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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 28th September 1858.

Read the following letters.

No. 44. From ANDW. N. MAGRATH, Esq., Director General, Medical Department; to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated 8th September 1858, No. 162.

SIR,

With reference to the Extract from Minutes of Consultation, Judicial Department, No. 1064, of date 7th Ultimo, I have the honor to transmit, for the information of Government, copy of a report by the Superintending Surgeon, Northern Division, on the salubrity of the station of Juggiahpettah.

2. From the report it would appear that the station is as healthy as most of those in the southern portion of the Northern Circars.

From FREDK. COOPER, Esq., Superintending Surgeon, Northern Division; to the Secretary to the Director General, Medical Department, dated Waltair, 25th August 1858, No. 617.

SIR,

In reply to your Memorandum, No. 1217, of the 16th August 1858, regarding the reported unhealthiness of Juggiahpettah, and calling for information thereon, I have the honor to state that, I enquired of the Major General Commanding the Division, when both the Deputy Assistant Quarter Master General and the Deputy Assistant Adjutant General of the Division were present, whether they were aware of any insalubrity in the locality, as I had no personal knowledge of the place, but they were not aware of any.

The Treasury at Juggiahpettah used to be guarded by a Havildar's guard, but when robbed, a Detachment of forty-seven (47) men of the 7th Regiment N. I., a Regiment whose physical condition had been greatly weakened by service beyond the sea, was located at Juggiahpettah. When the Treasury was again robbed, and on this occasion a wounded Sepoy was sent into Beizwarrah and application made by Lieutenant Hurst, to the officer Commanding Masulipatam, for a Medical subordinate, but this officer referred Lieutenant Hurst to the officer Commanding Beizwarrah, for Medical aid, who sent a 2nd Dresser on account of the expressed emergency, but on a statement from Dr. Nash, the 2nd Dresser was directed to rejoin his station, and prepared medicines with instructions for use to be sent to Juggiahpettah, and that any severe case of illness should be sent in to Beizwarrah. But on the Detachment of the 7th being relieved by a Detachment of 37 men of the 29th Regiment N. I., under a European Commissioned Officer, who was married, a Medical subordinate was directed by the Major General Commanding the Division to attend them. Since the beginning of June to the present time, about three months, nine cases only of sickness have been recorded, of which three were for Intermittent Fever, three for Abscesses, &c., one for Chronic Rheumatism, one for Dyspepsia, and one for Amentia.

The Medical Officer at Beizwarrah evidently did not consider the locality as unhealthy, but I have called on him for information, and should any thing arise to lead to an opinion differing from that I have expressed, viz., that it is not an unhealthy place, I will at once communicate it.

(A true Copy.)

(Signed) A. LORIMER,

Secy. to the Director Genl. Medical Dept.

No. 45. From ANDW. N. MAGRATH, Esq., Director General, Medical Department; to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated 16th September 1858, No. 172.

SIR,

No. 164, 11th Instant. In continuation of my letter marginally noted, I have the honor to transmit for the information of Government, the accompanying copy of a communication from the Superintending Surgeon, Northern Division, on the subject of the salubrity of the station of Juggiahpettah.

Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 23th September 1858.

†Dr. Nash differed with me on this point as he had to supply a great quantity of medicine.

from a small "nullah" in that vicinity, there is on doubt that Officer's illness was mainly brought on by drinking this water; his Detachment was healthy† though it also suffered from fever during the cold months of the year.

2. I think the prevalence of fever during the cold months of the year and the scarcity of good drinking-water in the hot months render Juggiahpettah undesirable as a station for troops.

3. I would observe however that fever prevails more or less in most of the villages of the Sub-Collectorate during the cold months, and that strangers are the principal sufferers from it, also that this last season was a peculiarly dry one and that the supply of water in the river and tank does not usually fail at so early a part of the year as the month of March.

4. The town of Juggiahpettah is large and well-built with wide streets and is rarely visited by epidemics.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) M. C. CHASE,
Acting Sub Collector.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) A. LORIMER,
Secy. to the Director Genl., Medical Dept.

No. 46. ORDER THEREON, No. 1321; dated 27th September 1858.

The Government see no reason to believe, that there is objection to the occupation of Juggiahpettah as the Head Quarters of the Masulipatam Sibbundies.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. E. Cartledge.

Biggarah
August 29th 1858.

My dear Mr. Cooper.

