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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,*
*8th May* 1874.

Read the following papers :—

No. 75. From W. S. FOSTER, Esq., Acting Collector of the Godavery District, to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Cocanada, 10th April 1874, No. 3.

I have the honour to forward, herewith, copy of a letter from the Municipal Commissioners at Rajahmundry, dated the 27th ultimo, No. 84, requesting that a commissioned medical officer may be posted to Rajahmundry instead of the Apothecary recently appointed.

2. I am not aware of any grounds on which I can support the proposition, but I should be glad to see such an officer posted if Government can spare one.

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From the Municipal Commissioners of Rajahmundry, to W. S. FOSTER, Esq., Eresident of the Municipal Commission, Godavery District, dated Rajahmundry, 27th March 1874, No. 84.

We have the honour to request you will be good enough to apply to Government or to the Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department, for the services of a commissioned medical officer for this large and important station instead of the Apothecary recently appointed here on the grounds—

I. That this is the headquarters of a large and important district.

II. That it contains the principal Civil Dispensary.

III. That the number of people (European, East Indian, and Native, besides Government officials) requiring attendance is large.

IV. That the district is one subject to much fever (both jungle and delta), and with the town of Rajahmundry itself, to violent outbreaks of cholera and small-pox.

V. That the attendance at the hospital is very great.

VI. That besides Rajahmundry there is Dowlaiswaram, another large important place close by.

Further that the state of the Civil Dispensary when Dr. Bilderbeck, the Superintendent of the Central Jail, took temporary charge of it* (as shown by that officer in his letters to the Municipal Commissioners) proves that a medical officer of superior rank and attainments to an Apothecary is required to maintain this important Civil Dispensary in an efficient state. Also it may be pointed out that, with the exception of Dr. Branfoot at Cocanada, whose time is fully occupied at that important post, there is not a medical officer of the superior grades between Vizagapatam and Masulipatam.

* From Dr. Doig, late Honorary Surgeon of Rajahmundry.

Signature of NALAM KAMARAZ in Telugu character,
" BEJAGAM SOMAYYA in do.
" MAHOMED KHASSIM in Persian character,
} *Commissioners.*

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Referred to the Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department, for report.

OOTACAMUND,
17*th April* 1874.

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

No. 76. From Surgeon-General E. G. BALFOUR, Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department, to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Fort St. George, 29th April 1874, No. 192.

I have the honour to re-enclose the marginal documents, in which a desire is expressed on the part of the Municipal Commissioners of Rajahmundry (and recommended by the Collector of the District), that if available a commissioned medical officer be appointed to the Civil Station there, in the place of the recently-appointed warrant medical officer.

No. 3, dated 10th April 1874, from the Collector, Godavery District.
No. 84, dated 27th March 1874, from the Municipal Commissioners, Rajahmundry, to the Collector, Godavery District.

2. I have the honour to mention that Mr. Apothecary H. Hitchcock is a warrant officer of recognised ability, and it was my intention, in a few days, to submit, for favourable consideration, a recommendation to promote him to the honorary rank of Surgeon.

3. I would further explain that Mr. Hitchcock's nomination to Rajahmundry was not made, as the Municipality appear to suppose, because a commissioned officer could not be spared, but his name was submitted for that appointment in accordance with the marginal orders of Government, and in order to continue there the class of warrant medical officer who have been employed there, because ever since the year 1870 that Civil Surgeoncy has been filled by an officer of the warrant grade raised to honorary rank.

1867, 17th June, G.O., No. 702.
1868, 16th April, ,, ,, 471.
1869, 21st July, ,, ,, 1017.

4. By paragraphs 4 and 7 of the letter in G.O., No. 702, of 17th June 1867, it will be observed that Rajahmundry had up to that time been a second-class Civil Station in charge of an Apothecary, but was then made a first-class station. In G.O., No. 471, of 16th April 1868, it was retained in that grade. But subsequently by G.O., No. 1017, of 21st July 1869, in consequence of a representation from the Government of India, Rajahmundry was reduced to a second-class station.

