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Local Funds—Medical.

No. 145. Read the following letter from Surgeon-General E. G. BALFOUR, Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department, to the Honorable D. F. CARMICHAEL, Officiating Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Fort St. George, 7th August 1875, No. 419 :—

The Revenue Board referred to me a question whether the Local Fund Hospitals should be permitted to purchase European Medical Stores in the local markets of Madras.

2. I misapprehended the point of the Board's reference and re-addressed the Board on the subject in my letter, No. 2492, of 20th March 1875, (printed in Board's Proceedings, No. 1131, of 3rd May 1875,) in which I have fully recorded my opinion, that it is unadvisable to permit local purchases, and I need therefore only mention here that, alike on the grounds of economy and of discipline, my convictions are very strong as to the necessity for adhering to the present course of the Principal Depôt of Medical Stores being the medium of supply, and European Chemists' shops never resorted to. Of the three Foreign Governments within the Madras range, those of Mysore, Hyderabad, and Travancore, all obtain their Medical Stores direct from Europe. I would further mention, with reference to the subject under notice, that G.O., No. 1415, of 13th October 1869, approved of Civil Dispensaries providing themselves with such European and country medicines as were procurable in most local bazaars. Accordingly, lists marked A and B were framed and circulated to the service, sample specimens of all the drugs enumerated therein were also supplied, and in the blank forms of the annual Indent the names of the items to be obtained locally were printed in italics. It is, however, proper to mention that some of the articles in the A and B lists are little, if at all, used in European Medical practice, others are not found in all the up-country places with dispensaries, while several articles that are generally procurable, are of doubtful purity. Therefore, with regard to the requirements of dispensaries, I recommend that all articles at present ordered to be procured from the depôt, should continue to be so procured, and that permission be given for the articles in the lists A and B to be purchased in the local market or from the depôt as the Municipalities and Local Fund Boards may wish. It is, however, advisable to mention that there are very few drugs in which the depôt cannot undersell the up-country bazaars, and at the same time supply articles of the purity of which there is no doubt.

1875, 24th February, No. 1526, Revenue Board.
,, 3rd May ,, 1131, ,, ,,
,, 6th July ,, 1428, Government.

No. 146. ORDER THEREON, 20th August 1875, No. 1694.

On consideration of the papers submitted with the foregoing letter it is observed that in their Proceedings, dated the 24th February 1875, No. 1526, the Board of Revenue saw no objection "to the purchase of medicines of certain kinds in the local market," as "such purchase would probably tend to economy in many cases, and might be safely allowed as regards defined classes of drugs."

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
20th August 1875.

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3. The Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department, in his aforesaid letter of reference practically yields the point, for he recommends that "permission be given for the articles in the lists A and B to be purchased in the local market or from the depôt as the Municipalities and Local Fund Boards may wish."

4. The Governor in Council grants the desired permission, on the understanding that all articles at present obtained from the Medical Stores shall continue to be so obtained.

(True Extract.)

D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Officiating Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department.
,, Presidents of all Municipalities.
,, Accountant-General.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

Govt. of {1875} Madras.

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

Dated August, 20th.
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G.O., 20th August 1875, No. 1694.

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Nos. 145-146.

Local Funds, Medical.—Local and Municipal Boards permitted to purchase certain descriptions of medicines in the local market, on the understanding that all articles at present obtained from the Medical Stores shall continue to be so obtained.

No. 1,131.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 3rd May 1875.

Read the following letter from Surgeon W. S. FOX, Acting Secretary to the Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Fort St. George, 20th March 1875, No. 2,492 :—

I AM directed by the Surgeon-General to acknowledge receipt of the Revenue Board's Proceedings, No. 1,526, of the 24th ultimo, and to mention that there are many objections to dispensaries under control of Government officers making purchases of drugs, instruments, and competing against each other in the local markets, by which, as regards the Madras Presidency, it may be presumed the market of this city is intended.

2. Under the existing rules, each hospital in the country makes an annual indent for medicines in quantities sufficient to cover an expenditure of eighteen months calculated on the bye-gone year's expenditure.

3. If the hospital calculations have been correct, only some extraordinary cause could make the supply insufficient, and what that cause is, only the Deputy Surgeon-General of the Circle or this office can know.

