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Malignant do. .. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sub-division B. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Acute Rheumatism .. .. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Chronic do. .. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Primary Syphilis | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Secondary do. .. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Anæmia .. .. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| General Dropsy. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| II.—Local Diseases. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Nervous system. Paralysis. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Neuralgia | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2. Eye Conjunctivitis .. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 6. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 7. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 8. Respiratory system. Bronchitis. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Pneumonia. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 9. Digestive. Dyspepsia... | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dysentery .. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Diarrhœa ... | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 12. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 13. Cell. T. Abscess .. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 14. Cutaneous. Ulcer .. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Boil .. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Itch .. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| III.—Conditions, &c. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| IV.—Poisons. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| V.—Injuries. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2. Accidents. Contusion .. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Wounds .. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| VI.—Surgical operations.. .. .. ... | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total .. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

*Dy. Surg.-Genl., In. Medl. Dept.* *Surgeon.*

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*N.B.*—One Return in the above form should be submitted for European and East Indian, and one for Native patients.

## FORM I.—*Continued.*

*Return of Medical Officers and Servants.*

| Names. | Rank. | Date of Rank. | Remarks. |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | | |

*Caste of the In and Out-patients of both Sexes.*

| Caste. | In. | | Out. | | Total | | Caste. | In. | | Out. | | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | M. | F. | M. | F. | M. | F. | | M. | F. | M. | F. | M. |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |

The daily cost of dieting during the month of was—

| | RS. | A. | P. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Ordinary diet ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | | | |
| Extras (such as milk, bread, broth, arrow-root, &c.) ... ... | | | |
| Total ... | | | |

*Dispensary at* 187 .

MONTHLY RETURN OF SICK.

*Surgeon.*

Division.

Received.

Forwarded.

*Dy. Surg.-Genl. of Hospitals.*

*Surgeon-General's Office.*

Received.

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## FORM II.

(Form No. 36 of the Medical Code).

*Financial Statement exhibiting the Working of the* *for the Year* 187 .

In-patients }
Out-patients. } { Total.

| *Cr.* | RS. | A. | P. | *Dr.* | RS. | A. | P. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Balance in hand, 1st Jan. 187 . | | | | By Medical Officer's Salary ... | | | |
| Invested up to do. ... | | | | " Medical Subordinate's Salary ... ... ... ... | | | |
| Received during the year, *viz* . | | | | " Servants' Wages ... ... | | | |
| From Government ... ... ... | | | | European Medicines from Medical Stores... ... ... ... | | | |
| " Local Funds ... ... ... | | | | European Medicines purchased. | | | |
| " Interest of Vested Funds. | | | | Half-yearly supplies ... ... | | | |
| " European Donations or Subscriptions ... ... | | | | Annual do. ... ... | | | |
| " Native Donations or Subscriptions ... ... ... | | | | Dieting Sick ... ... ... ... | | | |
| " Sale of Medicines, &c., to persons not entitled to gratuitous issue... ... | | | | Wines and Spirits ... ... ... | | | |
| | | | | Monthly perishable Articles, &c. | | | |
| | | | | Cash invested during the year. | | | |
| | | | | Other charges to be specified in detail ... ... ... ... ... | | | |
| Total income ... | | | | Total ... | | | |
| Total expenditure ... | | | | | | | |
| Balance in hand, 1st Jan. 187 . | | | | | | | |

I certify the above to be a correct return of the income and expenditure of the for the year 187 .

*Surgeon.*

*Dy. Surg.-Genl., In. Medl. Dept.*

Station }
Date }

Exd. W. H. French.

**Govt. of {1874} Madras.**

**FINANCIAL.**

To

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

Dated October, 5th.
Recd. Encl.

G.O., 5th October 1874, No. 1,686.

**OCTOBER.**
**No. 41.**

*Civil Dispensary.*—Amended Rules for the management of Municipal and Local Dispensaries.

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Proceedings of the Municipal Commissioners dated 10th January 1874.

Present

M. R. Ry. T. Govinda Row Vice President
" K. Regunada Row
" T. Sundrappaiyer
" T. Seshiah
" A. Anuggragam Pillai

Read letter from the President.

Read Proceedings of the Hospital sub-Committee dated 5th December 1873.

Resolved that the first three propositions of the sub-Committee be approved and the fourth be reserved for discussion for another special meeting.

Resolved that a Copy of the above propositions approved of by the Commissioners be forwarded to the President.

(signed) T. Govinda Row
Offg Vice President

(True Copy)

President

Proceedings of the Hospital Sub Committee in a meeting held on the 3d December 1873

Present

Messrs. R. Rzgunada Row in the chair
" T. Govinda Row
" J. G. Ashworth
" C. Lukshimi Narasimmiah.
Revd. H. Wannski.

Read Proceedings of the Madras Government No 110 dated 9th May 1873 forwarding to the opinion of the Local and Municipal Boards the alterations proposed by the Inspector General of Hospitals to be made in the Civil Dispensary Rules of the Medical Code.

Agreed that the Commissioners be informed that the Sub Committee while approving the draft Rules in general propose the following alterations as being absolutely necessary.

1st The table of diets as given in para 44 of the draft Rules being very costly the following revised table of diets may be proposed as being

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being quite sufficient for the requirements of the majority of the patients who are dieted in the Hospital, the proposed rates being more liberal than those now in use as given in page 137 of the old medical Code.

| Spoon | Milk | Low | Full |
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| **Breakfast** | | | |
| Sago 1 oz.<br>Sugar ½ oz. | Rice 8 oz.<br>Sugar 1 oz.<br>Milk ½ pt. | Rice in conjee } 4 oz.<br>Atchar 1 oz. | Hoppers No 6.<br>Butter ½ oz. |
| **Dinner** | | | |
| Sago 2 oz.<br>Sugar 1 oz.<br>Milk 6 oz. | Rice 8 oz.<br>Milk ½ Pt.<br>Sugar 1 oz. | Rice 8 oz.<br>Mutton in broth or pepper water } 3 oz. | Rice 12 oz.<br>Mutton for curry } 4 oz. |
| **Supper** | | | |
| Sago 1 oz.<br>Sugar ½ oz. | Milk ½ Pt.<br>Rice for conjee 2 oz<br>Salt 2 Drs. | Rice for conjee } 4 oz<br>Atchar 1 oz. | Rice 8 oz<br>country vegetables for curry } 4 oz. |

2nd The Sub Committee observe that the annual report of the Dispensary submitted by the Medical Officer in charge of it, is at present prepared for the Calendar year and that no alteration is proposed in paras 48 and 49 of the revised draft rules which refer to it. The Sub Committee therefore in order that the annual Medical report of the Dispensary may refer to the same period of 12 months as the Municipal year, propose that the medical report may in future be prepared to the official year and not to the Calendar year as hitherto done.

Read G. O. No 1449 dated 9th October. Agreed (Mr Lukshminarasimmiah dissenting) that the following rates of charges be recomended to the Commissioners for Sanction from the 1st January 1874 for medicines issued to persons not treated in the Hospital.

1st To monthly Subscribers of Rupees 5 and upwards free of charge.

2nd To monthly Subscribers below Rs 5 and not less than Rs 2 at half the ordinary rates.

3rd To monthly Subscribers for less than Rs 2 and non Subscribers as follows.

For each pill powder &c. —— 6 pice

For each Ounce of fluid medicine such as mixtures draught Liniments &c. } —— 1 anna

(Signed) K. Regunada Row
Chairman

(True Copy)

(Signed) T. Govinda Row
Offg. Vice President

(True Copy)

D Arbuthnott
President

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Tanjore Presidents office
Setubovah, 1st April 1874.

No. 44.

From

The Honorable D. Arbuthnott
President Municipal
Commissions Tanjore District

To

The Honorable D. F. Carmichael.
Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St. George.

Sir,

With reference to the Orders of Government dated 9th May 1873 No. 620. referring for opinion draft Copy of certain alterations proposed in the Civil Dispensary rules of the Medical Code I have the honor to report that the Commissioners of 4* out of the 5 Municipalities of this District approve of them and have no remarks to offer.

* Tanjore—
Mayavaram—
Negapatam—
Mannargudi—

2 The Municipal Commissioners of Combaconum, however, suggest some modifications in the draft rules with regard to the table of diet and the annual report of the Civil Dispensaries as contained in the enclosed copy of their Proceedings of the 10th January 1874.

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your most Obdt. Servant

D Arbuthnott
President

1874 Civil Department

From ✗ Procs. Adoly/74

The President
Municipal Comm^rs
Tanjore D^t

S.O. L.X.86

To
The Chief Secretary to Gov^t
Public Fin
Madras

Dated 1st April 1874

Rec^d 6th April

No 804 / 44 Enc 5

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Reporting that the Municipal Commissioners of their District have no remarks to offer on the draft rules framed by the Surgeon General I.M.D. proposing alterations in the Civil Dispensary rules of the District except the Municipal Commissioners of Combaconum

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No 75

Tanjore Presidents Office
Chetubaree Puthucottai Talug
27th March 1874.

From

The Hon'ble D. Arbuthnott
President Local Fund Board
Tanjore District

To

J. Grose Esq^r
Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Chepauk.

Sir,

✗ With reference to the order of Government dated 9th May 1873 No. 620, Financial Department, calling for remarks on the draft copy of certain alterations in the Civil Dispensary Rules, submitted by the Surgeon General, I have the honor to report that the Local Fund Boards of the Tanjore and Negapatam Circles approve of them and have no remarks to offer.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obed^t Servant

D Arbuthnott
President

Combaconum

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Transferred to the Chief
Secretary to Government
F. D.
8-4-74
J Grose

Pro: 5th October 1874
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Finl Department
From [illegible] 1899
The President
Local Fund Board
Tanjore District
To
The Secretary
No 816 to the Board of
Revenue, Madras
Dated 27
Recd 31 } March 1874
Dct No 75
Recd 10. April
Reporting that the
Local Fund Boards
of the Tanjore and Nega-
=patam Circles approve
of certain alterations
in the Civil Dispensary
Rules.
Put with other papers
& give to Mr Stewart

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Ootacamund
26 July 1873

No 48

From
Surgeon W. T. Davis M. D.
Medical officer in charge
Civil Dispensary
Ootacamund

To
The President
of the Municipal Commission

Sir.

I have the honor to submit the following remarks regarding the support and management of Dispensaries as referred to in Government Proceedings of 9th May 1873.

2. With regard to para 26 I would remark that the Civil Dispensary at this Station is not entirely if at all supported by either the Municipality or Local Fund Board and that the sum put aside by the former cannot be otherwise used than to pay the Government for Medicines. A very considerable amount of the support to the institution is obtained from private charity, in monthly subscriptions, donations from visitors, appeals from the Pulpit, Entertainments during the season &ca. The Government support the institution most by providing the services of a Surgeon and Subordinate Medical attendant.

3. Para 27. Here the Committee are not chosen by either the Municipality or Local Fund Board.

half of the present members belong to either of the above bodies; the Committee elect their own members.

Duty of Medical officers in charge

4. Paras 31, 2, 3. Although willing and bound to abide by the spirit of these Paras as a medical officer, still I must express an opinion as a member of the Commission that the period seems to me unnecessarily long at any part of the day and that at a Government Sanitarium where many patients require attendance at their own houses more latitude to Medical officers as to time of day length of visit &ca should be expressed as it is quite understood.

Contagious Wards.

5. Para 36. This is not carried out at this Station, there is no separate building for infectious diseases nor would temporary buildings such as those here mentioned be proper for the climate or the safe treatment of the cases supposed. I think that a separate building to accommodate four males and two females might be built adjoining the Dispensary or at least not far therefrom.

6. Para 37. I dissent from the latter part of this, having found it impossible to allow Hospital Assistants to leave Hospital to the extent necessary to carry on private practice and I also think that it would throw a dangerous temptation to these Subordinates to dispense the Government

medicines

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medicines for their private patients use — the line between Hospital out patients and Private ones would, I also think, be a narrow one. These objections apply more specially to the Hospital assistant class of Medical Subordinates -

7. Para 45. I think that the annual Medical Supplies sent by Government should be valued or whatever charges including all the Expenses actually incurred may amount to and that no fixed contribution as is now made by the Municipality to the extent of Rupees 600 should be paid in future. That is supposing the Government mean the medicines as a "quid pro-quo" for the Rupees 600 I would press upon the Committee to ask for the medicines as a free gift on the plea that this Station is quite an exceptional one as to its population and as a Sanitarium part at least of the Medicines paid for or made use of, for the sick officers. Also the details as Writer &ca in the various Head Quarters Offices and Camp Followers are all supplied with free Medicines &ca from the dispensary.

