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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

4th February 1881, No. 219.

Local Funds—Medical.

Read the following paper:—

No. 9. *Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 7th January 1881, No. 7.*

Read the following letter from Surgeon-General W. R. CORNISH, F.R.C.S., C.I.E., Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Fort St. George, 7th December 1880, No. 6634:—

With reference to Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, Miscellaneous No. 13,181, of 29th November, I have the honor to forward, for the information of the Board, extracts from correspondence with the Civil Surgeon, Coimbatore, on the subject of allowing a first-class indent for the Polláchi Local Fund Dispensary.

2. The second and third class indents have been recently revised with the special object of meeting requirements of such hospitals, and, exercising my professional judgment, I cannot sanction the issue of medicines for charitable relief, which I believe to be wholly unnecessary in medical practice. The Civil Surgeon of Coimbatore after inspection considers the supply of medicines included in a second-class indent to be sufficient.

3. The Board will see from the correspondence the position I have taken up in this matter, viz., that if medical relief is to be largely extended for the benefit of the poor by local taxation, the indigenous resources of the country must be more widely resorted to, and the expenditure of European medicines must be restricted to certain drugs of proved value and efficacy; and, in regard to the latter, that if a cheap medicine will answer the purpose, it must be employed in preference to a dearer one. This is a matter of professional control which has to be decided on general grounds and in the interests of Local Fund Boards as a whole, and I infer that no members of such Boards are anxious to wreck their medical relief on the shoals of unnecessary outlay and extravagance.

4. If my control was of the nominal character which the Coimbatore Local Fund Board would seem to desire it to be, I am afraid that a few years hence the medical relief would be so costly and burdensome, that an extension of the system to areas as yet unprovided with dispensaries would be wholly impracticable.

In August last the President of the Local Fund Board, Coimbatore, reported to the Board that the Assistant Surgeon in charge of the Polláchi Hospital had brought to notice that certain drugs recently indented for in accordance with previous practice had been disallowed, and that he considered that a first-class medical indent should be allowed to Polláchi "as a special case."

The President stated that the Assistant Surgeon's letter had been placed before the Civil Surgeon, who was "of opinion that the dispensary should be allowed a first-class indent."

2. The President's letter was referred to the Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras who intimated, in reply, that he considered a second-class indent sufficient for the dispensary in question.

3. This letter was communicated to the Local Fund Board, who passed a resolution to the effect that as they were "willing to provide a first-class indent for the Polláchi Dispensary, which in their opinion requires it, it should not have been refused." It was further remarked that among so large a number of patients, 9,396 in 1879-80, "the types of disease must be very varied."

4. Before laying this resolution before Government, the Board asked the Surgeon-General if he saw any ground for reconsidering his opinion, and that officer now states that the "second and third class indents have been recently revised with the special object of meeting the requirements of such hospitals," and that in the exercise of his "professional judgment" he "cannot sanction the issue of medicines for charitable relief" which he believes to be "wholly unnecessary in medical practice." The Surgeon-General points out that, unless economy were practised, "medical relief would be so costly and burdensome that an extension of the system to areas as yet unprovided with dispensaries would be wholly impracticable."

5. There is thus a distinct issue raised as to the control to be exercised by the Surgeon-General in the matter of medicines indented for by Local Fund Boards for their hospitals and dispensaries, and the Board are decidedly of opinion that Local Fund Boards should, in the exercise of a wise discretion, leave such matters entirely in the hands of the Medical Officers of Government, working under the control and supervision of the Head of the Department.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Secretary.

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ORDER THEREON, 4th February 1881, No. 219.

The Government fully agree with the Board.

(True Extract.)

R. DAVIDSON,
Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue.

„ Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras.

Exd. J. Wright.

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Govt. of 1881 Madras.
FINANCIAL.

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

Dated February, 4th.

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G.O., 4th February 1881, No. 219.

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Local Funds—Medical.—The Board of Revenue agreed with in their views as to the control to be exercised by the Surgeon-General in the matter of medicines indented for by Local Fund Boards for their hospitals and dispensaries.

Revenue Department

No. 7

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Dated 7th January 1881

Read the following

No. 1684

From,

The Surgeon-General

with the Government of Madras

Fort St. George

To,

The Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Sir,

Enclosure returned.

With reference to Proceedings of the Board of Revenue Miscellaneous No. 13181 of 29th November, I have the honor to forward for the information of the Board. Extracts from correspondence with the Civil Surgeon Coimbatore, on the subject of allowing a 1st class indent for the Pollachy Local Fund Dispensary.