4. It would be a very unadvisable condition in which to place the Army medical officers, to leave them without control, which they would be, if allowed to expend without explanation.

5. The supposition that it would be economical to buy drugs in the local market has not been found to be possible, neither is it possible for any one to be certain that the article purchased is genuine. On these two points, I am to attach copies of letters which have been addressed to officers on the matter of purchases, so made by which it will be observed that many times the price (twice to ten times) is paid for items so obtained, and repeated instances have shown that the market contains only very limited supplies and that spurious substances are so tendered. The Surgeon-General has seen offered for sale in a bazaar a substance marked quinine, with every appearance of a genuine label, but at a price only half of what the greatest wholesale druggists of Europe manufacture it; and recently in this town and at Calcutta instances have been noticed in the market of spurious drugs : several parties entering into the Madras market would certainly raise prices to a great height. So late as last week, an instance was mentioned of a sudden small demand raising the price of an article five times above its usual charge.

6. In 1871, there was made a change as to the quantity to be kept in the medical depôts, *viz.*, reducing same to a two years' stock, calculating as part, all that in store and all that indented for, though unsupplied. Also great intervals have occurred between the indent and the date of receipt from Europe. The

result has been difficulty in supplying every demand and the multiplication of supplementary indents to meet defalcations by occupying the time of the depôt has occasioned intervals to elapse before asked for supplies to hospitals were despatched; but Bombay and Calcutta seem to have been worse situated than this depôt, and it is hoped that the representations made have already remedied the defective state in which this depôt had been placed. But I am desired to mention that regularity in sending in the indents is the safest course for any hospital; and with regard to the Darampoory Dispensary, I am to place on the margin the reply received from the principal medical storekeeper in answer to a reference made to him on the subject of the Board's Proceedings. The Board will observe that there have been irregularities as to the place; there was no indent from Darampoory in 1873 or 1874-75.

"Has the honor to state that no indent, annual or extra, was received from the Civil Dispensary at Darampoory in 1874-75.

2. "On the 22nd of April 1873, a sanctioned indent was received from your office for medicines, &c., for the Civil Dispensary at *Ahtoor*; this was complied with and despatched on the 10th of June 1873, but the indent was not returned receipted until *October* 1874, when it came bearing the signature of the medical officer in charge of the Civil Dispensary, *Darampoory*. It was forwarded by the President of the Local Fund Board, Salem, with a letter, No. 932, dated 8th October 1874, intimating that the supplies had been transferred, and with a request that a communication might be made to the Examiner of Medical Accounts, in order that the value, Rupees 200-7-0, might be debited against Darampoory.

"The President's letter and the indent were forwarded to the Examiner of Medical Accounts on the 12th October 1874. In the absence of the original indent, the duplicate had been forwarded to the Examiner in July 1873, and neither has been returned.

"On the 3rd instant, that officer was requested to return the indent as it was required by the Surgeon-General for reference, but no answer has yet come to hand. A reminder is this day forwarded."

7. On searching this office records, there is observed an indent from Darampooram, received on the 30th January 1874, and passed 23rd February 1874, and it will now be ascertained whether Darampooram and Darampoory are identical. An indent from Darampoory was received into this office on the 27th January 1875, and passed on the 29th January 1875. On inquiry of the principal medical storekeeper, he informs me that the Darampoory indent passed by this office on the 29th January last will be despatched to-day.

8. Under all these circumstances, does the Board consider it necessary to refer the matter to Government? If so, the letter and Proceedings will be forwarded.

Enclosures Nos. 1 and 2.—Copies of letters to Deputy Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department.

The Board think it advisable that a definite order should be obtained from Government, and therefore that the papers should be submitted.

2. The Board's remark in paragraph 2 of their Proceedings, Miscellaneous No. 1,526, dated 24th February, was intended to apply to the purchase of what they believe are known as country medicines, and are obtainable in most bazaars. They see no objection to the purchase of such medicines by the local medical officer; but are decidedly of opinion that no purchases of medicines which can only be obtained from druggists' shops in Madras should be allowed in the case of Local Fund Dispensaries; though it is undoubtedly the case that much inconvenience has been caused by delays in the supply from the medical stores.