8. Para 46. The latter part of this directs that the Stationery should be bought locally, that I take to mean paid for out of the Dispensary funds. To this I must demur as the Stationery is made use of almost exclusively for returns to the Medical department of Government and not on the work of the charity. A certain amount of Stationery

should I conceive be supplied for returns, reports &ca all being Government work.

9. The foregoing remarks are I must repeat made in no captious spirit and with all deference to the opinions of the Surgeon General, in my capacity of member of the Municipality of Ootacamund and in the interests of the Medical charity of Saint Bartholomew's Hospital.

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I have &ca &ca

(Signed). W. F. Davis M. D. Surgeon
Medical Officer in charge Civil
Dispensary. Ootacamund

(True copy)

(Signed). H. B. Grigg
Honorary Secretary. O. M. C.

True copy

E. W. Cockerell
President

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Commissioners' Office
Ootacamund 10th March 1874

No. 18

From
J. A. Cockerell Esq.
President Municipal
Commission Nilgiris

To
The Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort Saint George

Sir

With reference to Government Order Financial Department No 620 dated 9th May 1873 I have the honor to submit a resolution as passed by the Municipal Commissioners of Ootacamund and copy of the letter to which the resolution refers.

5. Read letter from President Ootacamund Municipal Commission dated 29th August No 20 Requesting to be furnished with the remarks of the Commissioners in regard to the alterations as proposed in the Dispensary Rules. Read also letter from Dr Davis dated 25th August.

The Commissioners entirely endorse the remarks made in the above letter of Dr Davis as pointed out in para 2 of the above letter. The Dispensary has not been transferred to the Municipality though under Government Order 30 June 1871 No 205 and

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and 10th October 1871 No 543 the Municipality continued to contribute Rupees 500 annually towards its expenses.

This sum however is paid directly to Government and not to the Committee of the Hospital. The Commissioners would lay special stress on the suggestion made in para of regarding the Municipal contribution and the supply of medicines".

2. The Dispensary at Coonoor is supported by an annual grant from the Municipality of 400 Rupees and by voluntary subscription. It is independent of the Municipality. If the institution was placed under the Municipality the Commissioners would accept in their entirety the rules proposed by the Inspector General.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedt Servant

E. C. Cockerell
Commissioner.

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No 1

Chingleput District
Local Funds Board's Office
Saidapet 8th January 1874.

From,
R. W. Barlow Esqre,
President of the L F Board
Chingleput District

To
The Honorable W. Huddleston,
Chief Secretary to Government
F. D.

Sir,

In continuation of my letter of the 26th August last No 57, I have the honor to forward copy of a letter dated the 17th Ultimo No 280, from the Vice President of the Chingleput Circle Board, containing his remarks on the proposed alterations in the Civil Dispensary Rules of the Medical Code.

2 The Municipal Commissioners of the Town of Conjeveram, approve of the Rules generally, and have

no suggestions to offer.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obed^t. Servant,

J W Dawson
President.

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In a letter from the
President L. F. B. Chingleput
District dated the 8th January
1874 No. 1.

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Procs 5th October /74
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No 280.

Local Fund Board's office
Chingleput Circle
17th December 1873
Camp Conjeveram.

From,
C. S. Crole Esqre
Vice President

To
R. W. Barlow Esqre
President.

Sir,

With reference to your docket in G.O. 9th May 1873 No 620 Financial Department, I have the honor to report that I concur generally in the Surgeon General's proposed rules.

2. As regards Committees of management, he leaves that optional and I think, wisely, for they are in my experience useless and impracticable institutions.

3. I would draw particular attention to para 33. The rule there

laid down is most important one and upon the Strictness and conscientiousness with which it is carried out depends almost entirely the Success of a Dispensary. I would however make the minimum time three hours per diem and lay down that two of them at least be in the morning before 9 o'clock. The working and official classes and others would then be enabled to attend for advice before their work and in the cool part of the day, which they will not do, if the medical officer's attendance is irregular and uncertain, or what is equally undesirable, when he makes it a habit to come after the above hour.

3. No notice boards of attendance are hung up at present, but no time should be lost in having that done.

I have &c.
(Signed) C. S. Crole
Vice President
(True Copy)

President

Recd W.G.

Fin. Dept. 1874

No. 18

Date— 10 March 1874
Recd 12 — "

Commissioner's Office,
Ootacamund.

Pro: 5th October /74

S. O. L. 1686

To

The Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort St George

No 592

Enclosures. (1)

SUBJECT.

Submitting opinion in regard to the alterations proposed in the Civil Dispensary Rules and forwarding copy of a letter from Dr Davies on the subject

Pros. 5th October / 74
Finl 1874 Department

From
The President of L. F. Bd.
Chingleput District

The Chief Secretary to Govt.
Financial Department

Dated 8th }
Recd 12th } January 1874
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No 57.

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Forwarding Mr Croles remarks on the proposed alterations in the Civil Dispensary Rules of the Medical Code.

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Calicut 8th December 1873.

No 31.

From
A. MacGregor Esqr.
President of the
Municipalities in Malabar

To
The Honble. W. Hudleston
Chief Secretary to Govt.
Fort St George

Sir

With reference to Government Order No 620 dated 9th May 1873 forwarding for remarks draft copy of certain alterations proposed in the Civil Dispensary Rules of the Medical Code, I have the honor to state that the Commissioners of the Municipalities in this District have no suggestions to offer except the Commissioners of Tellichery whose views are submitted herewith. —

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I have the honor to be
Sir
your most obt Servant
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President

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From

The President of
the Municipalities
in Malabar

To

The Chief Secretary
to Govt.
Fort St. George

No 2281.

Dtd 8. Dec.
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of the Municipalities
in this District have
no suggestions to offer
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on the draft rules
of the Medical Code.

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Medical Code [illegible]
the Dispensaries are not [illegible]
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the M. & L. F. B. [illegible]
a corresponding [illegible]
may seem necessary for
the direction of this [illegible]

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No 24.

Godavery District
Collector's Office Cocanada
31st October 1873

From
W. S. Foster Esquire
Ag Collector

To
The Honorable W. Huddleston
Chief Secretary to Government
Fort Saint George

Sir,

In reply to the Government Order dated 9th Instant No. 1451, Financial Department, I have the honor to report that the Members of the Local Fund Boards and Municipal Commissions in this District were consulted, and state that they have no remarks to make on the Civil Dispensary Rules of the Medical Code.

2 The Vice President of the Ellore Municipality states that the Commissioners remark that it will not be possible to follow the rules relating to hours of attendance, as they have only one Medical Officer and he has other work besides.-

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedt Servt.

W S Foster
Ag Collector

C. A. Ramachandramma
Hd Clerk

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From The Collector of Godavery
To The Chief Secretary to Government Fort St George
No 2054
Dated 31st Octor 1873
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Received 7th Novr 1873.
Enclosures None
Subject
Reporting with reference to Govt Order of the 9th Instant No 1451 F.D. that the members of the Local Boards and Municipal Commrs were consulted -

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No. 74.

North Arcot Collector's Office
Chittoor 24th October 1873.

From,
W. S. Whiteside Esqr.
Collector of North Arcot & President L. F. Board

To,
The Honorable W. Hudleston
Chief Secretary to Government
Fort Saint George

Sir,

Adverting to the Proceedings of Government F. D. dated 9th May last No: 620 referring to the Presidents of Local Fund Boards for remarks a draft copy of certain alterations proposed to be made in the Civil Dispensary Rules by the Inspector General of Hospitals, I have the honor to state for the information of Government that the only point in the rules as now framed which appears to the Local Fund Board of the Chittoor Circle as to require further modification is para 49, which, according to the existing state of things, should provide for a copy of such portion of the annual report submitted by the Medical Officer in charge of the Dispensary to the Inspector General Indian Medical Department as may be necessary to be communicated to the Local Fund

Board, being forwarded to the President, in order that it may accompany the annual Local Fund Report as required in G.O dated 2d March 1872 No: 209 & the Revenue Boards' Circular Memo: dated 20th June last No: 867.

The Local Fund Boards and the Municipal Commissions in the District have no remarks to offer on the proposed alterations of the Rules.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedt. Servant

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Collector & President
Local Fund Board.

North Arcot
Collector's Office
Chittoor 24 October 1873

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To,

The Chief Secy: to Government
Fort St. George

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From the President Local
Fund Boards
North Arcot

To

The Chief Secy to
Govt Fort St George

No 1470

Dated 24 October 1873.
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Received 27 —"—

No 74

Subject

Submits remarks of the Local Fund Bds &c on a draft Copy of certain alterations proposed to be made in the Civil Dispensary Rules.

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No 401

Local Fund Boards
Office Cuddapah
17 October 1873.

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From Henry Sewell Esquire
Acting President L Fund Boards
Cuddapah District

To
The Honourable W Hudleston
Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort Saint George

Sir,

With reference to Govt Order No 1461 of 10th October 1873 I have the honour to state that the members of the Local Fund Boards of Cuddapah and Madanapally Circles and the Commissioners of Cuddapah Municipality have already been consulted as to the alterations proposed in the Civil Dispensary Rules of the Medical

Code. They have no remarks to offer on the subject.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your Most Obedt Servant

Acting President

Exd. S Parwatheswara

Clerk &c.

Financial Department

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1873. Recd 5 Octr

From The Secy President the Local Fund Board

Cuddapah

To The Chief Secretary to Government

Fort Saint George

Dated 17th October
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No. 401

Reporting to Government Order No. 1461 of 10th October 1873 stating that the members of the Local Fund Board and the Commissioners of the Municipality have been consulted as to the alterations proposed in the Dispensary rules and that they have no remarks to offer.

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Local Fund Board, Canara Circle dated 4th August 1873.

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7. Read Proceedings of the Madras Government dated 9th May 1873 No 620, Financial Dept, referring for opinion draft copy of certain alterations proposed in Civil Dispensary rules of the Medical Code.

Resolved that the Government be informed that the Local Fund Board have several objections to the proposed rules and think it desirable that they should be left to manage their own dispensaries according to local requirements.

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(True Extract)

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Revenue Department

Miscellaneous No. 5,584

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 2nd September 1873.

Read the following

No. 466.

From,
H. S. Thomas Esqre.,
President Local Fund Board,
Canara Circle.—

To,
J. Grose Esqre.,
Secretary to the,
Board of Revenue,
Madras.—

Sir,

With reference to the Proceedings of Government in the Financial Department, dated the 9th May 1873, No. 620, referring for opinion draft copy of alterations in the Civil Dispensary rules proposed by the Inspector General, Indian Medical department, I have the honor to forward for the information of Government copy of a resolution passed on the 4th instant, in which the Local Fund Board have recorded their opinion on the subject.—

I have &ca
(Sd.) H. S. Thomas
President

President's Office
Mangalore 9th August 1873

Submitted

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Enclosure in a letter from the President of the Local Fund Board, Canara Circle, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Madras, dated 9th August 1873 No 466.

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Extract from the Pro: of the Local Fund Board dated 4th August 1873.

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Submitted to Government.–

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Ag. Secretary

Chief Secretary to Government

Financial Department

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No 1570

Proceedings of the

Board of Revenue

Pros. 5 October/74

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Dated 2nd September 1873

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Mis: No 5584.

Submitting Govt. letter from President of Local Fund Board Canara Circle, forwarding copy of Resolution of Local Fund Board on proposed alterations in Civil Dispensary rules.

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BELLARY COLLECTOR'S OFFICE

No. 48

Dated 21 { August 1873.

From,

THE COLLECTOR, & President of Local Fund Board & Municipal Commission OF BELLARY.

To,

The Chief Secretary to Government
Ootacamund.

Sir,

With reference to Government Order No. 620 dated the 9th May 1873, forwarding for remarks a draft copy of Rules proposed for Civil Dispensaries, I have the honor to state that the Municipal Commissioners of Bellary and Adoni approve of them.

2. The Commissioners of Anantapoor think that no Sub Committee is necessary when the institution is in a Municipal town: and think that the number of beds to be maintained might be left to the discretion of the Commissioners, as the town happened to be large or small.

3. A majority of the Bellary Local Fund Board is against permitting private practice among the Apothecaries or Hospital Assistants in charge.