Your letter of the 25th inst. reached me this morning, & to which I have replied officially this evening, in order that you may not have any more of the letter which you may think proper, and which I think will convince you that Juggiahpettah is not a fit station for the permanent location of the Sibbundies troops stationed for the district.

I presume it will be quite impossible for you to come to any conclusion on the subject from merely the sick returned as a medical subordinate having been appointed at Juggiahpettah within the last few months, and previous to which no account of the sick was kept.

Whenever the Sub. Collector proceeds in that portion of the District, his requisitions for medicines become really alarming and which coupled with the demands for medicines made by the Officer Commanding that station during the last cold season, and who was himself invalidated from Juggiahpettah, convince me that the place was unhealthy and quite unfit for troops being stationed there.

Believe me Dear Sir,
Yours faithfully,
J. P. Ash.

Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 28th September 1858.

From F. COOPER, Esq., Superintending Surgeon, Northern Division; to the Secretary to the Director General, Medical Department, dated Waltair, 3rd September 1858, No. 635.

SIR,

1. I informed you that I had written a demi-official letter to Dr. Nash, begging for such personal knowledge of the locality of Juggiahpettah as he could give me, stating no Medical Returns I had ever received, suggested the idea of the place being an unhealthy one, I have the honor to enclose his reply with a letter to the Officer Commanding Seebundies at Masulipatam, and one from the Sub-Collector of Masulipatam, to the Collector of Masulipatam, and it appears to me that as far as the fever, bearing relation to the ferruginous soil, this applies to all the villages on the road to Secunderabad. Both Condapilly and Juggiahpettah are large, populous villages, the latter, Major General Tulloch, C. B., informs me, is in a very open country and well drained, indeed the report of Mr. Chase as regards the residents at Juggiahpettah does not at all indicate the place as an unhealthy one, but when young officers are sent on detachment duty and have a fondness for field sports, they are oft led into unhealthy localities and thus the station in which they are located is reported to be so.

2. The troops were withdrawn from Condapilly because they were not required there, not on account of its unhealthiness; however, Dr. Miller gave it as his opinion that Condapilly was unhealthy. It is evident Dr. Nash wishes the location of the Seebundies at Beizwarrah, but the need of these Corps is on account of the nature of the duties and the climate which do not so well suit men of the line as men raised from the localities in which their services are required. This holds good with regard to the Golcondah Seebundies at Nursipatam, and certainly men should not be enlisted at Masulipatam to serve for the kind of service for which Seebundies are decidedly preferable, and will with the aid of quinine, undergo a great amount of hard labour, and it is evident that the Officers for such employment should be as especially qualified as the men.

From J. P. NASH, Esq., Assistant Surgeon, in Medical charge, District Engineer's Department, Kistnah Division; to the Superintending Surgeon, Northern Division, Waltair, dated Bezoarah, 30th August 1858, No. 36.

SIR,

I have the honor to submit for your consideration, certain copies of correspondence relative to the sanitary condition of Juggiahpettah, and of the desirability of stationing at that village the Masulipatam Sebundy Corps.

Bezoarah, 29th August 1858.

MY DEAR DR. COOPER,

Your letter of the 25th Instant, reached me this morning, and to which I have replied officially this evening, in order that, you may make any use of the letters sent which you may think proper, and which I think will convince you that Juggiahpettah is not a fit station for the permanent location of the Sebundy Corps sanctioned for this district.

I presume it will be quite impossible for you to come to any conclusion on the subject from merely the sick returns, as a Medical subordinate has only been appointed at Juggiahpettah within the last few months, and previous to which no accounts of the sick were kept.

Whenever the Sub-Collector proceeds in that portion of the district, his requisitions for medicines become really alarming and which coupled with the demands for medicines made by the Officer Commanding that station during the last cold season, and who was himself invalided from Juggiahpettah, convinced me that the place was unhealthy and quite unfit for troops of any kind to be stationed there.

Believe me, &c., &c.,

(Signed) J. P. NASH.

Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 28th September 1858.

From J. P. NASH, Esq., Assistant Surgeon, in Medical charge, District Engineer's Department, Kistnah Division; to the Officer Commanding Sebundy Corps, Masulipatam, dated Bezoarah, 16th June 1858, No. 30.

SIR,

I have the honor to solicit the favor of your informing me whether it is the intention of Government to station the Sebundy Corps under your command at the unhealthy village of Juggiahpettah.