3. It is observed that Dharapooram is in Coimbatore, Dharampuri in Salem.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Acting Secretary.

To the Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department,
with Board's Proceedings, dated 24th February 1875,
Miscellaneous No. 1,526, returned.

Copy to the Collector of Salem.

Exd. W. H. French.

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Board of Revenue,

MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 3RD MAY 1875, No. 1,131.

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MAY.

No. 1,131.

European Medicines and Surgical Instruments.—Opinion expressed that it is advisable to obtain a definite order from Government regarding the purchase of — at local markets, and that Board's Proceedings, Miscellaneous No. 1,526, of 24th February 1875, on the subject should be submitted to Government. Board's remarks made in those Proceedings that purchase of certain kinds of medicines in the local market may be allowed, explained.

No. 4,218.

CIRCULAR.

MEMORANDUM.

In continuation of Circular No. 4,217 of 19th current, the following instructions are issued for the guidance of Medical Officers in charge of Mofussil Civil Dispensaries:—

2. The rapid multiplication of these Institutions during the past few years, and the prospect of a progressive increase in their number for some years to come, render it necessary that their cost to Government should be reduced in every way consistent with their efficiency.

Public Department, No. 1,415 of 13th October 1869.

3. Government have accordingly ruled*—

(1*st*). That Civil Dispensaries in this Presidency shall be required to provide themselves locally, and from their own funds, with such of the newly introduced indigenous drugs of the Indian Pharmacopœia as may be required: and

(2*ndly*). That the scale of European medicines for these Dispensaries be revised; such articles at present contained in the printed form of Indent as are procurable of sufficiently good quality in local bazaars being omitted, and these medicines also being purchased from the Dispensary Funds.

4. The Officiating Principal Medical Storekeeper has reported that the most important of the officinal indigenous drugs of the Indian Pharmacopœia are, with a few exceptions, procurable in all large bazaars; and Government have sanctioned the exceptional articles, (named in the margin) being supplied to Dispensaries by the Medical Store Department on Indent. Deputy Medical Storekeepers will make the necessary provision for this purpose.

Berberis Asiatica.
Calotropis Gigantea.
Tylophora Asthmatica.
Datura Alba.
Crinum Asiaticum.

5. Government have likewise sanctioned Dr. Bidie's proposal to furnish Medical Officers in charge of Dispensaries with a standard specimen of each of the newly introduced indigenous drugs; in order to prevent their being supplied with inferior, or spurious, articles.

6. A list (A) of these Drugs, showing the prices at which they may usually be purchased at Madras, is appended for information.

7. A list (B) of the medicines alluded to in paragraph 3 (2nd) is also annexed.

8. The above arrangements are applicable to all Mofussil Civil Dispensaries in provinces under the Civil administration of the Madras Government; and they will take effect from the 1st April 1870.

9. To avoid unnecessary multiplication of printed papers, one form only of revised Indent of each class will be issued; the articles *not* to be indented for by Mofussil Civil Dispensaries being entered *in italics*.

(By Order.)

C. BARCLAY, Surgn.-Major,
Acting Secretary to Inspector-General,
Indian Medical Department.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR-GENERAL,
INDIAN MEDICAL DEPARTMENT,
Fort Saint George, 19*th Nov.* 1869.

To

All Deputy Inspectors-General,
Indian Medical Department,

Division.

I. Fil. No 1076
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LIST A.

Aconiti heterophylli radix, 1 to 1¼ rupee per lb.

Tinosporœ caules, 1 anna per lb.

Berberis cortex (will be issued from Medical Stores).

Sinapis Indica. 1, anna per lb.

Dipterocarpi balsamum. (gurjun) ' wood oil' can be got at moderate price.

Toddaliæ radix, 2 annas per lb.

Olibanum, 4 annas per lb.

Azadirachtæ cortex, 1 anna per lb.

Soymidæ cortex. (price not ascertained).

Mucunæ legumen, 8 annas per lb.

Catechu nigrum, 3 or 4 annas per lb.

Bonducellæ semina, 3 or 4 annas per lb.

Abri radix, 2 annas per lb.