4. The Gooty Local Fund Board think that the visitors alluded to in para 29 should be specified. They further observe that the furniture enumerated in Para 42 is more than sufficient for many small Dispensaries.

5. The Pennakondah Local Fund Board con-

-sider that a rule regarding the observation of Caste distinctions in the preparation and distribution of diet to in-patients might with advantage be inserted.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant.
W. Martin
Collector and President
Local Fund Board & Municipal
Commission

Ex. H.I.H.
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Revenue DEPARTMENT

BELLARY COLLECTOR'S OFFICE

Dated 21st Augt/73 No. 48

To,

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Enclosure.

Received 23rd August 73

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Communicating opinion of the Local Fund Board on draft Rules for Civil Dispensaries

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MISCELLANEOUS No. 5142.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

# PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated 14th August 1873.

Read the following

No. 351.

From,

A. MacGregor Esqre.,
President Local Fund Boards,
Malabar.

To,

J. Grose Esqre.,
Secretary Board of Revenue,
Madras.

SIR,

Adverting to the Government Order dated 9th May last No. 620. referring for the opinion of Local Fund Boards draft copy of certain alterations in the Dispensary Rules, I have the honor to report that these Rules have been laid before the members at their last meetings and that they see no objection to any of the Rules.

Malabar
Local Fund Boards' Office
Calicut 4th August 1873

I have &ca
(Sd) A. MacGregor
President

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Transferred to the Chief

Secretary to Government, Financial
Department. —

True Copy & Extract

J Grose
Secretary

for
the Chief Secretary to Government
Financial Department

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Mis. No 5142

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No 1471

Dated 14th August 1873.
Despatched 14th " "
Received 18th " "
Mis No: 5742

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SUBJECT.

Transferring to Govt. ~~Pro~~ letter from the President of the Local Fund Boards, Malabar Dist., stating that there is no objection to any of the alterations proposed to be made in the Dispensary Rules

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Revenue Department.

Miscellaneous No 4913.

# Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Dated 5th August 1873

Read the following:—

No 998.

From

J. R. Daniel Esquire
Acting Collector and President
Local Fund Boards

To

J. Grose Esquire
Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort Saint George.

Sir

In regard to the changes proposed in the rules relating to Civil Dispensaries forwarded with Government Order No 620 of May 9th 1873 for remarks, I have the honor to submit the following.

2. The Dispensary at Vizagapatam: this has been specially excluded under the orders of Government from the control of the Municipal and Local Fund Boards.

Vide G. O. No. 351 dated 23d March 1872. paragraph 3. As to the rules themselves they have been submitted to the Dispensary Committee, and are generally approved of.

3. The only portion to which exception is taken is the scale of Diet: the present scale has been found sufficient, and the cost of the new Scale is more than double, and some of the items such as bread are not eaten and quite unnecessary. I think that the Committee one of whom is the Civil Surgeon might use their own discretion in regard to the dieting.

4. I have no other objections to the Rules.

I have &ca

Vizagapatam }
July 8th 1873 }

(Signed) J. K. Daniel
Ag. Collector.

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Submitted to Government with reference to Government Order, 9th May 1873. No. 620.

(True Copy & Extract)

J Grose
Secretary.

To
The Chief Secretary to
Government
Financial Department.

Financial Department

Proceedings of the
Board of Revenue

~~Proc. 5th October 74~~

Dated 5th
Recd 5th } August 1873.
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Miscellaneous No. 4913

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No. 1416

Subject

Submitting to Government, with reference to their order No. 620 of 9th May 1873, letter from the Acting Collector of Vizagapatam reporting that with the exception of a few suggestions in regard to the diet, the Rules relating to the Civil Dispensaries, embodied in G.O. quoted above, are generally approved of.

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No. 1232

Kistna District Collector's
Kacheri at Masulipatam
4th August 1873

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From
G. D. Leman Esquire
President of Kistna District Municipalities
and Local Fund Boards.

To The Hon'ble W. Hudleston
Chief Secretary to Government
Financial Department
Fort Saint George

Sir,

1 The alterations proposed in the Civil Dispensary Rules of the Medical Code published with Government Proceedings Financial Department No: 620 dated 9th May 1873 F.D. May 9th 1873 have been laid before the Municipal and Local Fund Boards of this District.

2. I have the honor to report that no suggestions for their further alterations have been made.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obdt. Servant

G D Leman
President

Financial 1873 Department

From     Pros. 5th October/74

The President of the
Local Fund Boards and
Municipalities.
Kistna District.

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To The Chief Secretary
to Government.
Financial Department

No 1424 Fort Saint George

Dated 4th August 1873
Received 5th — do —

No 232

Reporting that the alterations proposed in the Civil Dispensary Rules of the Medical Code, have been approved by the Local Fund and Municipal Boards.

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No 10     Municipal Commissioners' Office
Kurnool 31st July 1873

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From

James Hope Esqre
President M. Commissioners
Kurnool & Cumbum

To

The Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort Saint George

Sir

With reference to Government Order No 620 dated 9th May 1873 referring for opinion draft Copy of certain alterations proposed in the Civil Dispensary Rules, I have the honor to state that the Commissioners have generally approved of the proposed Rules.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant

James Hope
President

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From

The President

Municipal Commn.

Kurnool [illegible]

Pro: 5th [illegible]/74

To

The Chief Secretary

to Government

Fort Saint George

Dated 31st July 1873

Recd. 4 August 1873.

No. 10 No. 1389

Stating that the Commissioners have generally approved of the proposed Civil Dispensary Rules.

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No. 56.

Municipal Commissioners' office
Salem 26th July 1873.

From

The Acting President
Municipal Commission
Salem

To

The Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort St. George.

Sir.

In reply to G. O. No. 620 of the 9th May 1873, I have the honor to inform you that the Rules were referred to the Zillah Surgeon for an expression of opinion and he does not advocate any changes, in which I concur.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedt. Servant

Acting President

President's Office
Madura
24th July 1873.

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No. 354

From,

W. McQuhae Esquire
President, Local Fund Board,
Madura

To,

The Honorable W. Hudleston
Chief Secretary to Government
Fort Saint George.

Sir,

With reference to the Order of Government in the Financial Department, dated 9th May 1873, No 620, I have the honor to state that I have few remarks to make on the proposed changes in certain paragraphs of Section III — Medical Code. The proposed rules will not alter the existing practice in our Dispensaries, but the Diet Scale in Rule 44 will be more expensive than the Diet Scale now in force at Ramnad, which is the only hospital for in-patients already established in Madura Circle.

He s'd have expressed the paper & the Bd.

2. Para 26. This paragraph seems scarcely correct. Mr Chester's Dispensary at Dindigul is a private Institution, almost entirely supported by Local and Municipal Funds, and a similar

Dispensary

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From

The President
Mun & Com Tal

To

The Chief Secretary
to Govt. Fort St. George

No. 1348

Dated 26th } July 1873
Recd 30th }

Stating that he has no remarks to offer as regarding the Civil Dispensary Rules, now modified.

Dispensary at Madura receives considerable assistance from Municipal funds.

3. Para 28 - Government are already aware that existing arrangements for inspection are insufficient. The Dispensaries at Pulney & Pereacolum were opened on 1st May and 1st September 1872 respectively, and have not yet been inspected by any Medical Officer. I think the rules should contain something definite on this point, and also regarding the returns to be submitted from Dispensaries, the audit of accounts, and the like.

4. Para 33 - The Medical Officer in charge of Local Fund Dispensaries has generally no other work to do, and the rule regarding 2 hours attendance is only applicable to Civil Surgeons at large Stations.

5. Para 42 - The quantity of furniture must vary, because Local Fund hospitals will vary greatly in size, and the Local Fund Board must determine what is wanted in each case, in communication with the Civil Surgeon or other competent Medical Officer.

6. Para 45 - The Local Fund Boards have been exercising complete control over indents with the assistance of the Civil Surgeon, and in the interests of economy it is desirable that they

should

should continue to do so.

7. Para 46 - The Vice President of the Dindigul Circle strongly objects to the rule that country medicines are to be bought locally and gives the following reasons, 1st. In many Bazaars few or no medicines can be bought - 2nd. It is very difficult to get them pure and good. 3rd. The Officers in charge of these Dispensaries have no time to go hunting about the Bazaars for medicines. 4th. Some of them are incompetent to make such purchases. 5th. It will be cheaper to get even indigenous drugs through the Medical Stores where they can be purchased in large quantities in a proper market. 6th. Pecuniary transactions should be left to the Dressers as little as possible.

8. Para 49 - The words "President of Local Fund Board or Municipality" should be substituted for Collector of the District. The report submitted to Government is the report of the Local Fund Board or the Municipal Commissioners and contains something more than the opinion of the Collector.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obedt. Servt.

W. McQuhae
President

Coimbatore
28th June 1873

No. 32

From

A. Wedderburn Esqre.
President Civil Dispensary
Committee. Coimbatore

To

The Chief Secretary to Government.
Ootacamund.

Sir.

With reference to Government Order dated 9th May 1873 No. 620 I have the honor to enclose the Proceedings ×

× dated 24th June 1873.

of the Committee of management for the Civil Dispensary of Coimbatore Containing their opinion and remarks on the suggestions of Inspector General Balfour regarding the Civil Dispensary Rules.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedt. Servt.

A Wedderburn
President

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From
The President
C. S. Board
Madras

To
The Chief Secretary
to Govt.
Madras

No. 1349
Dated 24th July /73
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No. 354

S.O.D. No. 1886 of 174

Offering remarks on the proposed changes in certain Paragraphs of Section III Medical Code.

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Coimbatore Municipal
Commission
Pros. 5th October/74

From
The President, Civil
Dispensary Committee
Coimbatore

To
The Chief Secretary to
Government
Ootacamund

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Dated 28th June } 1873
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No. 1153

Forwards, in reference to Proceedings of Government dated 9th May 1873 No. 620 the Proceedings of the Civil Dispensary Committee Containing their opinion & remarks —

To Mr. [illegible]

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Proceedings of the Committee of Management for the Civil Dispensary of Coimbatore. 24 June 1873.

Present.

A. Wedderburn Esqr. President.
C. J. Rogers Esqr.
M. R. R. J. D. Bashiakarloo Naidu
" N. Pungier.
" Mastoon Mahomed Marcar.
" M. Gnyanabaranum Pillay.
" V. Cooppoosamier.
Naramiar.

Read Proceedings of Madras Government, 9th May 1873 on a letter from Inspector General Balfour suggesting alterations in the Civil Dispensary Rules in Consequence of Changes of maintenance and management of these institutions. Forwarding to Presidents of Municipalities and Local Fund Boards, for opinion.

2. In para 28 it is remarked that the Committees of management will supervise the "financial and economical Concerns of Dispensaries,

but will in no way interfere with purely professional matters, such as the management, or treatment of the sick-

3. But a very important, financial and economical Concern is the dieting of the sick- and if the Committee are to have no voice in the matter, one of the Chief sources of expenditure is placed beyond their Control- It would be better if such matters were left to the discretion of the managing Committee, in Consultation with the Medical Officer- than that the diet of the native sick should be fixed, as it appears, in para 44, According to a European scale-

Further para 42. Any such fixed scale of hospital Accommodation applied indiscriminately to all localities viz 10 beds- which, in some Cases, are in excess of requirements and in others, much below them, seems to be unnecessary- Were any scale of Accommodation necessary, it would be nearer the mark to fix it at one bed per mille of the local population for whom the Dispensary is instituted- In a similar manner, a standard plan of Dispensaries has been promulgated for adoption, on a scale, which effectually places it out of the power of adoption- Surely these matters had better be left to the discretion of local Officers administering Local funds, who are the best judges of the requirements and the practical mode of meeting them.

Para 42. Red blankets are unnecessarily expensive- at the rate of 2 for each Cot- 20×7 = Rs 140-

Now native blankets or Cumblies of a durable kind are procurable at 1/5 of the expense-

Then it is suggested that iron Cots for Natives should be boarded. The Committee of management do not Consider that wooden boards are suitable, or Comfortable for Natives, or any other patient, and the Cots in use, are not tarred, but painted - and made with Cross laths of Steel, on which a Comfortable Coir mattress is laid - extra straw mattresses are kept for special Cases.

