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Municipal—Medical.

Read the following papers :—

No. 71. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 14th December 1875, No. 3364.

Read the following letter from J. HOPE, Esq., Acting Collector of Kurnool, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 4th December 1875, No. 464 :—

On the 16th ultimo the Acting Head Assistant Collector wrote to me that fever, which had been "decreasing in virulence" at Cumbum, was again "rapidly increasing;" that the admissions to the Civil Dispensary had increased fourfold, and there was "hardly a home without fever;" and requested me, with reference to G.O., No. 1,297, dated 26th October 1875, to have additional medical aid sent as soon as possible, and also forwarded two indents, one for extra medicines and the other for "medical comforts" to be procured through the Commissariat. To avoid delay I purchased a small supply of the latter (port wine, brandy, arrowroot, &c., which, with reference to paragraph 4 of G.O., No. 1,453, dated 2nd October 1875, do not appear to have been up to this time supplied to the Civil Hospital) in the local market, and forwarded it express to Cumbum, and at the same time transmitted Mr. Farmer's indents to the Surgeon-General for immediate compliance.

2. Mr. Farmer now raises the question whether the medical comforts sent by me are to be supplied gratis, and, if not, at what rate they should be charged for.

3. I considered the question to be one on which it is desirable to obtain the orders of Government, which I have now the honor to solicit; and informed Mr. Farmer that, pending the orders of Government, the Hospital Assistant may be allowed to use his discretion in supplying the medical comforts gratis to such sick persons as he thinks proper. I now beg the Board will move Government to pass orders on the question raised, and direct the Surgeon-General to supply the medicines indented for from him direct.

Submitted for the orders of Government through the Surgeon-General.

2. The Board would not supply medical comforts to out-patients *gratis*, and request orders whether they may be supplied, in the exceptional circumstances of Cumbum, to such patients on payment. Such might possibly be held to be a breach of the Abkári law. The Board believe the present practice to be that they are supplied to in-patients only at the discretion of the medical officers.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

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

No. 72. From Surgeon-General E. G. BALFOUR, Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated Fort St. George, 20th December 1875, No. 651.

The Board of Revenue has sent to me the document which I now enclose, in which the Acting Collector of Kurnool mentions a request from the Head Assistant

Collector to have hospital comforts supplied by Government to the sick of the Cumbum hospital.

2. On receipt by me of the Head Assistant's letter requesting such supply, I asked the Commissariat Department to supply the asked-for articles; but, since many years, all such articles, as also the diet of patients, have been supplied to the sick of provincial hospitals from the subscriptions of the inhabitants as now from Municipal and Local Fund Board revenues.

3. The unhealthy state of the town of Cumbum has lately been prominently before Government, and the reduced health and circumstances of the remaining population are the only grounds on which such a request can be made; and if Government be inclined to aid that community, I suggest that it be by undertaking, temporarily, to provide the medical officer at the expense of the Provincial Funds.

No. 73. ORDER THEREON, 11th January 1876, No. 51.

The Governor in Council does not consider that sufficient cause is shown for the supply, at Government expense, of "Hospital Comforts" to any but in-patients treated at the Cumbum Municipal Hospital.

2. The Collector will report direct to Government on the present state of fever at Cumbum, and submit weekly returns of deaths.

W. HUDLESTON,
Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, President of the Cumbum Municipality.
,, Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department.

Exd. A. S. Rodgers.

Govt. of Madras.

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To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated January, 11*th*.

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Procs: of the Board of Revr
dd 14. Decr 1875. No. -
Letter from Surgeon General
Indian Medical Dept.
dd 20. Decr/75. No. 651.

I agree with the Board thereon -

Let report the measures
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State of fever - & deaths -
& by
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I would give Port wine only
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To the Board of Revenue.
- " - Chief of the Cumbum
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- " - Surgeon General &c
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H Stuart M. Thurburn
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Secretary to Govt

Govt. of {187 } Madras.

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Mr Forbes

Revenue Depart.

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(Sd) James Hope
Actg Collector.

Kurnool Collectr's Office
4th Decr 1850

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True Copy & Extract

A. Clarke
Actg Secretary

To
The Secretary to Government R.D.
through Surgeon General
Indian Medical Department.

C.B.

No. 651

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OFFICE OF SURGEON-GENERAL, I. M. D.,

Fort Saint George, 20 Decr 1875.

From

SURGEON-GENERAL EDWARD BALFOUR,
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Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Edwar Balfour Surgeon General

Surgeon General
Indian Medical Department.

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To

The Secretary to Govt.
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To.

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Govt. of {187 } Madras.

To H. Morley Esq.

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Forwd. Copy &c. &c. Staff Surgeon of Hospl. Comptn. to Govt. Copy & Enclosure of the Commissioner Capt. Sanitary &c. &c. Report on the State of the Sewers at Cuddalore called for.