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Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
from 25th June to 1st July 1859.*

No. 45. Read the following letter from J. J. COTTON, Esq., Session Judge of Masulipatam; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Judicial Department, Fort Saint George, dated 20th June 1859, No. 247.

1. I have the honor to bring prominently to the notice of His Excellency the Honorable the Governor in Council the unsatisfactory nature of the Medical arrangements connected with the Jail establishment, &c., under my charge.

2. Owing to the exigencies of the public service for many months past, there has not been any Dresser at all (instead of the full complement, two) attached to the Jail at this station, and in lieu of such the subordinate Medical duties, not only of the Jail but also of the Civil Dispensary, have devolved on a young and inexperienced Assistant Apothecary whose presence in this Department is owing entirely to these exigencies.

3. The Acting Civil Surgeon has brought the foregoing strongly to my notice at this time, in consequence of the unfavorable sanitary state of the public health resulting from the prevalence of cholera and other diseases of allied nature at the station and neighbourhood.

4. The Dresser lately appointed to the Civil Dispensary, vice Seevaram, has already (immediately on his arrival) been transferred to the Regimental Hospital, to replace the services of one of the subordinates of that Department detailed for duty with a Detachment of convalescent Europeans en route to Secunderabad.

5. The Medical duties of the whole station, Regimental, Garrison and Civil, have been for the last 2 years conducted by a single Medical Officer, and when it is known that the Garrison and Regimental Hospitals alone are situated nearly 5 miles apart, the severity of those duties may to some extent be understood; especially since the station has been converted into a Sick Dépôt for European Soldiers from Secunderabad. The incessant and unwearied exertions of the Officers on whose hands have devolved these onerous duties, (their attendance in the Garrison Hospital in the Fort has frequently been necessary 2 and 3 times a day) could only have been undergone by persons of such iron constitution and active habits, as are possessed by our present Acting Civil Surgeon, and also his predecessor, while the zeal with which these duties have been carried out speaks for itself.

6. Nevertheless, as soon as the exigencies of the service permit, I trust that His Excellency will see the great advisability of the re-appointment of a Civil Surgeon to this station, whose duties in connection with the establishments of the Collector, the Judge, the Jail, the Civil Dispensary, and the large practice in a town consisting of upwards of 50,000 inhabitants, are alone sufficient for the occupation of any ordinary Medical Officer singly.

No. 46. ORDER THEREON, 1st July 1859, No. 895.

Communicated to the Director General of the Medical Department, in reference to paras. 1, 2, 3, 4.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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Masulipatam I have the honor to be,
Session Court Dr.
20th June 1859 Your most obed^t servant

Despatched Sunday

Ed.

C. D. Power H. M.

H. M.
Session Judge
From

From,

J. J. Cotton Esqre
Deputy Judge of
Massachusetts

To, J. Pycroft Esqre
Chief Secretary to Government
Judicial Department
Fort St George

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Received 20th June 1859.
To the President
of the Institution
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Fort St George
No: 1047
Enclosures
Respecting under
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With an Order.