5. I beg to mention that Rajahmundry is not dependant on one medical man, for it possesses a Medical Superintendent of the Jail, and, in the desire of Government to have opportunities for rewarding meritorious warrant medical officers, it is, in my opinion, undesirable to deprive the Apothecary grade of any of the appointments which they have hitherto filled.

6. On this point, also, I would add that the professional education which the warrant medical officers receive is identical with the curriculum which is now before the Government as recommended for the grade of civil practitioners; and, recently, when the subject of the Degree of Licentiate of Medicine was submitted to the Medical Faculty of the University, the majority of the Faculty advised that such degree should be granted by the Madras Medical College, and that the applicants for it should pursue the curriculum now followed by the warrant grade.

7. I mention all the above points in order that the subject may be fully before Government. It is for the good of the public service that the warrant medical officers should have openings for their advancement; it is also of



importance that Municipalities should have allotted to them such medical officers as they may wish for, and it will be for Government to decide whether, as requested, a commissioned officer be sent, or as hitherto a warrant officer. If Government decide that Mr. Apothecary Hitchcock, who is now there, shall be displaced by a commissioned officer, I would ask on his behalf an order to reimburse him for the expenses of his movements. I will be able to provide him with some other office to his liking though no other can be available which would make him a commissioned officer; and if a commissioned officer be sent to Rajahmundry, it will deprive the warrant officers of this grade of rank.

8. It will be observed by the Proceedings of Government, which I have marginally given, that my predecessor mentioned that Rajahmundry had, at one time, been a second-class station, but suggested it should be declared of a first-class, and subsequently again recommended that it should be a second-class station, and a warrant officer located there. As Government may wish to know why that change was made, I beg to refer to the Proceedings of Government of 4th February 1870, by which it will be found that the Collector of Vizagapatam represented that the European residents at Cocanada had become more numerous than at Rajahmundry, and the warrant medical officer was on that account transferred to Rajahmundry, one of the two commissioned officers of Rajahmundry replacing him at Cocanada.

9. It may be necessary further to explain that the charge of the second-class station of Rajahmundry is borne by the Provincial Funds, and it will be to the latter that any increased charge would be debited. The Municipality bear no share thereof.

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No. 77. ORDER THEREON, 8th May 1874, No. 794.

The Governor in Council agrees with Dr. Balfour, and directs that the Municipal Commissioners of Rajahmundry be informed that he is unable to accede to their request.

(True Extract.)

*Acting Chief Secretary.*

To the Collector of the Godavery District.
,, Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department.

Exd. J. Wright.

Govt of 1874 Madras.

FINANCIAL.

To THE COLLECTOR OF THE GODAVERY DISTRICT,

&c, &c, &c

Dated May, 8th.

Recd. Read.

G.O., 8th May 1874, No. 794.

MAY.
Nos. 75–77.

*Rajahmundry Municipality.*—Under the opinion expressed by the Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department, the Municipal Commissioners of Rajahmundry informed that Government are unable to accede to their request that a commissioned medical officer may be posted to the station.

No 3.

Godavery District
Collectors Office
Cuanada 10th April 1874

From

W. S. Foster Esquire
Ag Collector

To

The Honorable D.F. Carmichael
Ag Chief Secretary to Government

Sir.

I have the honor to forward herewith copy of a letter from the Municipal Commissioners at Rajahmundry dated the 27th ultimo No. 84 requesting that a Commissioned Medical Officer may be posted to Rajahmundry instead of the Apothecary recently appointed.

2 I am not aware of any grounds on which I can support the proposition, but I should be glad to see such an Officer posted if Government can spare one.

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

W S Foster
Ag Collector

Encl Communication
and Clerk

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between Vizagapatam and Masulipatam

We have the honorable
Sir
Your most obedient Servants

Signature of Palam Ramaraz in Telugu character.
" " Bejagam Somayya in Do
" " Mohomed Khasim in Persian
character.