With regard to the supply of Medical stores, of which only lately (end of 1872) price lists have been furnished - it is observed that indents, Compiled with Care from past records of expenditure, and probable future requirements, have been Complied with, after an interval of many months, they are also Cut down without Ceremony - probably of necessity, from inability to be met - but the result is that the Dispensary is left without a sufficient supply of medicines Considered necessary by the Medical Officer and President. Instances:-

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|  | Indent. | Cut. |
|---|---|---|
|  | lb oz | lb oz |
| Bromide of Pottasium | " - 12 | " - 2 |
| Chlorodyne | " - 4 | " - 2 |
| Quinine | 2 - 8 | 1 - 8 |
| Tincture of Hemp | " - 6 | " - 2 |

Now when a reduction is made of 20 to 60 per Cent on the indents - the local Committee are Compelled to purchase the deficient drugs from Chemists at the Presidency at Considerably enhanced prices - It is true that the Committee sustain no loss by the purchase of expensive or patent medicines from Madras being re-imbursed by the prices with a percentage added - to persons able to pay for the Medicines - but a loss results in such medicines when on emergency administered to pauper patients.

× 1872. To purchase Rs 398 - 8 - "
By resale — " - 239 - 12 - 9

No further remarks seem Called for on the proposed rules, which seem to be a reprint of the Medical Code -

(Signed) A. Wedderburn
President C.D.C.

(True Copy)

A Wedderburn
President C.D.C.

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In a letter from the Presi=
dent Civil Dispensary
Committee dated
28th June 1873 No. 32.

Proceedings of the
Committee of Manage
=ment for the Civil
Dispensary of Coimba-
=tore dated 24th June
1873 —

Pros. 5 Octbr/74 No 1881

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Proceedings of the Trichinopoly Civil Dispensary sub-Committee at a Meeting held on the 6th of June 1873.

Present,
Doctor Core
L. Moore Esquire

The sub-committee, having considered the draft Copy of alterations proposed in the Civil Dispensary rules contained in the Medical Code, would make the following observations on them.

Para 34 they consider should be altered. The wording of it would seem to imply that Civil Dispensaries are intended chiefly for paupers. That however is not the case, at all events in Trichinopoly where all those in any way concerned with the management of the institution are most anxious to attract well-to-do and high caste patients and to eradicate as far as possible the notion, too commonly prevalent, that the Civil Dispensary is a pauper Hospital. They are also of opinion that the latter portion of this para, to the effect that the richer classes are to diet and clothe themselves while in hospital should be cut out. It is proposed to attach to the new dispensary in this town cottages for the richer classes, for which in all probability a small rent will be demanded. Whether therefore they should pay for their diet or not is a point that should be left to be settled hereafter by the Medical Officer and the Committee of management.

Mun. Commrs. Shd. decide

Para 49 should also be altered, as Government have directed (G.O. No. 207 of the 2nd March 1872) that for the future the report on the working of Dispensaries should be embodied in those drawn up on the Local Fund ~~Councils~~ circles and Municipalities in which they are situated, and should not be sent up separately by the Collector as was the rule before the introduction of the present system of management of Civil Dispensaries.

Yes

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Para 53 should also be altered. The sub-Committee should be able to sell Medicine even at stations where druggists' shops do exist, if it appears advisable to do so.

Yes

The sub-Committee are also of opinion that an additional paragraph should be added to the rules providing that the Municipalities and Local Fund Boards, that have the management of Dispensaries, have power to add to these rules as occasion may require. If some provision to this effect is not added attempts may be made to hamper the action of the Local authorities.

Yes

2. The sub-Committee found everything clean and in good order on the occasion of their visit to the Dispensary.

3. The leaf pavilion, used for cases of cholera &c, attached to the Civil-Dispensary has been considerably injured by the

need, and the Sub-Committee request the Commissioners to direct the overseer to prepare an estimate for its repairs.—

(Signed) J. A. Cose M.D. Surg. Major

L. Moore

True Copy

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Municipal Commissioners for the Town of Trichinopoly at a Meeting held on the 9th June 1873.

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Para 10.

Read Proceedings of the Civil Dispensary Sub-Committee at their meeting dated 6th June 1873.

Resolved that the remarks of the Sub-Committee be submitted to the Government.

(Signed) J. B. Pennington
President

True copy

J. B. Pennington
President

Trichinopoly Municipal Commre office
25th June 1873.

No. 56

From

The President
Municipal Commission
Trichinopoly

To,

The Chief Secretary to Govert.
Fort St. George
Madras

Sir

Referring to G.O. No. 620 dated 9th May 1873 I have the honor to enclose a copy of the Remarks made by the Sub-Committee appointed for the management of the Municipal Civil Dispensary on the draft of changes necessary in the Medical code which was approved by the Municipal Commissioners at their meeting dated 7th June 1873 /Copy of resolution enclosed./

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your Most obed.t Servant

J.S. Pennington

President

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Financial Departmt
Recd 28th Octr 73
From 5th Octr 73
the President
Municipal Commrs
Trichinopoly
F.O. No 1686 of 1874
No. 1133 of Government
The Chief Secretary
Fort St George
Encloses [illegible]

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Financial Department.

## PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letters from the

Presdt of the L. F. Board, Nellore, dt. 19th June /73, No 550.
do — Munl Commrs, Trichinopoly — 25th — 56.
do. Civil Dispy. Committee, Coimbatore 28th — 32.
— do. L. F. Board, Kurnool. — dt. 3rd July — 232
do — L. F. Boards, Madura — dt — 24th — 354
do — Munl Commrs, Salem — 26th — 56.
do — " — Commrs, Kurnool & Cumbum — 31st — 10.
do. L. F. Bds. & Municipalities, Kistna Dt — 4th August — 1232
Pr. Bd. of Revenue — 5th — Mis No 4913.
do — 14th — 5142
Presdt, L. F. Bd. & Munl Commrs, Bellary. 21st — No 68.
Pr. Bd. of Revenue. — 2nd Septr, Mis. No 5584
President Munl Commrs, Mangalore — 4th — No 124
— do. Munl Commrs, Ganjam Dt — 8th Octr — 2444
Ag. Presdt, L. F. Bds Cuddapah — 17th — 401.
Presdt L. F. Bds. North Arcot. — 24th — 74.
Collector, Godavery Dt — 31st — 24.
Presdt, Munl Commrs Malabar — 8th Decr — 31.
— L. F. Bds Chingleput Dt — 8th January 1874 — 21.
— Munl Commrs, Nilgiris. — 6th March — 6.
— L. F. Bds, Tanjore Dt — 27th — 75
— Munl Commrs — do — 1st April — 44.

Order thereon G.O. dated 5 Oct/74 No. 1686.

The Rules for the management of Civil Dispensaries embodied in the Medical Code having been rendered inapplicable by the transfer of the institutions to Municipalities and Local Fund Boards, the Surgeon General submitted for approval a set of amended rules, and in G.O. dated 9th May 1873, No. 620, these were circulated to all Presidents of Local Fund Boards and Municipalities for remark.

The replies having been received, the various views will be considered below.

Thirteen Local Fund Boards and twenty-two Municipalities approve of the rules and offer no suggestions for further amendment. The remarks made by the others will be noticed in order.

Para 26 of the proposed revised rules states that "Civil Dispensaries in the Madras Presidency are entirely supported by Local Fund Boards and Municipalities and conducted under their control."

It is pointed out from Vizagapatam, Madura, and Ootacamund, that there are exceptions to this and the rule will be omitted as unnecessary.

Para 27 will also be omitted as a mere repetition of Local Fund Rule No. XII.

Para 28 deals with the powers of Committees of

Management, and prescribes that they shall not interfere in professional matters such as the treatment of the sick. The Saidapette Board propose the addition of the words "except by reporting to the Surgeon General cases requiring notice". This seems unobjectionable and will be adopted but the further addition proposed by them is amply provided for in the Local Fund Rules.

The President of the Madura Local Fund Board considers that the rule should deal more definitely with regard to inspection by the Deputy Inspectors General, &ca. The Govt., however, have already stated that they are not at present in a position

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to satisfactorily increase the Inspection Agency and the rule will therefore be permitted to stand with the addition of the Sanitary Commissioner. It is observed that it does not exclude additional inspection under local arrangements as recently sanctioned in the case of Canara (G.O. dated 11th July 1874. No. 1157).

Para 29. prescribes that District Officials, European and Native, shall visit and may make entries in the "Visitors' book".

From Ganjam it is proposed by Mr. Master that it be left optional with the visitors to communicate their sentiments by letter to the President of the Local Board or to the Surgeon General.

The Tellicherry Municipal Commissioners consider that the Visitors' Book should be open to the remarks of all respectable private gentlemen.

The proposal that communication may be made by letter instead of by entry in the Visitors' Book, is unobjectionable, but the Govt. are not prepared to throw the hospitals open to the inspection of the general public. The recognized official visitors will be the Surgeon of the District, the Deputy Surgeon General of the Division, and the Sanitary

Commissioner

Commissioner, in addition to the members of the Local Boards who are so by virtue of their position.

Rule 30. provides for the inspection of the Visitors' Book by the Inspection Officers and the inclusion of copies of the remarks in the annual Medical reports. From Ganjam and Tellicherry it is proposed that copies should be laid before the Local or Municipal Boards. Under the arrangements above adopted Visitors' Books will be unnecessary.

Dropped – & the withdrawal of the Visitors Book
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Para 31 directs Medical Officers in charge to be kind to all applicants. A special rule on the subject seems unnecessary, and it will be struck out.

Paras: 32 and 33. These rules prescribe that the Medical Officer in charge shall attend at a fixed hour every day and shall remain at least two hours in the Dispensary building.

The Vice President of the Chingleput Circle proposes that the minimum attendance of the Medical Officer in charge should be raised to three hours and that at least two of them should be before 9 A.M.

From Ootacamund on the other hand it is proposed "that more latitude to Medical Officers as to time of day, length of visit, &ca, should be expressed as it is now quite understood."

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This para is drafted in accordance with the opinion of the majority of the members of Cnl. — The papers have not been to the C-in-C.
JL

The Govt. are inclined to think the retention of a minimum necessary but will be prepared to reduce it on application to one hour in the case of the smaller dispensaries. It must also be clearly understood that the rule applies only to Officers such as Civil Surgeons who are in charge of Dispensaries in addition to their other duties. Medical ~~Warrant~~ Officers of the Subordinate grades ~~and Hospital Assistants~~ ~~whose sole duty is the~~ in charge of a Dispensary as their sole duty come under the provisions of another rule.

Para 34 prescribes that "paupers" shall be dieted and clothed while in hospital, but that others must diet and clothe themselves.

From Ganjam it is proposed that it should be mentioned that the solvency or otherwise should be decided by the medical officer in charge.

From Dr. Mackenzie's letter with G.O. dated 7th Septr. 1870, No 1124, it appears that the prevailing practice is to treat as paupers all who claim relief as such, enquiry being difficult and open to many objections. The rule will be modified so as clearly to explain the prevailing practice.

From Trichinopoly objection is made to the use of the word "pauper" and they would strike out the words about payment, leaving the matter to the discretion of the Municipality. The Govt.

consider,

Note

Proposals to give the medical officer a discretionary power was negatived in G.O. d/ 7th March 1874 No 272 (Public)

JL

consider, however, that Municipal funds should not be expended on the diet and clothing of those who admit their ability to pay for it.

Para 37. prescribes the duties of Medical subordinates attached to Dispensaries, states that they are to be encouraged to engage in private practice so far as is compatible with their other work, and directs executive and administrative officers to notice in their annual reports whether the medical subordinates are making themselves useful.

Encouragement to engage in private practice is deprecated from Bellary and Ootacamund, but the rule will be allowed to stand as interference with more legitimate duties is guarded against, and the Govt. have recently fixed a scale of fees for such private practice.

The Tellicherry Municipal Commissioners wish the power of reporting on Medical subordinates to be extended to Municipal and Local Boards. This is provided for elsewhere.

Para 28 fixes the ordinary hours of business at from 7 to 10 A.M. and 3 to 5 P.M.

From Mangalore it is suggested that 4 to 6 P.M. would be more convenient.

From Ellore it is represented that the rules regarding attendance cannot

be

be adhered to as there is only one Medical officer and he has other work. The rule will be allowed to stand but exceptions will be ~~perm~~ sanctioned ~~allowed~~ in special cases on application.

Paras 41 and 42 prescribe the cots and bedding.

From Coimbatore, Madura, and Anantapore, it is suggested that matters of this kind should be left to the local managers.

From Tellicherry it is proposed that white cloths be substituted for blue which only conceal the dirt.

Para 44 prescribes a diet scale.

