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28th October 1874.

No. 260. Read the following letter from Surgeon-General E. G. BALFOUR, Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department, to the Honorable D. F. CARMICHAEL, Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Fort St. George, 10th October 1874, No. 466 :—

I have the honor to report to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, as required in G.O., No. 1634, of the 28th September, that all Civil Indents were ordered to be sent in on the 1st of January, in order that they might all be disposed of before receipt of the Military Indents on the 1st April.

2. The Cumbum indent was dated the 1st January, but it was not received in this office until the 5th March. It was disposed of and sent to the depôt on the 23rd March. The work of the depôt since then did not allow of the despatch of the Cumbum supplies until the 7th September; the cause of the vast work in the depôt is its very short stock leading to repeated indents from hospitals, but the two months' delay on the part of the Cumbum authorities in sending in the indent prevented compliance until the military work came in and has led to their late supply.

3. The Town Commissioners of Cumbum complain that none of the six items on the margin were in store, and I beg to place on the margin the quantities sent of three of them. None of the other three were indented for. Fish liver oil is not even named in the indent, and of the other two the required column is blank. All supplies are issuable only on indent, and if the Commissioners will now indent, their requirements will be complied with.

Quinine, one pound, sent.
Iodide of Potassium, 8 oz. asked, 4 oz. sent.
Tincture of Iron, 1 lb. asked for and sent.
Fish Liver Oil, Nitrate of Silver, Chloroform. } Not indented for.

No. 261. ORDER THEREON, 28th October 1874, No. 1849.

The Surgeon-General's explanation appears to be far from satisfactory. He will be requested to explain at length what defects in the working of the Medical Store Department necessitate such injurious delays as the present; and to state whether there is any objection to Civil Indents being separately made, when the funds are not provided by the State.

2. The Surgeon-General will submit, for the information of Government at an early date, a list showing the dates on which the indents for Civil Hospitals for the current year were received in his office, the dates on which the indents were complied with, and copies of any correspondence which there may have been between the Medical Storekeeper and the Surgeon-General with reference to the question of compliance with these indents.

(True Extract.)

D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department.

Exd. J. Wright.

Govt. of 1874 Madras.

FINANCIAL.

To

THE SURGEON-GENERAL,
INDIAN MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.

Dated October, 28*th*.

Read.

G.O., 28*th October* 1874, *No.* 1849.

OCTOBER.
Nos. 260-261.

Civil Indents for Medical Stores.—With reference to the delay which has occured in complying with these indents, the Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department, requested to explain at length what defects in the working of the Medical Store Department necessitate such injurious delays, and also to submit the information required on the other points noted.

No. 466

Surgeon
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR-GENERAL, I. M. D.,
Fort Saint George, 10th October 1874.

From

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

To

The Chief Secretary to Government.
Financial Department
Fort Saint George.

SIR,

I have the honor to report to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, as regard [illegible] Circular, that all Civil Indents were ordered to be sent in on the 1st of January, in order that they might all be disposed of before receipt of the Military Indents on the 1st April.

This

2. The Cinchona Indent was dated 1st January, but it was not received in this Office until the 5th March. It was disposed of and sent to the Depôt on the 23rd March. The work of the Depôt since then did not allow of the despatch of the Cinchona supplies until the 7th September, the cause of the past work in the Depôt is its very short stock leading to repeated indents

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3. The Town Commissioners of Cumbum complain that none of the six items on the margin were in store, and beg to place on the margin the quantities sent of three of them - none of the other three were indented for. Fish liver Oil is not even named in the indent and of the other two, the required column is blank. All supplies are issuable only on indent and if the Commissioners will now indent, their requirements will be complied with.

Quinine.	suspended Sent.
Iodide of Potassium 8 ozs asked for	4 oz Sent.
Tincture of Iron, 8 ozs asked for	4 Sent.
Fish liver Oil	Not indented for.
Nitrate of Silver.	
Chloroform.	

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant,

Surgeon Major General.
Surgeon General
Indian Medical Dept.

Financial Department,

No. 2114.

From The Surgeon General C. L. H. D.

Dated 10 Oct 1874.

FOR ORDERS.

Rec'd by Hon. Mr. Sim
without remarks - 16/10

Read & minutes passed between the
consultant and the assistant
Surgeon. Has it almost as much
duty that Municipalities may ask,
but will not accept, assistance
by Dispensary. I do not understand
Ld D. Balfour's proposal to the
delay: but it is evident that no
D. Balfour remedy must at once be applied
Pr 17/10

Financial 1874. Department

From Inspector-General E. Balfour,
Inspector-General of Hospitals,
Indian Medical Department,
Fort Saint George,

To

The Chief Secretary to Government,
Financial Department,
Fort St George

Dated 10th October

Despatched

Received 12. —

No. 400 & 2114

Subject.

Reports that although
the rate in the
1st Army as required in G.O.
28 September.

No. 265. —

Dept does not represent
the United States of Mex
The fact is that
he has allowed the
United States Govt
quite a condition that
is absolutely dangerous
& unpresent — Either
that Mr Mc C. has
written out & Mr Clark
that in the Conl Dep
requiring old letters
be made.
D. R. Holmes has
allowed to withdraw
his correspondence with
the State Dept
2/100

Finl. Department.

Proceedings of the Madras Government.

Read the following letter from the Surgeon General, Indn. Medl. Deptt., dated 10th October 1874. No 466.

Order thereon of Govt. dated 28 Oct 1874 No 1849.

The Surgeon General's explanation is unsatisfactory. The Govt. cannot understand that difficulty in complying with indents is caused by their non-submission within the prescribed date, and it was open to the Surgeon General to bring the matter to the notice of Government, in view to steps being taken to prevent the recurrence of difficulties of the kind. The plan which

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2. (as in Draft).

such
appears to have been adop-
-ted of simply delaying
compliance for six months
was so obviously improper
in the case of such articles
as medical stores, that His
Excellency the Governor
in Council is constrained to
express his astonishment
that the adoption of such
a measure should ever have
suggested itself to the
Medical Storekeeper, and
still more that the exis-
-tence of such a practice
should be alluded to by
the Surgeon General with-
-out any expressions of dis-
-approval.

2. The Surgeon General will submit for the in-
-formation of Govt at an early date, a list showing the dates on which the indents for Civil Hospitals for

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To

The Surgeon General
Indn Medl Dept.

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Note.

In this correspondence Dr Balfour has not alluded to the low stocks. He may probably do so again in reply to the above draft.

From

From the Proceedings in the Military Dept.t put up it appears that the insufficient state of the stock has already been brought to the notice of the Govt. of India in that Department. The Military Dept.t might be asked to telegraph for Orders on their letter dated 8.th Septr. 1874. No 2935 as the Govt. of India may have overlooked the very great urgency of the case which can only be gathered from stray passages in one of Dr. Balfour's very discursive letters.

Might not Govt (in the absence of its Instructions to the contrary) direct action to be taken in accordance with Colonel Gillilan's recommendation in para 9 of his letter with the Proceedings of Govt in the Military Dept. above referred to. The matter however pertains more properly to the Military Dept.t

1869
Delay in compliance
with Order for Issue
Store

from orders in Council

Govt. of {1874} Madras.

Financial

To

The Surg. Genl. I. M. Dept.

G. O. Date 28 , 1874 , No. 849.

Nos. 260. 261.

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