Arachis oleum, 2 annas per lb.

Ptychotis fructus, 1 to 1¼ annas per lb.

Hydrocotylis pulvis, 4 to 6 annas per lb.

Granati cortex, 2 annas per lb.

Calotropis cortex (will be issued from Medical Stores).

Tylophoræ folia (will be issued from Medical Stores).

Pharbitis semina, 4 annas per lb.

Audrographis caules, (creyat), 2 annas per lb.

Tinctura daturæ (will be issued from Medical Stores).

Ispaghulæ semina, 2 annas per lb.

Crini radix (will be issued from Medical Stores).

LIST B.

Acacia.
Alumen.
Ammonii chloridum.
Borax.
Camphor.
Catechu.
Chirata.
Cubeba.
Cupri sulphas.
Ferri sulphas.
Gallæ.
Hemidesmi radix.
Oleum ricini.
Oleum Sesami Indici.
Potassæ nitras.
Senna Indica.
Zingiberis pulvis.
Kamala.
Aloes.
Mara munjil, substitute for calumbæ.
Crotonis oleum.
Opium.
Scilla.

C. BARCLAY, Surgeon-Major,
Acting Secretary Inspector-General,
Indian Medical Department.

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Local Fund Board, Coimbatore Circle, at a Special Meeting held at Daraapuram on the 6th November 1874.

Present: Vice President
Tahsildar of Daraapuram
—— do —— Kistnagherry
Dy Inspector of Schools.
Chittambala Chetty garu.
Ramaluga Mudaliar

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3. Read Supplemental Indent sent in by the Passed Hospital Apprentice in Charge of the L.F. Dispensary at Daraapuram —— Resolved that Rs 200. be sanctioned for a further Supply of Medicines and instruments for the Daraapuram Dispensary; that this sum be handed over to the Tahsildar of Daraapuram to obtain

Revenue Department.

Miscellaneous No 1526

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 24th February — 1875.

Read the following

No 1047

From,
The President
Local Fund Boards
Salem District

To,
The Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Madras

Sir,

I have the honor to request the opinion of the Board of Revenue on the following point; Viz— whether European Medicines and Surgical instruments required for Local Fund Dispensaries may be purchased in the Local market instead of from the Government Medical Store at Madras.

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(True Extract).

(Signed) J. Wilkinson
ag: Vice President.

(True Copy).

C. D. Lawrence
President.

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Dr 1404— 195—
Dr 3695:

Dr Collr Ashola
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Agt Cuddalore
Dist Salem

Asst Collr 7/5/75

to a resolution of the Local Fund Board of Coimbatore passed at their meeting held on the 5th Instant (copy enclosed) in which they request the payment of Rs 200 for the purchase of Medicines and instruments at Madras.

Rule No 57 of the Local Fund Rules simply states that "Medicines apparatus and supplies of all kinds hitherto furnished to Dispensaries from the Medical Stores shall be furnished to Dispensaries and Hospitals, under the control of the Local Fund Boards, on Indents sanctioned by them" "such Indents" being forwarded "through the Board of Revenue" Rule and No 58 lays down the procedure for the adjustment of the value of such medicines from Local Funds. But it is no-where said that Medicines if can shall be purchased from the Government Stores only; neither is the contrary apparent from any of the rules. As I am doubtful on the point, I request the instructions of the Board.

I have &c
Salem, Local Fund Board's Office
25th November 1875 ——— (Signed) C. J. Longley
President.

Submitted for the orders of Government through the Surgeon General Indian Medical Department.

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(True Copy & Extract)

H Elkins

Ag Secretary

To,

The Chief Secretary to Government

Financial Department

through Surgeon General

Indian Medical Deptt

with extract from Proc: of Local

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No. 419.

OFFICE OF SURGEON-GENERAL, I. M. D.,
Fort Saint George, 7 August 1875.

From

SURGEON-GENERAL EDWARD BALFOUR,
Surgeon-General,
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Fort Saint George.

To

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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant

Edwd Balfour Surgeon
Surgeon General
Madras Medical Dept

Financial Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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Order thereon. Ordered 20th August 1875. No. 1694.

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To The Chief Secretary to Government, Financial Dept. Fort St. George

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