The scale is objected

to from Vizagapatam, Mangalore, Tellicherry, Madura, Coimbatore, and Combaconum, and it is proposed that the matter might be left to the local committee who are the best judges of local requirements. In accordance with these recommendations paras 39 to 42 will be omitted.

Para 45. refers to indents. It is objected to by the President of the Madura Circle as removing the power of control hitherto exercised by Local Boards. It does not appear clearly that this is intended by the proposed rules, but ~~as~~ the matter ~~is~~ has already dealt with ~~by the Lo-cal Fund~~ in a separate order of Govt. Rules, the wording of ~~these rules~~ which will

G.O. d/17th April 1872 No 5/6

will be adhered to.

The President of the Coimbatore Municipalities objects to the manner in which indents are cut down. This should form the subject of a special reference, as should also the proposal by Dr. Davis about a free gift of medicines for Ootacamund.

Para 46 prescribes that indigenous drugs should be purchased locally.

This is strongly objected to by the Vice President of the Dindigul Circle who gives six reasons for his objections, all of which appear to be based on the supposition that by the use of the word "locally"

"locally" it is made incumbent on a Hospital Assistant in charge of a Village or Taluq Dispensary to make the purchases in the village bazaar. There is nothing in the rule however to prevent the purchases being made at the headquarters of the District (or elsewhere) under the superintendence of the Civil Surgeon or other competent officer.

Indt – With reference to the remarks of H.S. the Govt it is submitted that a distinct rule on the subject is required, as otherwise ~~drugs~~ indents for indigenous drugs would be sent to the Medical Storekeeper and compliance expected. – JL

Dr. Davis' remarks on cost of stationery should be submitted separately if the Committee think necessary.

Para 47 prescribes records "according to form". From Ganjam it is pointed out the "forms" should be given in the rules. The forms will be published ~~locally~~ as appendices.

Para 49 deals with reports by Collectors, and, as pointed out from various quarters, requires alteration with reference to G.O. dated 2nd March 1872, No. 209, and G.O. dated 9th March 1876, No. 392 dispensing with Collectors' reports and directing that the Dispensaries shall be noticed in the Local Fund and Municipal reports which shall be accompanied by copies of the Medical Officer's report prepared for the official year.

Para 52 prescribes that money realized by sale of medicines to persons not entitled to gratuitous medical aid, shall be credited to the Dispensary funds.

This rule must be omitted as unendowed Local Fund and Municipal Dispensaries have no separate funds. In the case of endowed institutions full provision is made by the Local Fund Act and Rules.

Para 53 provides for making up prescriptions for private persons in places where druggists shops do not exist.

From Trichinopoly it is suggested that private prescriptions should be made up, if desired, even where druggists' shops do exist. The Govt. are willing to leave the matter to the discretion of the Local Boards concerned [~~it being understood that the practice should not be allowed where no reasonable objection can be raised to the quality~~ // ~~or price, of the drugs dispensed at the shops.~~]

The Pennaconda Local Fund Board suggest that a rule may be inserted regarding the observation of caste distinctions in the preparation and distribution of diet to in-patients. A matter of the kind does not seem to call for special notice in the rules.

From Trichinopoly it

& if they are willing to give a higher price they wd help the Funds

I think the public shd be allowed to get their medicine made up at the Dispensaries ~~[illegible]~~

Note

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Note

With reference to the proposal of H.E. the Govr. therein taken that 10 per cent should be charged above the charge in Druggists shops, it is submitted that in the case of ~~the~~ European Druggists the Local Boards would not be likely to desire to compete except on account of the high prices.✕

✕ It is not a question of the desire of the Local Boards to compete, but as to the desire of the public to be supplied

I have however no objection to leave the matter entirely to L.F. Boards — and wd leave out the sentence between brackets

Yes

it is suggested that a rule may be added to the effect that Local and Municipal boards having management of Dispensaries shall have power to add to the rules as occasion may require.

A special rule to this effect seems hardly necessary and the Dispensaries are entirely under the control of the Boards as regards matters in respect of which no rules have ~~been laid down by Govt.~~

As almost all Dispensaries are now under the management of Local bodies, the inclusion of any rules on the subject in the Medical Code seems inappropriate. The rules as revised below will be published for the guidance of Local Fund and Municipal Boards and should be adopted as far as poſsible in the case of the few Dispensaries managed by Local Committees which are still independent of these Boards.

Rules relating to Municipal and Local Dispensaries.

1. Municipal and Local Fund Boards will supervise the financial and economical concerns of Dispensaries entrusted to their care or established by them, but will in no way interfere with purely profeſsional matters, such as the management or treatment of the sick, except by reporting to the Surgeon General cases which may require notice.

Dispensaries

2. Dispensaries will come under the inspection of the Surgeon General and Deputy Surgeon General, and the Sanitary Commiſsioner, during their periodical official tours. A copy of the Inspection report should be furnished by the Inspecting Officer to the President of the Board concerned. Members of Local Fund or Municipal Boards should also frequently visit and thoroughly inspect the institutions.

3. The Medical Officer in charge shall give his attendance at the Dispensary at a fixed hour every day, when those who desire gratuitous medical or surgical aid and

advice will be attended to and prescribed for. The time of attendance is to be fixed by the Medical Officer in communication with the Municipal or Local Fund Board, and intimation thereof given to the inhabitants of the District – the hour being arranged to suit the convenience of the majority of the people.

4. A Medical Officer in charge of a Dispensary, in addition to his other duties, shall at his daily visit remain for two (2) hours at the least in the Dispensary building, during which time he must personally see, and prescribe for, all applicants. The period for which the Medical Officer will be present should be notified in the vernacular on a board in the waiting room or some other conspicuous place, and the Medical Officer is enjoined to be punctual and regular in his visits. Medical Officers in charge of Dispensaries with no other duties, shall attend as prescribed in Rule 8.

Pros. of Govt., Public Deptt., No. 1476 of 15th Novr 1871.

5. In-patients. Paupers, Native, East Indian or European, suffering under medical or surgical disease, requiring hospital treatment, will, when the means at the disposal of the Managing Committee of the Dispensary permit, be admitted as in-patients, and treated, fed, and clothed while resident

in the hospital; cases may also arise in the richer classes, where, from the nature of the ailment, hospital treatment would be desirable; such patients also may be admitted, but are to diet and clothe themselves while in hospital.

6. Female Patients. One ward, or more if necessary, will be set apart for women. When lying-in wards are provided, they should be detached from the main building. It is desirable that venereal cases in women be kept in a separate ward also.

### 7. Contagious wards.

Cholera or small-pox cases should, when there is no detached building

available

available, be treated in temporary sheds or leaf pavilions erected for the purpose.

### 8. Medical Subordinates.

The Medical Subordinates attached to Civil Dispensaries will, if not provided with quarters in the hospital, reside conveniently near the spot, so as to be ready to give aid to any applicant during the day or night. The Medical Officer in charge will always attend, when he may be sent for, to accidents and other emergent cases. When a medical subordinate is required for a new Dispensary, the proposal for his employment should be made to Govt. by the President of the Municipality or Local Fund Board in whose control the institution is vested, either in a distinct form or in the Budget Estimate. If sanctioned, the Surgeon General, Indn. Medical Dept., will then comply as best he can, or the President will consult the Surgeon Genl. as to the person to be nominated.

Warrant Medical Officers and Hospital Assistants in civil employ may be encouraged to engage in private practice; but care must be taken that their doing so does not in any way interfere with the punctual performance of their official duties, and that the use made of hospital medicines or instruments is strictly in accordance with regulations. Executive and Administrative Officers will notice in their Annual reports. whether

whether subordinates are making themselves acceptable and useful as private practitioners.

### 9. Hours for business.

Civil Dispensaries shall be open from 7 till 10 o'clock A.M., and from 3 to 5 P.M. every day for ordinary out-patients. This regulation is not to preclude persons from getting medicines at any hour of the day or night when there may be immediate necessity.

### 10. Patients' Clothing

As a rule patients' own clothing on admission should be taken from them, washed, and ticketed before being placed in the store-room and finally returned to them on leaving hospital. With caste-patients or persons who object to use hospital clothing, means should be adopted to ensure cleanliness and change of attire as often as may be needed.

11. Medical Stores. The indents from Local Boards will be forwarded, as directed in the Local Fund Rules, to the Board of Revenue. Printed Price Lists should be prepared by the Medical Store-keeper showing the value to be put upon all articles which are ordinarily supplied to Dispensaries, and copies furnished to the Board of Revenue and to Presidents of Local Boards and Municipalities. With the aid of these Price Lists which should be revised from time to time the indents should

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be priced when framed or when passed by the Board. The indents will be sent by the Board of Revenue and Govt. to the Surgeon General for supply, and it will be open to him to make any remarks with reference thereto which he may think proper, for the consideration of the Revenue Board or of Govt. as the case may be, before he authorizes the Medical Storekeeper to issue the supply. The indents must invariably be prepared in the prescribed forms.

Bazaar Medicines. The indigenous drugs of the Indian Pharmacopœia are to be used in preference to European medicines whenever practicable. Imported medicines will not be issued to Civil Hospitals when indigenous supplies of the same articles or substitutes are readily available. Medical Officers should take pains to see that indigenous medicines are

collected

collected at the proper season, and that they are genuine and perfectly fit for use. Bazaar medicines, stationery, &c, are not issued from the Medical Store Depôt, but must be purchased locally, or otherwise obtained.

12. Records. Medical officers in charge of Civil Dispensaries will keep a nominal Register of in and out-patients treated, showing the daily average attendance of the

latter class, and will transmit monthly and annual returns of sick treated, prepared according to the form given in the appendix, and with the latter will forward a special medical report. Printed blank forms may be obtained from the Medical Storekeeper on indent.

13. Annual report. The annual reports of the Medical officer in charge must reach the Surgeon General's Office not later than the 30th April in each year.

14. A copy of the Annual report and of the prescribed returns is to be sent to the President of the Local Fund or Municipal Commission who will notice in his report to Govt. or the Board of Revenue, the views of the Board on the general state of the Dispensary and its usefulness and acceptability to the Native Community.

15. Peon.— When a Peon is provided by a Municipal or Local-Fund Board for a Dispensary, the duties of this servant are to keep order amongst the out-patients to watch the building and property and to protect them from wilful damage, to deliver letters, &c., on the business of the charity, and such other work as the Medical Officer may employ him on.

16. Local Fund or Municipal Boards may permit professional prescriptions for private individuals to be compounded at a Dispensary, and have the power of fixing the rates

at which such prescriptions shall be issued to subscribers and non-subscribers to the Dispensary Fund.

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# Appendix-

## Form I.

(Form 35 of the Medical Code)
(Form 35)

18 Dispensary – Monthly Return of Sick of In and Out-patients.

| To be arranged agreeably to revised Nomenclature of 1869. | In-patients | | | | | | | | | Out-patients | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | Discharged | | | | | | | | | Discharged | | | | | | | |
| Diseases. (Diseases not mentioned here must be inserted in their proper places in M.S.) | Remained last Return | Admitted since | Total treated | Cured | Relieved | No better | Total | Died | Remaining | Remained last Return. | Admitted since | Total treated | Cured | Relieved | No better | Absented | Total | Died | Remaining | |
| 1. General Diseases | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Subdivision A. 1. Simple continued fever | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Febricula | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ague | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Remittent Fever | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Simple Cholera | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Malignant – do – | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Subdivision B. Acute Rheumatism | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Chronic – do – | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Primary Syphilis | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Secondary Syphilis | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Anæmia | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| General Dropsy | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

## Form I (continued)

18. Dispensary – Monthly Return of Sick of In and Out-patients.

| To be arranged agreeably to revised Nomenclature of 1869.<br>Diseases –<br>(Diseases not mentioned here must be inserted in the proper places in M.S.) | In-patients | | | | | | | | | Out-patients | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | | | | Discharged | | | | | | | | | Discharged | | | | | | | |
| | Remained last Return – | Admitted since | Total treated | Cured | Relieved | No better | Total | Died | Remaining | Remained last Return | Admitted since | Total treated | Cured | Relieved | No better | Absconded | Total | Died | Remaining | |
| II Local Diseases – | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 Nervous System { Paralysis | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Neuralgia | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 Eye Conjunctivitis | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 7/8 Resp. Syst. { Bronchitis | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Pneumonia | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 9 Digestive { Dyspepsia | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dysentery | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Diarrhœa | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 12 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 13 Cell. T. Abscess | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 14. Cutan. { Ulcer | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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## Form I (continued)

18 Dispensary. Monthly Return of Sick of In and Out-patients

| To be arranged agreeably to revised Nomenclature of 1869.<br>Diseases<br>(Diseases not mentioned here must be inserted in their proper places in M.S.) | In-Patients | | | | | | | | | Out-patients – | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | Discharged | | | | | | | | | Discharged | | | | | | | |
| | Remained last Return | Admitted since | Total treated | Cured | Relieved | No better | Total | Died | Remaining | Remained last Return – | Admitted since | Total treated | Cured | Relieved | No better | Absconded | Total | Died | Remaining | |
| III Conditions &c. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| IV Poisons | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| V Injuries | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 Accidents { Contusion | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Wounds | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 4 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| VI Surgical Operations | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Depy Surgeon Genl. Indian Medl. Dept.