2. The 2^d and 3^d class indents have been recently revised with the special object of meeting requirements of such hospitals, and exercising my professional judgment, I cannot sanction

sanction the issue of medicines for Charitable relief, which I believe to be wholly unnecessary in Medical practice. The Civil Surgeon of Coimbatore after inspection considers the supply of medicines included in a 2^d Class Indent to be sufficient.

3. The Board will see from the correspondence, the position I have taken up in this matter, namely that if Medical relief is to be largely extended for the benefit of the poor, by local taxation the indigenous resources of the Country must be more widely resorted to, and the expenditure of European medicines must be restricted to certain drugs of proved value and efficacy, and in regard to the latter that if a cheap medicine will answer the purpose it must be employed in preference to a dearer one. This is a matter of professional control, which has to be decided on general grounds, and in the interests

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Office of Surgeon General
with the Govt of Madras
Fort St. George, 7th Decr 1880

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(Signed) W. R. Cornish
Surgeon Genl with the Govt.

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(True Copy & Extracts)

To The Chief Secretary to Government
Financial Deptt
with 2 original enclosures in

W. Allen
Secretary

N^o 10193 of 1880 & 2 in N^o 6732 of 1880 to be returned.
1 copy of Board Proc. N^o 8893 of 13/10/80 & abstract of Board Proc
N^o 129803 of 1880

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 Dated 1st January 1881

Extract from letter from the Secy. Surgeon-General, with the Government of Madras to the Civil Surgeon Coimbatore, N^o 4814 dated the 20th August 1880.

3^x "The Surgeon-General has lately revised the list of Medicines in 2^d and 3^d class Indents and there is nothing in the circumstances of the Pollachy dispensary, to require more than the list of Drugs comprised in a 2^d class indent, to which the Assistant Surgeon in charge should be directed to conform his prescriptions.

4. "The list of medicines given in the Appt. Surgeon's letter as necessary for charitable relief is most preposterous. You will be so good as to inform him that it is the wish and desire of Government that indigenous medicines should be used in charitable dispensaries, whenever they can be substituted for European medicines, and that it is his duty to study economy in the practice of the Dispensary, instead of wishing to saddle the Local Fund of the district with useless expenditure."

5 "Amongst other things the Surgeon-General observes that Asst. Surgeon Moonosawmy considers the articles named in the margin to be essential to his practice - You will be so

Extract-Sassa liquidum	Tincture Aloes	Tinct. Lingibonis	good as to in-
— " — Opii	— " — Aurantii	Acid Citric	form him that
Linimb. Belladonnae	— " — Calumbae.	Castaceum	The Surgeon-
Oleum Arachidis.	— " — Capsici	Glaterium	General will
— " — Cinnamon	— " — Eudiaci Ammon.	Serri Phosphas	be no party to
— " — Olive.	— " — Jalapa.	— " — Santalatum	
	— " — Kino		

the multiplication of remedies supplied to the Local Fund Hosps, and that it is his duty to study simplicity and economy in prescribing. The present 2^d Class Indent contains every medicine that is really essential to the treatment of disease, and Local Fund Boards cannot afford to waste their substance in mere fancy medicines, while so many thousands of the district poor, are without the essential means of relief -

Hydrag Iodid. Rubrum.	Sulphas Iodidum.
Viride	Linci Valerianas
Mastiche	Olebaunum
Maticeo	
Morphia Acetas	
Quincoe Valerianas	

6 "The Surgeon-General requests that you will at once proceed to Pollachy and inspect and report on the working of the Civil Dispensary, and especially in regard to the stock of medicines in hand, the daily average of attendance, & the means adopted to utilize indigenous medicines, in the place of the more expensive drugs.

7 "The Surgeon-General looks to the District Surgeon to restrain with a firm hand all tendencies to extravagance on the part of sub-ordinates in charge of Local Fund Hospitals. Unless this is done no Local Fund Board will be able to maintain and extend the present system of medical relief."

Extract from letter from the Civil Surgeon Coimbatore, to the Secy. Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras dated 30th August 1880 N^o 277.

"In obedience to the above orders I proceeded to Pollachy on the 28th Instant.

"The explanation afforded to me by Apth. Surgeon Moonesawmy was to the effect that he was under the mistaken impression that in asking for a first class indent instead of a 2^d class one it involved a financial question only. He expressed deep regret that he had unwittingly ignored the District Surgeon, and stated that he would be more careful in future.

"I examined his stock of medicines in hand and found that it had been carefully preserved and the 'Stock Book' had been accurately kept up to date. The stock of medicines was suitable and sufficient, and I have directed Apth. Surgeon Moonesawmy to adopt measures to utilize indigenous medicines in place of the more expensive medicine whenever possible.

"I found the hospital very well attended and popular with the people.

of the town, the number of In-patients
being on my visit 23, and the number
of Out-patients on the books 13.