I also consider it my duty to bring to your notice the fact that the inhabitants of the above village are entirely dependent upon two or three wells and a small tank for their drinking-water and which is rendered scarce during certain months of the year, the soil is ferruginous, and like that of Condapilly, an adjacent village, from which the guard of Sepoys was removed last year solely on account of the malignant type of fever generally prevailing in that portion of the Masulipatam district.

The Sub-Collector of Masulipatam (who resides at this station,) informs me that he has strongly recommended Bezoarah as the fittest station for the Head Quarters of your Corps and from which guards might be furnished periodically to Juggiahpettah and Razapore, by this arrangement, I think I may safely assert, a great prevention to sickness and a greater efficiency of the Corps would be secured, as Bezoarah enjoys an excellent climate, has a plentiful supply of water, an Hospital to which the sick might resort for treatment and where you would also discover the Lines, Barracks, &c., lately occupied by the F. Company of Sappers and Miners and which might be put into thorough repair for a much less sum than what would be required for building new ones at Juggiahpettah.

Conceiving that the sanitary condition of Cantonments should be held in nearly as much consideration as their military fitness, I trust you will do me the honor of submitting a copy of this communication to the Collector of Masulipatam, and whose conclusions on the subject I shall be happy to receive at your earliest convenience.

I may also take the opportunity of mentioning that Lieutenant W. P. Hurst, late in Command of the Detachment of 7th Regiment N. I., now at Juggiahpettah, was invalided a few weeks ago on account of the injuries his health sustained during his residence at the above unhealthy village.

(A true Copy.)

(Signed) J. P. NASH.
Assistant Surgeon.

From M. C. CHASE, Esq., Acting Sub Collector; to the Collector of Masulipatam, dated Bezoarah, 28th June 1858, No. 86.

SIR,

1. In reply to your letter, No. 30, dated 24th Instant, I have the honor to state that I resided at Juggiahpettah several weeks last November and December, at which time the Duffadar, several peons, some of my domestic servants and others of my establishment, suffered severely from fever and at one time so many were disabled from attending to their duties, that I addressed a letter* to the Acting Collector on the subject, stating that I feared I should be obliged to postpone the settlement of that talook on this account. I resided again in Juggiahpettah in February and March of this year; my establishment was then quite free from fever and from any other sickness, but it was then by no means a desirable residence, owing to the scarcity of good drinking-water. I was encamped a little distance from the town, on the bank of the Paulair, but even at that early period of the year, we were obliged to dig holes in the sandy bed of the river for water; the tank at that time was nearly dry. Lieutenant Hurst and his Detachment were encamped nearer to the town and on the other side of it, some distance from the river and procured drinking water

*Dated 3rd December 1857,
No. 127.

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The Officer Commanding
Sikhsy Corps
Maulipatan.

Sir,

Please the honor to direct the favor of
your informing me whether it is the intention
of Government to station the Sikhsy Corps under
your command at the unhealthy village of Juggiah
Pettah.

I also consider it my duty to bring your
notice the fact that the inhabitants of the above
village are entirely dependent upon two or three wells
and a small tank for their drinking water and which
is rendered scarce during certain months of the year;
the soil is ferruginous, and like that of Gondapilly,
an adjacent village, from which the quarrel of the
war, removed last year solely on account of the
malignant type of fever generally prevailing in
that portion of the Maulipatan District.

The Sub-Collector of Maulipatan who
resides at this station) informs me that he has
strongly recommended Bazarah to be the fittest
station for the Head Quarters of your Corps and from
which guards might be furnished periodically to
Juggiah Pettah and Bazarah, by the arrangements
I think may safely be made, a great prevention to
sickness and a greater efficiency of the Corps would
be secured, as Bazarah enjoys an excellent climate,
has a plentiful supply of water, no hospital is
which the sick might resort for treatment and
where you would also discover the Quack, Bazarah
is lately occupied by the 5th Company of the 1st
Battalion.

Medical Department

No 1321

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
dated 27 September 1858.

Read the following letter
from the Director General, Medical
Department.

Here enter 8th & 16th Sept. 1858
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The Government see no
reason to believe that there
is objection to the occupation
as the Head Quarters of
of Juggiah Pettah by the
Maulipatan
Subdivisions.

J.P.

Copy to Magistrate of
Maulipatan } Dispt. 30th
" Director Genl. Med. Dept. .. 31st

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