Surgeon

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N.B. – One Return in the above form should be submitted for European and East Indian, and one for Native patients.

## Form V (Continued)

### Return of Medical Officers and Servants.

| Names | Rank | Date of Rank | Remarks |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | | |

### Caste of the In and Out-Patients of both Sexes.

| Caste | In. | | Out. | | Total | | Caste | In. | | Out. | | Total | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | M. | F. | M. | F. | M. | F. | | M | F | M | F | M | F. |

The daily cost of dieting during the month of was:-

| | Rs. | As. | Ps. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Ordinary diet | | | |
| Extras (such as Milk, Bread, Broth, Arrow-root &ca) | | | |
| Total | | | |

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Dispensary at

Monthly Return of Sick

Surgeon

Division

Received

Forwarded

Depy. Sur. Genl. of Hospitals

Surgeon-Genl's Office

Received.

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## Form II

(Form No. 36 of the Medical Code)

### Financial Statement exhibiting the working of the

for the year 187 :

In-Patients }
Out-Patients } {Total.

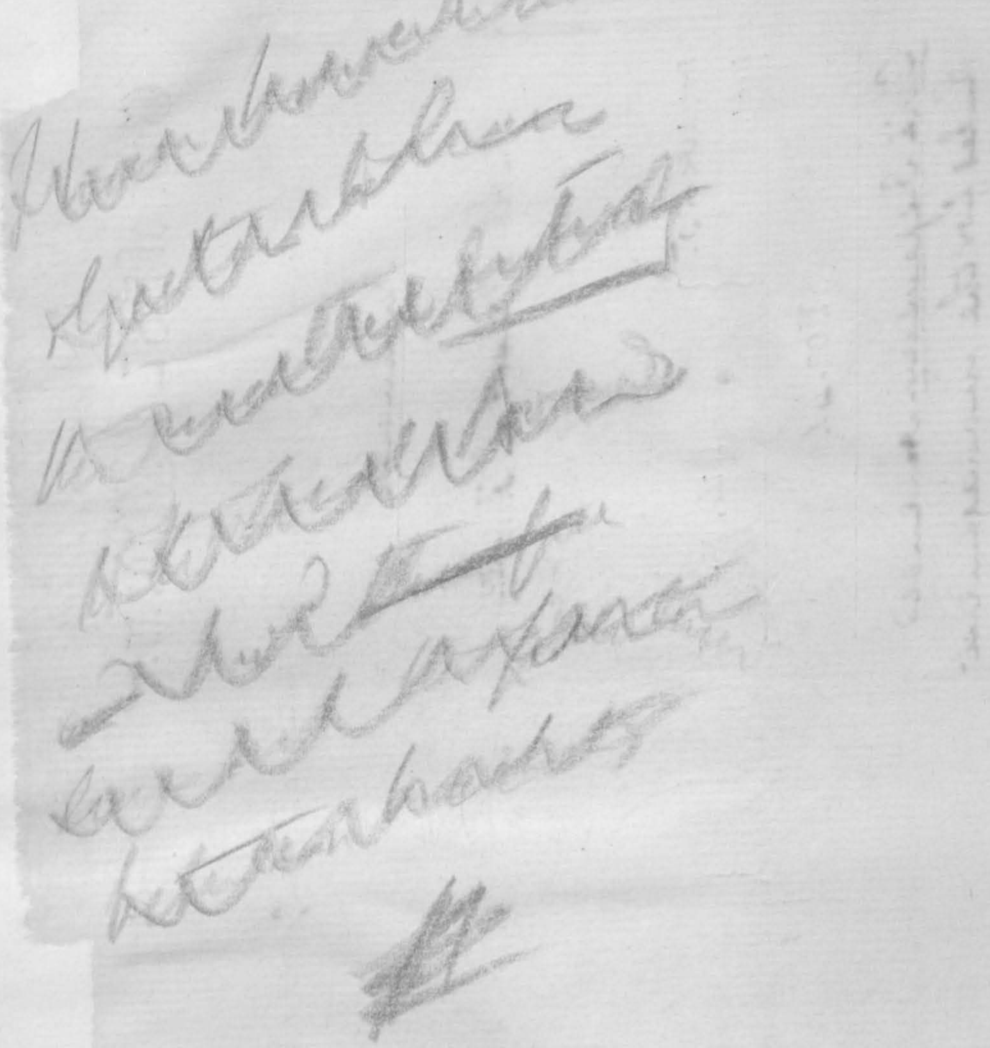
| Cr. | Rs. A. P. | Dr. | Rs. A. P. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Balance in hand 1st January 187 | | By Medical Officer's salary | |
| Invested up to — do | | " Medical Subordinate's salary .. | |
| Received during the year viz:- | | " Servants' wages | |
| From Government | | European Medicines from Medical Stores | |
| " Local Funds | | — do — purchased | |
| " Interest of vested funds | | Half yearly supplies | |
| " European donations or subscriptions | | Annual — do | |
| " Native — do — do | | Dieting sick | |
| " Sale of Medicines &ca to persons not entitled to gratuitous issue.. | | Wines and Spirits | |
| | | Monthly perishable articles &ca | |
| | | Cash invested during the year | |
| | | Other charges to be specified in detail | |
| Total income | | | |
| Total Expenditure | | Total Rupees | |
| Balance in hand 1st January 187. | | | |

I certify the above to be a correct Return of the Income and Expenditure of the for the year 187

Surgeon.

Station }
Date }

Dy. Surgeon General Indian Medl. Dept.



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# Govt. of {1874} Madras.

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To All Presdts. L. F. Bds.
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Civil Dispensary. Amended Rules for the management of Civil Dispensaries.

Despatch to JL

Issue additional copies of rules along w the circd.
JL

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Financial Department.

Précis of reports of Municipal and Local Fund Boards on the draft copy of certain alterations in the Civil Dispensary Rules of the Medical Code, submitted by the Surgeon General. Indian Medl. Dept.

Tanjore Local F. Bd. Circle
Negapatam " " "
Cuddapah " " "
Madanapally " " "
Calicut " " "
Tellicherry " " "
Masulipatam " " "
Guntoor " " "
Kurnool " " "
Nellore " " "
Vellore " " "
Cocanada " " "
Ellore " " "

Cuddapah Munl. Commission
Kurnool " "
Cumbum " "
Salem " "
Guntoor " "
Masulipatam " "
Vellore " "
Wallajapett " "
Bellary " "
Adoni " "
Cocanada " "
Ellore " "
Rajahmundry " "
Conjeveram " "
Calicut " "
Cannanore " "
Cochin " "
Palghaut " "
Mayaveram " "
Mannargudi " "
Negapatam " "
Tanjore " "

These 13 Local Fund, and 22 Municipal Boards approve of the alterations proposed, and offer no remarks on the subject.

Chittoor Circle
49

This Board consider that further modification is required in para 49, which according to the existing state of things, should provide for a copy of such portion of the annual report submitted by the Medical Officer in charge of the Dispensary to the Surgeon General as may be necessary to be communicated to the Local Fund Board being forwarded to the President in order that it may accompany the annual Local Fund Report.

Anantapoor Mun. Commission
27 42

With reference to para 27, the Commissioners think that no Sub Committee is necessary when the institution is in a municipal town & with reference to para 42, that the number of beds to be maintained might be left to the Doctor as the town happened to be large or small.

Bellary Circle
37

The majority of the Board are against permitting private practice amongst the Apothecaries, or Hospl. Assts. in charge.

Gooty Circle
49

This Board think that the visitors alluded to in para 49 should be specified & observe that the furniture enumerated in para 42 is more than sufficient for many small Dispensaries.

Penacondah Circle

The Board consider that a rule regarding the observation of caste distinctions in the preparation and distribution of diet to in-patients might with advantage be inserted.

Vizagapatam Dt. L. F. Boards
26 44

The President remarks that the dispensary at Vizagapatam has been specially excluded under the Orders of Govt. - The Dispensary Committee approve of the rules generally; the only portion to which they take exception is the scale of diet, the present scale having been found to be sufficient. The President is of opinion that the Committee (one of whom is the Civil Surgeon) might use their own discretion in regard to the dieting

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| This Board have several objections to the proposed rules, & think it desirable that they should be left to manage their own dispensaries according to local requirements. | Canara Circle |
| The Vice-President states that the Commissioners remark that it will not be possible to follow the rules relating to the hours of attendance, as they have only one Medical Officer who has other work besides. | Ellore Munl. Commission<br>~~33~~ 38 |
| The Commissioners approve the draft rules on the whole, but suggest with refce. to Para 38, that the dispensaries be open from 7 to 10 o'clock A.M. & again from 4 to 6 P.M., these hours being more convenient for ordinary out-patients. They point out that the scale of diet proposed will cost much more than that now in force which they consider answers all requirements & advise that it be left to the Medical Officers to supplement the present prescribed diet whenever they deem it necessary | Mangalore Munl. Commission<br>38, 44 |

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| Saidapet Circle<br>28 | This Board approve of the rules generally, but suggest the following additions:— In rule No. 28, that the words "except by reporting to the Surgeon General cases requiring notice", and "conformably to the terms of the trust", be added respectively after the words "treatment of the sick" and "and the resulting funds will be available".— |
| Chingleput Circle<br>33 | The Vice-President concurs generally in the proposed rules. He draws particular attention to Para 33 & suggests that the minimum time should be 3 hours per diem, and that 2 of them at least be in the morning before 9 o'clock as the working & official classes and others would then be enabled to attend for advice before their work & in the cool part of the day. He remarks that no notice boards of attendance are hung up at present, but that no time should be lost in having that done. |

The President considers that Civil Dispensary rules should be complete in themselves: i.e there should be no necessity for reference to any other code or chapter or to any orders. He observes that particulars of the diet of European patients (sec. 44), the form of register (sec. 47), the instructions for the drawing up of the annual report & returns, the list of records to be kept (sec. 48 and the persons entitled to gratuitous medical aid from dispensaries (sec. 52) might conveniently be given in extenso, and when complete, the rules might be published in the Gazette both in English & Vernacular for the information of the public. He thinks it should be provided in the rules that the remarks made by the Managing Committees, by members of the Munl. and L. F. Bds, and by District officers generally, should be laid before the Munl. or L. F. Bd which supports the

Ganjam District Municipalities

44 47, 48, 29 30, 34
37 & 49

the Institution and a Resolution passed thereon instead of being left to be noticed only in a corner of the annual report, or to be glanced at by the Inspecting officers on their tours.

With refce to sec. 29 which provides for public functionaries making remarks in the visitors' book, he says he would add to this rule a note that it is optional to them to communicate their sentiments to the President of the Munl. or L. F. Bd or to the Surgeon-General by letter, instead.

With refce to sec. 34, which provides for the pauper in-patients being fed & clothed in the hospital while the richer classes should provide for themselves, he imagines that the solvency or otherwise of the patients should be decided by the Medical Officer in charge, & observes that this had better be expressly mentioned.

With reference to the

latter part of Secs. 37 & 49 which provide for Collectors and other Ex-officio Officers reporting on the general state of the Dispensaries, he observes that the management of these Institutions being duly noticed in the annual reports of the Munl. & L. F. Bds, no other report need be made by Collectors.

He lastly remarks that it should be distinctly laid down that the records of these Institutions should be for the official year.

Remarks made by the the Asst. Apothecary in charge of the Civil Dispensary at Kimedy regarding the diet & clothing of patients are forwarded with the President's letter.

Tellicherry Munl. Commn.

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42 & 44
37.

The Members consider that the visitors' book should be open for remarks by respectable private gentlemen, European as well as Native, and copies of them forwarded every three months instead of annually to the Surgeon General, Md. Dept., as in the latter case the value of several good suggestions will be lost by their late receipt by him. The copies should be forwarded through the Munl. or L. F. Bd as the case may be, who will have the option also to express their own opinion on them while forwarding the same.