Commissioners.

/True Copy/

W. S Doster
President.

Municipal Office
Rajahmundry
27th March 1874

No. 84

From

The Municipal Commissioners
Rajahmundry

To

The President
Municipal Commission
Godavery District.

Sir,

We have the honor to request you will be good enough to apply to Government or to the Surgeon General Indian Medical Department for the services of a Commissioned medical officer for this large and important station instead of the Apothecary recently appointed here on the grounds:-

I That this is the Head Quarters of a large and important District.

II That it contains the principal Civil Dispensary.

III. That the number of people

Referred to the Surgeon General Indian Medical Department for report.

Ootacamund
17th April 1874

D Rennie Lt
Acting Chief Secy

To
The Surgeon General Indian
Medical Department

17/4/74.

Referred

Examining Officer

Referred

No. 192

OFFICE OF ~~INSPECTOR~~-GENERAL, I. M. D.,
*Fort Saint George, 29th April* 1874.

From

INSPECTOR-GENERAL EDWARD BALFOUR,
*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 re-enclose the marginal documents, in which a desire is expressed on the part of the Municipal Commissioners of Rajahmundry, and recommended by the Collector of the District, that, if available, a Commissioned Medical Officer be appointed to the Civil station there, in the place of the recently appointed Warrant Medical Officer.

2. I have the honor to mention, that Mr. Apothecary A. Aitchcock is a warrant Officer of recognized ability, and it was my intention, in a few days, to submit for favorable consideration, a recommendation to promote him to the honorary rank of Surgeon.

3. I would further explain, that Mr. Aitchcock's nomination to Rajahmundry was not made, as the Municipality appear to suppose, because a Commissioned Officer could not be spared, but his name was submitted for that appointment, in accordance with rules.

dated 10th April 1874, from the Collector, Godavery District.
dated 27th March 1874 from the Municipal Commissioners, Rajahmundry to the Collector, Godavery District.

Rec'd 2/5/74

On 29-4-1874 Office
Inspector General
Indian Medical Department
Fort Saint George
Letter from the
Collector Godavery 24-4-74
To the Chief Secretary
to Government
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No 3.

Copy of a letter
from the Municipal
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Rajahmundry.

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4. By paras 4 and 7 of the letter in G.O. No. 772 of 17th June 1867, it will be observed, that Rajahmundry had up to that time been a second class Civil Station in charge of an Apothecary; but was then made a first class station. In G.O. No. 471 of 16th April 1868 it was retained in that grade. But subsequently by G.O. No. 1017 of 21st July 1869, in consequence of a representation from the Government of Madras Rajahmundry was reduced to a second class station.

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9. It may be necessary further, to explain, that the charge of the second class station of Rajahmundry is borne by the Provincial Funds, and it will be to the latter that any increased charge would be debited. The Municipality bear no share

thereof.

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

Edward Balfour Surgn Genl
Surgeon General
Indian Medical Dept

Acknowledged 28th May 1874 No 994

His Excellency in Council agrees with the Secretary and directs that the Honble Commissariat be informed that he is unable to accede to their request.

To the Collector of this Sub-division
" - Superintendent Indian Medical Dept

1874

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From

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

To

The Chief Secretary to Government
Financial Dept
Political Dept

Dated 29th May
Despatched 30th do
Received 2nd June
No. 194
Subject.

Rs 9189 Salaries and allowances of the establishment of the Veterinary Surgeon and Medical Officer in charge of the Royal Stud at Rajahmundry

Govt. of {1874} Madras.

Financial

To the Coll^r. of the Godavery Dt.
Jes.

G.O. May. 8, 1874, No. 794.

Nos. 75. 77.

Rajahmundry Mumy. Rules

the opinion expressed by the Surg. Genl. I. M. Dept.; the Mumd. Commrs. of Rajahmundry informed that Govt. are unable to accede to their request that a Commissioned Med^l. officer may be posted to the Station.