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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 1st February 1859.

No. 45. Read the following letter from ANDW. N. MAGRATH, Esq., Director General of the Medical Department; to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 15th January 1859, No. 11.

SIR,

I have the honor to forward herewith for the information of Government, correspondence as per margin, relative to the accommodation for sick prisoners at Ootacamund.

2. I am still of opinion that sick prisoners should be treated in the Civil Dispensary, there being no Hospital or Subordinate Medical establishment attached to the Jail.

From Assistant Surgeon GEO. MACKAY, M. D., Medical Officer Neilgherries; to the Superintending Surgeon, Southern Division, Trichinopoly, dated Ootacamund, 4th January 1859, No. 1.

SIR,

On the 18th June 1858, and again on the 20th September 1858, I addressed a letter to the Subordinate Judge, regarding the want of accommodation or any provision for the sick among the prisoners in the Ootacamund Jail; having received no reply, I again wrote requesting one, on the 27th Ultimo. I have the honor to forward a copy of the letter on the subject received yesterday from the Subordinate Judge and of its enclosure.

You will observe by Dr. Lorimer's letter to the Inspector of Prisons, that the Director General is of opinion, as there is no Hospital at the Jail, no Medical Subordinate or other attendants, that sick prisoners had better be placed under a guard in the Civil Dispensary. On the other hand the Inspector of Prisons forbids prisoners being transferred from the Jail premises. The letter from the Secretary to the Director General, Medical Department is dated 27th October 1858, and I am not aware that up to this time any thing further has been done in this matter.

You will have observed that during the last few months there have been few prisoners, and consequently few sick in the Ootacamund Jail, the monthly Return has been forwarded blank, but a batch of twenty-four prisoners has lately been transferred to this Jail from Coimbatore, and I understand that it is contemplated to send more. Four of the twenty-four are already on the sick list, and the only way in which their cases can be properly attended to, is by their being placed in the Civil Hospital, but to this the Inspector of Prisons objects.

There is only one Medical Subordinate a 2nd Dresser attached to the Civil Dispensary, his time is fully occupied by his duties there, day and night he is obliged to be present in the Hospital and he cannot possibly attend to the sick in the Jail also; further there are no Hospital attendants of any kind attached to the Jail, and every thing that sick prisoners require has to be taken from the Civil Hospital, by the servants of that Institution.

I shall feel obliged by your doing me the favor to bring the matter again to the notice of the Director General, with the view to some adequate arrangement being made, particularly if it is intended to augment still further the number of prisoners in the Ootacamund Jail by transfers from Coimbatore.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. LOVELL,
Acting Superintending Surgeon, S. D.

From E. W. BIRD, Esq., Subordinate Judge of Ootacamund; to Dr. GEO. MACKAY, M. D., Senior Medical Officer, Neilgherries, dated 3rd January 1859, No. 1.

SIR,

In reply to your letter, No. 37 of the 27th Ultimo, to my address, I have the honor to transmit to you copy of a communication No. 1557, dated 27th October 1858, from the Secretary to

necessary arrangements for the

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the Director General, Medical Department, to the Inspector of Prisons, disposing of your application No. 21 of the 20th September last, referred by me to the latter Officer on the same date.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) GEO. MACKAY, M. D., Asst. Surgeon,
Medl. Officer, Neilgherries.

No. 46.

ORDER THEREON, No. 125; dated 29th January 1859.

The Director General of the Medical Department submits two letters relative to the accommodation of sick prisoners at Ootacamund, and states that he is still of opinion, that sick prisoners should be treated at the Civil Dispensary.

2. By Extract Minutes of Consultation, 14th October last, No. 1449, the chief of the Medical Department was called on to communicate with the Inspector General of Jails and to suggest the necessary arrangements for the Medical charge of the prisoners in the Ootacamund Jail.

3. His present letter does not satisfy that requisition. He is therefore again requested to put himself in communication with the Inspector in view to the settlement of the question.

4. Dr. Magrath should ascertain from Mr. Rohde, what number of prisoners are likely to be in the Ootacamund Jail for some months to come, whether long or short sentence prisoners, and whether adverting to the difficulty of obtaining separate Subordinate Medical aid at present, and to the Dresser at the Civil Dispensary being fully occupied there, arrangements might not be made for the sick of the prisoners being treated in the Dispensary, as a measure, not good in itself, but the best that could be adopted under the circumstances, and if not, what other course Mr. Rohde would advise.

5. It is to be noted that the European Convict referred to in the original order, has since been removed from the Jail at Ootacamund.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

Judicial Department.

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Dated 29 Jan'y 1859.

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Dated 29. January 1854

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