The Commissioners consider an order necessary warning Civil Surgeons that they will incur the serious displeasure of Govt. should they neglect to afford kind attention and treatment to their patients.

They think that the power vested in Executive & Administrative Officers in being directed to notice in their annual reports whether Medical Subordinates are making themselves acceptable and useful as private practitioners be extended also to Munl. & L. F. Boards

The Commissioners further think that instead of insisting on blue clothes being worn by patients, the Managing Committee may substitute white clothing, as blue colours only conceal dirt.

They lastly remark that the staple food of the natives of Malabar is rice & curry & that they are accustomed to it from infancy, & in health, the sudden change when sick, of diet as that prescribed will not be beneficial.

The President remarks that the proposed rules will not alter the existing practice in the Dispensaries in that District but that the diet scale in Sec. 4 will be more expensive than that now in force at Ramnad which is the only Hospital for in-patients already established in the Circle.

He remarks with refce to

para 26

Madura Circle.
26, 28, 33, 42, 44, 45

para 26 which says that Civil Dispensaries are entirely supported by Municipalities and L. F. Bds & conducted under their control, that the para seems scarcely correct, Mr Chester's Dispensary at Dindigul being a private institution, almost entirely supported by Local & Munl. Funds, and a similar Dispensary at Madura receiving considerable assistance from Municipal Funds.

(Para 28) He considers that the existing arrangements for inspection are insufficient & that the rules should contain something definite on this point and also regarding the returns to be submitted from Dispensaries the audit of accounts &c.

(Para 33) He observes that the Medical Officer in charge of L. F. Dispensaries has generally no other work to do & the rule regarding 2 hours' attendance is only applicable to Civil Surgeons at large stations.

(Para 42) He remarks that

the quantity of furniture must vary, because L. F. Hospitals will vary greatly in size, & that the L. F. Bd must determine what is wanted in each case in communication with the Medl. Officer. (Para 45) The President lastly remarks that it is desirable that L. F. Bds should continue to exercise as heretofore, complete control over indents with the Civil Surgeon's assistance.

Dindigul Circle.
46, 49

(Para 46 - Bazaar Medicines) With refce to this, the Vice-Prest strongly objects to the rule that country medicines are to be bought locally & gives his reasons for this.

(Para 49 - Report to Govt by the Collector of his opinion on the general state of the dispensary) - With refce to this he thinks that the words, "Prest of L. F. Bd or Municipality" should be substituted for Collector of the District as the report now submitted to Govt is that of the L. F. Bd or Munl. Commr, and contains something more than the opinion of the Collector

Local F. Bds and Municipalities
(Coimbatore District).
28. 42. 44. 45

The Committee of Management for the Civil Dispensary of Coimbatore make the following remarks:— (Para. 28 - Powers of Committee of Management). It would be better if purely professional matters, such as the management or treatment of the sick, were left to the discretion of the Committee in consultation with the Medl. Officer, than that the diet of the native sick should be fixed, as it appears in para 44, according to a European scale. (Para 42. Cots & bedding). Were any scale of accommodation necessary, it would be nearer the mark to fix it at one bed per mille of the local population for whom the dispensary is instituted. A matter like this should be left to the discretion of local officers administering local funds, who are the best judges of the requirements & the practical mode of meeting them

(With refce. to the same para). Cumblies are better adapted to the native sick than red blankets which are unnecessarily expensive, and wooden-boarded cots are unsuitable & uncomfortable for a native or any other patient.

(Para 45. Medical Stores Indents) compiled with care from past records of expenditure & probable future requirements have been complied with after an interval of many months, and are often cut down without ceremony, probably of necessity, & from inability to be met, but the result is that the Dispensary is left without a sufficient supply of medicines.

The Commissioners concur in opinion with the Hospital Sub-Committee who suggest some modifications in the draft rules regarding the table of diet which they consider very expensive, and the annual report of the Civil Dispensaries which they propose may in future be prepared for the offl. year & not for the calendar year as hitherto done.

Combaconam Munl. Commn.

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Trichinopoly Munl. Commission

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Remarks of the Sub-Committee apptd. for the management of the Munl. Civil Dispensary at Trichinopoly.

(Para 34. Admission of in-patients). This para should be altered as the wording of it would seem to imply that Civil dispensaries are intended chiefly for paupers, which is not the case, and the latter portion of the para which says that the richer classes are to diet and clothe themselves while in hospital, should be cut out.

(Para 49. Annual report). This para should be altered also, as Govt. have directed that in the future the report on the working of Dispensaries is to be embodied in those drawn up in the L.F. Circles and Municipalities in which they are situated, and not to be sent up separately by the Collector, as was the rule before the introduction of the present system of management of Civil Dispensaries.

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(Para 53- Prescriptions for private persons)- This para also should be altered as the Sub-Committee should be able to sell medicine, even at stations where druggists' shops exist-

An additional para should be added to the rules- providing that Munl. and L. F. Bds. that have the management of dispensaries, have power to add to their rules as occasion may require

Ootacamund Munl. Commt.

26, 27, 31 32 33 36, 37 45 46.

Dr. Davis, Medl. Officer in charge of the Civil Dispensary Ootacamund, makes the following remarks which the Commissioners entirely endorse.

(Para. 26. Dispensaries how supported)- The Civil Dispensary is not entirely, if at all supported by either the Municipality or L. F. Bd & the sum put aside by the former cannot be otherwise used than to pay the cost for medicines-

(Para 27- Committee of Management) The Committee elect their own members, and the duty of recommending persons to be appointed as members of the Sub Committee is not delegated to either the Munl. or L. F. Bd:

(Paras. 31, 32 & 33- Duties of Medical Officers in charge)- More latitude to Medical Officers should be given as to the time of day they should give their attendance at the dispensary, and to the length of a visit &c.

(Para 36- Contagious Wards). There are no such wards at this station, and thinks that a separate building to accommodate 4 males and 2 females might be built adjoining the dispensary-

(Para 37. Medl. Subordinates). He dissents from the latter part of this para having found it impossible to allow Hospital Assistants to leave Hospital to the extent necessary, to carry on private practice, and thinks that it would throw a dangerous temptation to these subordinates to dispense the Govt medicines.

(Para 45 - Medl. Stores) He thinks that the annual medical supplies sent by Govt. should be valued at whatever charges, including all the expenses actually incurred may amount to and that no fixed contribution as is now made by the Municipality to the extent of Rs 500 should be paid in future; that is, supposing the Govt. mean the medicines as a "quid pro quo" for the books.

(Para 46. Bazaar medicines stationery &c.)

He demurs to the latter portion of para 46, as the stationery is made use of almost exclusively for returns to the Medl. Dept. of Govt., & not on the work of the charity.

Ootacamund
22nd August 1894

# Précis

Alterations proposed in the Civil Dispensary Rules of the Medical Code

Précis by Mr J. Pinkerton

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For orders

Certain paragraphs of Section 3 of the Medical Code consist of the Rules for the management of Civil Dispensaries, embodied in the Medical Code ~~but as these~~ having been rendered inapplicable in ~~many~~ ~~most~~ ~~instances~~ by the transfer of the institutions to Municipalities and Local Fund Boards the Surgeon General submitted for approval a set of amended rules and vide G.O. d/9th May 1873 No 620 these were circulated to all Presidents of Local Fund Boards and Municipalities for remark.

The replies having been received ~~and~~ ~~will~~ the various views will be ~~submitted~~ considered below, ~~first with reference to the rules generally, and then with reference to individual rules objected to.~~

## The Rules generally

Thirteen Local Fund Boards and twenty-two Municipalities approve of the Rules and offer no suggestions for further amendment.

~~others while approving of the rule generally~~ ~~others offer remarks regarding~~ ~~a few~~ remarks made ~~made~~ by others will be noticed in order

~~The Canara Local Fund Board consider it desirable that they should be left to manag~~

their own Dispensaries according to local requirements.

~~Not at all agree with the Canara P.~~

The view of the Canara Board is indirectly supported by the ~~[illegible]~~ nature of the alterations proposed to individual rules by different Local Boards.

The danger of acceding to the Canara proposal ~~seems to be~~ is that ~~many~~ some Local Boards might neglect to frame any satisfactory rules at all and the Govt. require com- Perhaps the best plan would be to declare the rules embodied in the Medical Code to be applicable to all Local ~~Boards~~ Dispensaries for which no special rules have received the sanction of Govt.

[illegible] Orders

The remarks regarding individual rules will now be noticed.

The rules commence at para 26 and conclude at para 53.

Those commented on are paras 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 33, 34, ~~36~~, 37, 38, 42, 44, 45, 46, 47, 49, 52, and 53.

Para 26

~~This~~ is merely declaratory and states that "Civil Dispensaries in the Madras Presidency are

The Rule is useless as such

J. D. S.

I would omit

J. D. S.

entirely supported by Local Fund Boards and Municipalities and conducted under their control.

It is pointed out from Vizagapatam, Madura and Ootacamund that there are exceptions to this and it ~~is submitted that~~ the rule ~~may~~ will be omitted as unnecessary.

Para 27 will also be omitted as a mere ~~This is~~ a repetition of Local Fund Rule No XII and as ~~is pointed out from Ootacamund is~~ ~~not~~ ~~only~~ applicable to other than Local Fund or Municipal Dispensaries.

~~It is submitted that its~~ inclusion in ~~a federal~~ the Medical Code is inappropriate.

Para 28

~~This~~ deals with the powers of Committees of Management ~~and requires amendment~~ in so far as it assumes that all Dispensaries are under Municipalities or Local Fund Boards.-

~~and~~ It prescribes that the Committees of Management shall not interfere in professional matters such as ~~the~~ the treatment of the sick.- The Saidapett Board propose the addition of the words "except by reporting to the Surgeon General cases requiring notice" ?

This ~~seems~~ unobjectionable ~~but the~~ further addition proposed of them is amply provided for in the Local Fund rules, ~~and it is unnecessary that the rules be amended as above suggested by striking out the portion of the rule which is applicable exclusively to Local Fund and Municipal institutions.~~

The ~~Sec~~ President of the Madura Local Fund Board considers that the rule should deal more definitely with regard to inspection by the Deputy Inspector General &c. ~~The question of inspection however is a difficult one and the~~ Govt. have already stated that they ~~have no power~~ are not at present in a position to satisfactorily increase the inspection agency. ~~The rule simply says~~ and the rule will therefore "It will be understood that these institutions will come under the inspection of the Inspector General and Deputy Inspector General during their periodical official tours."

It is admitted that it may be permitted to stand with the verbal alteration in the

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to be permitted to stand with the addition of the Sanitary Comm

Add and Sanitary Commiss.

Yes. But a copy of the Inspection Report should also be furnished to the President. By the Inspecting Officer. J.D.S.

1219.

This visiting system as regards the general public is a farce. So also are "Visitors Books." I think it would be better to limit it in the case of the Surgeon & Dep. Surgeon Genl. of the Circle & the Sanitary Commr. who might be declared to be the Official Visitors of all the hospitals &c of course the Mun. J.D.S.

Yes. But the Commissioners or Members of the L.F.B. should be reminded that they are expected frequently to visit & thoroughly inspect.

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~~official designation which has been recently introduced.~~ The rule does not exclude additional ~~or~~ inspection under local arrangements as recently sanctioned in the case of Canara (G.O. 11th July 1874 No. 1157)

Para 29 prescribes that District Officials, European and Native shall visit and may make entries in the "Visitors' Book".

From Ganjam it is proposed by Mr. Master that it be left optional with the Visitors to communicate their sentiments by letter to the President of the Local Board or to the Surgeon General.

The Tellicherry Municipal Commissioners consider that the Visitors' Book should be open to the remarks of all respectable private gentlemen.

~~It is admitted that it is somewhat inappropriate for Govt. specially to authorize say a Principal Sudder Ameen, or a Deputy Collector not a member of the a Municipal Commission, to visit a Dispensary under Municipal Management but the rule might be permitted to stand in the code, and~~

~~modified according to recommendation in any special rules which may be sanctioned.~~

The proposal that communication may be made by letter instead of by entry in the visitors book is ~~seems and~~ objectionable but is not proposed although the hospitals are open to inspection by the general public. The recognised visitors will be the Surgeon ~~& ..~~ of the District, the Dep. Surgeon General of the Division and the Sanitary Commissioner in addition to the members of the Local Boards who are so by virtue of their position.

