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No. 34. Read the following letter from J. ROHDE, Esq., Inspector of Prisons; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George, dated Ootacamund, 24th September 1858, No. 380.

SIR,

* Copies. I have the honor to submit letters* received from the Sub Judge and Senior Medical Officer at Ootacamund, relative to some provision for Medical attendance at the Jail. I am not aware what provision is made for attendance on European prisoners, but the Jails of Guindy and Vellore receive attendance from the Medical Officers of the station for which some allowance is given, the same course seems desirable here.

From E. W. BIRD, Esq., Subordinate Judge of Ootacamund; to J. ROHDE, Esq., Inspector of Prisons, Ootacamund, dated 18th June 1858, No. 26.

SIR,

I have the honor to forward herewith copy of a correspondence between the Senior Medical Officer of this station and myself in respect to his attendance on the sick prisoners in the temporary Jail under my charge, and the duty I presumed was incumbent on him of inspecting the Jail weekly as prescribed by Circular Order of Foujdaree Udalut, 8th October 1821, and Rule 47 of the Jail Orders.

2. I would beg to solicit your instructions as to whether the Jail is under the Medical supervision of any European Officer at this station or not, and would request your attention to Mr. Mackay's suggestion contained in the 4th para. of the letter now forwarded.

3. It is quite true as stated by Mr. Mackay that there is no Jail Hospital, no Medical Subordinates, and no Hospital servants attached to the present temporary Jail. If there is to be an efficient Jail at this station, matters ought not to be left, I conceive, on the present unsatisfactory footing as regards the Medical supervision of the establishment, and I would solicit in bringing the matter forward, that the defects I have pointed out may be remedied and the duties of the Surgeon of the station more accurately defined.

From E. W. BIRD, Esq., Subordinate Judge of Ootacamund; to the Medical Officer in charge of the Prisoners, Ootacamund, dated 17th June 1858, No. 24.

SIR,

One of the Convicts at present imprisoned in the temporary Jail under my charge, being reported sick, I have the honor to request your Medical aid on his behalf, I would beg further to bring to your notice that under Rule 2 published in the Circular Orders of the Court of Foujdaree Udawlut 8th October 1821, a weekly inspection of the Jail on the part of the Surgeon present at the Zillah station is prescribed and "a report to the Criminal Judge on each visit "ordered" as to the general health of the prisoners, their food and the state of the Jails." The Jail at this station is at present in no very efficient state; but I trust shortly to have adequate accommodation for 30 or 40 prisoners. The regular visits of the Zillah Surgeon will then be absolutely needed; but for the sake of the few now in confinement, I have the honor to request you will be good enough occasionally to inspect the Jail and to favor me with the customary reports above mentioned.

From Assistant Surgeon GEO. MACKAY, M. D., Senior Medical Officer, Ootacamund; to E. W. BIRD, Esq., Subordinate Judge of Ootacamund, dated 18th June 1858, No. 10.

SIR,

With reference to your letter, No. 24, dated 17th June 1858, I have the honor to inform you that sick prisoners in the Ootacamund Jail have hitherto received Medical aid from the Civil Dispensary which is under my charge as Senior Medical Officer at this station.

2. I have never received any order placing the Jail as a separate establishment under my charge, I draw no allowance in the Civil Department for the Medical charge of the Jail but from the Military Paymaster (by whom my other allowances are paid,) I receive the per diem allowance

(for the sick only) which is granted to all Military Medical Officers for the treatment of Natives in Government employ who come under the denomination of non-combatants.

3. There is in fact no Jail Hospital, no Medical Subordinate attached to the establishment and no Hospital servants.

4. These are I presume the reasons why the report to which you allude and others usually furnished from Jails at Zillah stations have not hitherto been called for here. I would request the favor of your bringing the matter to the notice of the Inspector of Prisons with a view to an Hospital establishment, medicines, &c., being granted and solicit his recommending my being appointed to the Medical charge with a monthly allowance such as he may consider sufficient for the extra duty which I shall have to perform in addition to that done by the other Medical Officers on the hills, whose pay and allowances are the same as I at present draw.

5. As I have no copy of the Circular Orders to which you refer, I request that you will do me the favor to furnish me with the form of report you require that I may be enabled to comply with your request.

From E. W. BIRD, Esq., Subordinate Judge of Ootacamund; to J. ROHDE, Esq., Inspector of Prisons, dated 20th September 1858, No. 93.

SIR,

I have the honor to enclose copy of a letter, No. 21, to my address from the Senior Medical Officer of Ootacamund of this day's date in reference to the Medical aid which he must necessarily afford to the European Convict now in this Jail, I trust you will be good enough to take such steps in regard to Dr. Mackay's application and suggestions as you may deem proper.

From Assistant Surgeon GEO. MACKAY, M. D., Senior Medical Officer, Ootacamund; to E. W. BIRD, Esq., Subordinate Judge of Ootacamund, dated 20th September 1858, No. 21.

SIR,

With reference to my letter to your address, No. 10, dated 18th June 1858, regarding the Medical duties in the Ootacamund Jail, I have the honor again to bring the subject to your notice. It is now more than ever necessary that a regular Medical establishment should be allowed as a sick European Convict has been sent up here from Madras.

2. The Medical Subordinates attached to the General and Civil Dispensaries here have their time fully occupied by the duties of these institutions, so much so that the late Medical Board recommended that an additional 1st Dresser should be appointed to assist in these duties. The increasing duties at the Jail, particularly with a sick European prisoner, seem to render it necessary that special provision should now be made for Medical attendance.

(True Copies.)

(Signed) E. W. BIRD,
Subordinate Judge.

(True Copies.)

(Signed) J. ROHDE,
Inspector of Prisons.

No. 35. ORDER THEREON, No. 1449; dated 14th October 1858.

Ordered to be communicated to the Director General, Medical Department, who will, in communication with the Inspector of Prisons, suggest the necessary arrangements for the Medical charge of the prisoners in the Ootacamund Jail. It is observed that a European Convict is at present confined there.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

Gen. Dy. Consn. 19 Octr.
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From
The Inspector of Prisons
To
The Chief Secy. to the Govt. of
Fort St. George

Dated 24th September 1858
Recd. 28th September 1858
No. 380.

No. 1750.

Enclosures One

In submitting Copies of letters recd. from the Sub. Judge and Senior Medl. Officer of Ootacamund relative to some provision for Medl. attendance suggests the same course to be adopted here as elsewhere

Judicial Department

No 14469

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Dated 14 October 1858.

Read the following letter from
the Inspector of Prisons
(Hue entry 24th Dec/58 No 380)

Ordered the communi-
-cation of the Director General
Medical Department, with whom
in communication with the
Inspector of Prisons, suggest
the necessary arrangements for
the medical charge of the
prisoners in the Asylum mentioned
said. It ~~will be~~ is observed that
a European convict is at pre-
-sent confined there.

Copy to Director General, Medical Dept.
" Inspector of Prisons.

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In Dy. to Cons. 19 Octr
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No. 1449.

Extract Mins. of Cons.

19 October 1858.

Direct that the letter from the Inspector of Prisons be communicated to the Director General Medical Department & request him to suggest the necessary arrangements for the Medical charge of the prisoners in the Cotacamund Jail. & observe that a European convict is at present confined there.

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