(True Extracts)

Fort St George.
7th Decr 80

W. M. M. M. M.
Surgeon General
with the Govt. of Madras.

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Revenue Department

Miscellaneous No 13, 181 219/9

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.

Dated 29th November 1880

Read the following

By

From, The President, Local Fund Board
Coimbatore

To The Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Madras

Sir, I have the honor to enclose copy of
the Resolution passed by the Local Fund Board
of this circle on the subject of the Revenue
Board's Proceedings Miscellaneous No 9803 dated
7th September 1880 and to request that the Board
will be pleased to ask the Surgeon General
to supply a 1st Class Medical Indent
to the Pollachi Dispensary.

2. With reference to the Surgeon General's
remarks in para 2 of his letter I have the
honor to point out that the Civil Surgeon
was

was duly consulted on the subject - Vide
this office letter to Board dated 6th August
1880 N^o 43.

I have ~~the~~
Gaimbatore
Local Fund Board's Office,
15th November 1880 } (Signed) W. Wilson
President

Before laying before Government
the resolution of the Local Fund Board,
the Board of Revenue request that the Surgeon
General will state whether he sees any
ground to reconsider his opinion.

(True Copy & Extract)

(Signed) E. Gibson

Ag. Sub-Secretary

To, The Surgeon General
with Govt of Madras.

(True Copy)

U. G. Gibson
Secretary

By J. P. R. S.
C. P. R. S.

Extract from
 Tabular Statement of Miscellaneous Letters and Periodical Returns
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No	From whom	Subject	Date of Order	How disposed of
9803	Surgeon General with Government of Madras, 18 th August 1880, No 0-60.	Civil Dispensary - at Pollachy in Coimbatore District - Intimating that a second-class Medical Indent is sufficient for the —	7 th Sept ^r 80	Coimbatore - indicated to President, Local Fund Board.

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Enclosed in Board's
 Proceedings to the Chief
 Secretary to Government
 31st January 1881 No 7

Copy of Board's Resolu-
 tion dated 29th March 80
 viz No 13, 81, regarding
 that the Surgeon General with
 the Govt of Madras will
 state whether he sees any
 ground to reconsider his
 opinion regarding Pollachy
 Dispensary being allowed a
 1st Class Medical Indent.

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Revenue Department

Miscellaneous No 8893 219
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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.

Dated 14th August 1880.

Read the following

No 43

From, The M President
Local Fund Board
Coimbatore
To, The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Madras

Sir,
In forwarding herewith copy of a letter received from the Assistant Surgeon in charge of the Pallachi Dispensary requesting sanction for a 1st Class Medical Indent for the Dispensary in place of the 2^d Class now allowed, I have the honor to inform you that it was placed before the Local Fund Board at their last meeting and that they recorded a resolution according the requisite sanction, the Institution being very large and the Civil Surgeon to whom the above letter had been referred being of opinion that the

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Proceedings to the Chief

Secretary to Government

J. P. Board of Revenue 1/81

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Abstract of Board's

Proceedings dated 7th Sept

1880 No: 12-9803-

the Dispensary should be allowed a
1st Class Indent. I have the honor therefore
to request that the Surgeon General may be
instructed to place the indent on behalf of the
said Dispensary in the category of 1st Class
Indents and comply with it accordingly.

Coimbatore Local Fund } I have ~~been~~
Board's Office, 6th August/80 } (Signed) F. A. Nicholson
Ag President

Communicated to the Surgeon General
who is requested to state whether 1st Class
Medical Indent may be allowed for the Pollachi
Dispensary.

(True Copy & Extract)

(Signed) E. Gibson

Ag Subsecretary

To the Surgeon General
with the Government of Madras.

(True Copy)

W. H. P. P. P.
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Ch. P. P.
Secretary

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Enclosure in Bond's
Proceedings to the Chief
Secretary to Government
St. Paul 7th January 88
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Copy of Bond's Case
dated 14th August 1888
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L. Hd. - Dispensaries

From Board of Revenue

No:

No. 7 (En: 6.)

Dated 7th January '81.
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SUBJECT.

Regarding provision
of a 1st Class Medical
Student for the L. Hd.
Dispensary at Pochachi
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Order. 4th July '81, No 219

The Government
is in the Board.

Asst. Secy. Genl.

The Board of Revenue
Surgeon Genl. to
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With reference to the order of
the Board of Revenue
dated 1st March 1881
for the better management of the

No. 16 February 1881, No. 219

Nos. 9-10

Local Funds. Medical.
The Board of Revenue
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views as to the control
to be exercised by the
Surgeon General in
the matter of medicines
admitted for by Local
Fund Boards for their
hospitals & dispensaries.