Rule 30

This provides for the inspection of the visitors book ~~&~~ by the inspecting officers and the inclusion of copies of the remarks in the Annual Medical reports.

From Ganjam and Tellicherry it is proposed that copies should be laid upon the Local or Municipal Board. ~~This proposal will be adopted.~~

Under the arrangement above adopted visitors books will be unnecessary.

~~It is admitted that the rule may stand as admitted in the code subject to modification in special rules.~~

Para 31 directs Medical officers in charge to be kind to all applicants. - A special rule on the subject seems unnecessary and it will be struck out.

~~The Tellicherry Municipal Commissioners (who have a standing feud with the present Civil Surgeon) consider that an addition should be made warning all Civil Surgeons that they will incur the serious displeasure of Govt should they neglect to afford kind attention and treatment to the patients.~~ 169

~~The proposed rule is probably taken from some G.O. issued when dispensaries were first being established. It is admitted that it is out of~~ place in a code of rules and may be struck out altogether.

Paras 32 & 33

These rules prescribe that the Medical Officer in charge shall attend at a fixed hour every day and shall remain at least two hours in the Dispensary building.

The Vice President of the Chingleput circle proposes that the minimum attendance of the Medical Officer in charge should be raised to three hours and that at least two of them should be before 9 a.m.

From Ootacamund on the other hand it is proposed "that more latitude to Medical Officers as to time of day, length of visit &c should be afforded, as it is quite understood"

~~It is admitted that the Ootacamund recommendation may be adopted so far as the length of visit is concerned. - If there be a publicly notified fixed hour~~

...nicipal Cmrs. & E. F. [illegible] are so by virtue of their position

Yes

Yes

I. D. S.

RS

I suppose I think the visiting should be limited as proposed by Sur. Genl.

I would omit

I. D. S.

Yes

RS

I would abolish the Books altogether.

→ I. D. S.

I think a Visitors Book useful & wd maintain

RS

I think the Military Code should be to fix a minimum of one hour for the smaller & two hours for the larger Hospitals with some reference to the number of patients usually attending

I. D. S.

RS 12/9

In some Hospitals the visit generally but once a day is short & perfunctory - a minimum is indispensable and I wd add that in most cases it should be twice a day of attendance, it seems very doubtful if any advantage can be gained by ~~our~~ directing an officer to remain in the building after he has attended to all the applicants. It ~~should however~~ must also be ~~be made~~ clearly understood that the rule applies only to Officers, such as Civil Surgeons who are in charge of Dispensaries in addition to their other duties. Warrant Officers and Hospital Assistants whose sole duty is the charge of a ~~should~~ Dispensary come ~~with other Medical Subordinates~~ under the provisions of ~~Para 37~~ another rule.

Yes approving [illegible]
[illegible] all the day
Not

Govt ~~however~~ are inclined to think the retention of a minimum necessary but will be prepared to reduce it on application to one hour in the case of the smaller Dispensaries.

Note

The correspondence which led to a fixed minimum attendance of two hours is incorporated with G.O. d/ 27th Sept. 1870 and G.O. d/ 15 Oct 1870 No 1476.

Circumstances have changed however and Local and Municipal Boards will assuredly bring to notice any failure of duty on the part of the Medical Officers

I would leave the matter to the medical officers and to the control of the Local authorities, for a proper attendance

Para 34 prescribes that "paupers" shall be dieted and clothed while in hospital but that others must diet and clothe themselves.—

From Ganjam it is proposed that it should be mentioned that the solvency or otherwise should be decided by the Medical officer in charge.

From Dr Mackenzie's letter ~~it~~ with G.O. d/ 7th Sept. 1870 No 1124 it appears that the prevailing practice is to treat as paupers all who claim relief as such—enquiry being difficult and open to many objections. The rule will be modified so as clearly to explain ~~It is submitted that~~ the present practice, ~~may be embodied in the rules.~~

Yes JM

Yes JDS

From Trichinopoly objection is made to the use of the word "pauper" and they would strike out the words about payment leaving the matter to

Para 37. ~~This para~~ prescribes the duties of Medical Subordinates attached to Dispensaries, states that they are to be encouraged to engage in private practice so far as is compatible with their other work, and directs Executive and Administrative officers to notice in their annual reports whether the Medical Subordinates are making themselves useful.

Encouragement to engage in private practice is deprecated from Bellary and Ootacamund. but ~~It is submitted however that~~ the

Para 34 continued

to the discretion of the Municipality. The Govt consider however that ~~It is submitted that~~ Municipal funds should not be expended on the diet and ~~of~~ clothing of those who admit their ~~willingness~~ ability to pay for it. No JM

Yes JM

There must be a discretion in this respect. The Medical Officer in charge should be allowed to require any patient to diet & clothe himself whom he has good ~~[illegible]~~ reason to ~~suff~~ believe is able to do so; ~~[illegible]~~ but unless he has such reason, or if he has any considerable doubt, ~~he should~~ the diet & clothing should be paid for

Yes. DL

JM

rule will ~~may~~ be allowed to stand as interference with many legitimate duties is guarded against, and the Govt have recently fixed a scale of fees for such private practice.

The Tellicherry Municipal Commissioners wish the power of reporting on Medical Subordinates to be extended to Municipal and Local Boards. This is ~~As will be shown below this has~~ been provided for elsewhere ~~(para)~~

Para 38 ~~This para fixes the~~ ordinary hours of business at from 7 to 10 a.m. and 3 to 5 p.m.

From Mangalore it is suggested that 4 to 6 p.m. would be more convenient.

From Ellore it is represented that the rules regarding attendance cannot be adhered to as there is only one Medical Officer and he has other work.

~~It is submitted that~~ The rule will ~~may~~ be allowed to stand ~~in the~~ with ~~code as proposed~~ exceptions ~~being~~ will be allowed in special cases, on application.

Paras 41 & 42 ~~These~~ prescribe the cots and bedding.

From Coimbatore Madura and Anantapur it is suggested that matters of this kind should be left to the local managers

From Tellicherry it is proposed

that white cloths be substituted for blue which only conceal the dirt.

~~It is obvious that the same amount of furniture cannot be required for a Dispensary on the standard plan costing Rs 26,000, and a small Taluq Dispensary costing Rs 2,000 or less, and it is therefore submitted that it will suffice to specify the general nature of the furniture in the Code, leaving the quantity and quality to the discretion of the local Committee~~

Para 44 prescribes a diet scale.

The scale is objected to from Vizagapatam, Mangalore, Tellichery, Madura, Coimbatore and Combaconum, and it is proposed that the matters might be left to the local Committee who are the best judges of local requirements.

~~If this be done it will be unnecessary to consider the suggestion from Ganjam that the rules should be complete in themselves instead of referring to the Military part of the Medical Code.~~

Para 45 refers to indents ~~and are~~

It is objected to by the Presdt.

I would omit 39 to 42 incl.

These are subjects which [illegible] belong to the Local authorities

Yes -

S. D.

In accordance with these recommendations paras 39 to 42 will be omitted.

as removing the power of control hitherto exercised by Local Boards. It does not appear clearly that this is intended by the proposed Rule but as the matter is dealt with by the Local Fund Rules, the wording of these rules should be adhered to, ~~with the preface of the words "In the case of Local Fund or Municipal Dispensaries"~~

The President of the Coimbatore Municipalities objects to the manner in which indents are cut down - this should form the subject of a special reference, as should also the proposal by Dr Davis about a free gift of medicines for Ootacamund.

Yes.

S. D.

Yes.

S. D.

Para 46 prescribes that in dispensaries drugs should be purchased locally.

This is strongly objected to by the Vice Presdt. of the Dindigul Circle who gives six reasons for his objections all of which ~~are~~ appear to be based on the supposition that by the use of the word "locally" it is made incumbent on a Hospital Asst. Dresser in charge of a Village or Taluq Dispensary to make the purchases in the Village bazaar. There is nothing in the rule ~~It may be pointed out however~~ to prevent ~~that~~ the purchases ~~may~~ being made at the Headquarters of the District (or ~~other~~ elsewhere) under the superintendence of the Civil Surgeon or other competent officer.

~~The rule is one of old standing and should it is submitted be allowed to remain.~~

X I do not like the Rule. ? suppose the medicines (in the absence of a Rule) would assuredly be purchased where (calumny [illegible]) they could be got cheapest

Dr Davis' remarks on cost of stationery should be submitted separately if the Committee think necessary.

Yes

Para 47 prescribes records "according to form". From Ganjam it is pointed out the "forms" should be given in the rules.

~~As the rules however are to be incorporated in the code it will probably suffice if Local Fund Boards and Municipalities are furnished with copies of the~~ the forms ~~which~~ suitable they may publish locally as appendices. ~~to the rules. the repeated entry of forms in the code would be inconvenient.~~

Yes

Para 49 ~~Reports by Collectors~~ deals with and as ~~as~~ pointed out from various quarters ~~this rule~~ requires alteration with reference to G. O. d/ 2d March 1872 No 209, and G. O. d/ 9th March 1874 No 39 dispensing with Collectors reports and directing that the dispensaries shall be noticed in the Local Fund and Municipal reports which shall be accompanied by copies of the Medical Officers report prepared for the official year

Yes

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Para 52 prescribes that money realized by sale of medicines to persons not entitled to gratuitous medical aid, shall be credited to the Dispensary funds.

This rule must be omitted ~~th~~ as unendowed ~~the~~ Local Fund and Municipal dispensaries have no separate funds. ~~the charges always exceeding the receipts.~~ In the case of endowed institutions full provision is made by the Local Fund Act and Rules.

~~The omission of the para will~~ obviate the necessity of defining those "not entitled to gratuitous ~~[illegible]~~" medical aid as desired by the Presdt. of the Ganjam Local Fund Board.

Yes

~~Suffer this~~ ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~ the rule ~~[illegible]~~ intact

Para 53

Provides for making up prescriptions for private persons in places where druggists shops do not exist.

From Trichinopoly it is suggested that private prescriptions should be made up if desired even where druggists shops do exist. The G

~~This seems to involve the decision of the question whether it is politic to allow private enterprise to be interfered with by the allowing private prescriptions to be made up from medicines~~

are entirely (leave the matter to the discretion of the Local Boards concerned it being understood that the practice is tolerated not to be allowed where no reasonable ~~[illegible]~~ objection can be raised to the ~~[illegible]~~ ground of or price of the ~~[illegible]~~ Drug Dispensed [illegible]

~~supplied on payment from the~~ Govt. stores.

~~It is believed that a discussion on the question has already arisen with reference to a Dispensary in the Wynaad where there is~~ also a private medical practitioner who dispenses his own medicines at his own rates.

## Additional Rules suggested

The Kumbaconum Local Fund Board suggest that a rule may be inserted regarding the observation of caste distinctions in the preparation and distribution of diet to in-patients. a matter

~~It is submitted that this may be left to local Committees without~~ does not seem to call for special notice in the rules.

From Trichinopoly it is suggested that a rule may be added to the effect that Local and Municipal Boards ~~may~~ having management of Dispensaries shall have power to add to the rules as occasion may require.

A special rule to this effect seems hardly necessary, ~~as such~~ Dispensaries are entirely under the control of the Boards, as

+ I do not think this should be allowed in the rule. But if the prices charged in shops are excessive – or the Civil Surgeon doubts the capacity of the people employed an exception might by the Govt. or Comr. be allowed. Of course he can always have any special prescription of his own made up there – J.O.S.

I would leave this to the Local Board.

Yes J.O.S.

No – they can add if they see fit – J.O.S.

Even where there are Druggists' shops, I think Dispensaries should be allowed to make up prescriptions for private persons but that the ~~rate~~ price charged should be (say) 10 per ct. ~~higher than~~ (as nearly as can be ascertained) ~~higher~~ higher than the charged ~~often~~ by the Druggist, provided that these last are not higher than may be thought reasonable (a question which the Med. Officer can decide.)

regards matters in respect of which no question ~~subject to any rules~~ have been laid down which Govt. may lay down. 178

~~On orders being passed on the above a draft of a revised set of rules will be circulated for approval.~~

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+ The Rules ~~are~~ would be better out of place in the Code.

+ The Code referred to has not been sent to me – so I cannot judge whether Rules regarding Municipal & L. Fund Hospitals should appear in it or not. I should suppose they would be better among the Rules which the Acts contemplate.

12/9 J.O.S. 5.9

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Civil [illegible]

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