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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department, 26th October 1860.

No. 178. Read the following letter from W. ROBINSON, Esq., Inspector General of Mofussil Police, to T. PYCROFT, Esq, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 18th October 1860.

I beg to be favored with the instruction of Government on the subject of the medical aid to be afforded to the Police. I beg likewise to submit, with reference to this subject, the papers noted in the margin.

1 *Letter from the Secretary to Principal Inspector General, Medical Department, dated 27th June* 1860, *No.* 1,047.
1 *Letter from the Superintendent of Police, Coimbatore, dated 12th September* 1860, *No.* 120.
1 *Letter from the Secretary to Principal Inspector General, Medical Department, dated 26th September* 1860, *No.* 1,697.
1 *Memo. from the Deputy Inspector General of Hospitals, dated 1st October* 1860, *No.* 950.
2 *Letters from Lieutenant Lugard, Acting Superintendent Police, Nellore, dated 3rd and 5th October* 1860, *Nos.* 198 *and* 199, *with an Enclosure from Dr. Adam, dated 3rd October* 1860, *No.* 648.
1 *G. O. dated 4th October* 1860, *No.* 1,278.

2. The Madras Constabulary is the old Police of the country, re-modelled. The whole body is brought into one organized Force and placed under European supervision. But it continues to form a part of the Civil Establishment of each District; and I consider that all its Members are, in common with other Civil Establishments of each District, still entitled to the medical aid and treatment at the hands of the *Zilla* or Civil Surgeon, and of all Medical Subordinates in the Civil Department. No change in this respect whatever takes place.

3. It is clearly in the interest of the Public Service to require that every Police Officer should be examined by a competent Medical authority, and declared physically fit for public employment, when first entertained. This I require. And, exposed as Police men are to vicissitudes of climate and frequently in feverish parts of our Districts, the men are entitled to medical treatment and special attention to their health. In several districts the *per centage* of sick is very large; and medical aid they must have. This I believe it is the duty of the Zilla Medical Department to afford.

4. The re-organization of the Police, together with the re-modelling of the Revenue Department which has taken place in consequence, will have the effect of reducing the numerical strength of the Civil Establishments of the Presidency, who are now entitled to the aid of the body of Civil Surgeons in charge of Districts and their Subordinates. The number of their Medical charge will not really be increased by the new Police.

5. Holding this view, I had not applied for special instruction of Government in regard to what I had conceived sufficiently obvious. Most of the *Zilla* Surgeons and their Subordinates considerately continued their aid as usual; and I had hoped that the little hesitation which some have expressed, would be explained in the Medical Department and would readily pass away. But I find that this is not the case. The hesitation has increased; and the accompanying papers show that a clear expression of the wishes of Government on the point is called for.

6. The Principal Inspector General of Hospitals has directed the Superintending Surgeon of Malabar and Canara, and, I am told, others also, to discontinue the issue of medicine in future to the Madras Police; although no doubt such of the old peons as are left are still supplied as usual; and I gather from his letter that he too considers that special orders of Government are required for affording the usual aid to the Civil Police. Some Civil Surgeons are putting a wider construction on the Order in question than probably the Principal Inspector General intended. Several of the Superintendents of Police report that the Surgeons of their *Zilla* and their Subordinates absolutely decline to examine the men applying to be taken into the service, or to afford either medical aid or allow a dose of physic as heretofore to the Police. The question must therefore be authoritatively decided by Government; and I would venture to solicit an early expression, as in Districts like North Canara, Nellore, Cadapah, &c., the suffer-

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Memo. from the Inspector General of Hospitals, dated 1st October 1860, *No.* 950.

ings of the men from Fever and Cholera are very considerable; but they are without aid. The refusal has not the sanction of Government.

Letters dated 3rd and 5th October 1860, *Nos* 198 *and* 199, *with an Enclosure from Dr. Adam, dated 3rd October* 1860, *No.* 648.

7. I would call special attention to the course followed by Assistant Surgeon Adam, Zillah Surgeon of Nellore. He has not only refused persistently, both at Chengelput and Nellore, to examine men or afford aid to the Civil Police of his District, but, as will be observed, he even justifies a system that he had adopted of requiring fees from lower Subordinates in the Department, for medical aid. I am unable to find any authority for this exaction; and I am glad to add that it is *the* solitary instance that has come to my knowledge. His predecessor at Nellore gave ready aid to the Police. I have been more particular in bringing this instance to notice, as I find that the course pursued by the Medical Head of the District takes an exaggerated form among the lower Subordinates.

Letter dated 12th September 1860, *No.* 120.

8. Lieutenant Tennant's letter refers to the means of obtaining medical aid at Coonoor and Wellington. I request the special instruction of Government on this point; and likewise in regard to Utakamond. The men on the Hills are very sickly and medical aid must be readily accessible. It is therefore desirable that I should be informed whether the Civil Medical Officers on the Hills are to afford it, and on what terms.

9. Military Surgeons should, I believe, be allowed head money for Members of the Civil Police of any District treated by them. I therefore authorized Lieutenant Tenant to countersign certain certificates presented by the Medical Officers at Wellington, with that view, I solicit the orders of Government on this point.

Letter dated 27th June 1860, *No.* 1,047.

Government Order, dated 4th October 1860, *No.* 1,278.

10. Lastly, the Principal Inspector General of Hospitals has called on me to state what arrangements are requisite for medical aid to the Police in certain localities, and some correspondence relative to the retention of a Dresser at Ongole has been referred to me. But it appears to me that before I can go into this subject, I should have clear expression of the views of Government on the question, whether the Madras Police are no longer to be treated, as heretofore, as part of the Civil Establishment of each District or *not*. I shall then be able to judge how far the aid they are entitled from existing Medical Officers requires to be supplemented in the manner suggested in the 2nd paragraph of the letter of the Principal Inspector General of Hospitals.

N. B.—I regret that the letter of the Principal Inspector General of Hospitals has not received earlier attention. It must have either miscarried or have been lost sight of by me, while at Calcutta (I have no recollection of receiving it) and I only a few days ago procured a copy.

From W. R. CORNISH, Esq., Secretary Principal Inspector General, Medical Department, to W. ROBINSON, Esq., Inspector General of M. Police, Madras, dated 27th June 1860, No. 1,047.

From 1st Dresser T. Chellumbrum Pillay, No. 182, *dated 13th April* 1860.
From Deputy Inspector General of Hospitals, Malabar and Canara, No. 584, *dated 4th June* 1860, *and enclosure Proceedings of Government, Judicial Department, and Order thereon of 11th June* 1860, *No.* 733.

In forwarding copies of the correspondence as per margin, I have the honor by desire of the Principal Inspector General, Medical Department, to request that you will be good enough to state what arrangements you think requisite for affording Medical aid to the new Police at stations or district, where no Public Hospital or Dispensary exists.

2. As the Medical Subordinate Department is about to be remodelled and the Military and Civil branches made distinct, it is requested that you will give the probable number of

Dressers, &c., required for the Police, in order that application may be made to Government for the requisite increase.

(A true Copy.)

(Signed) W. R. CORNISH,
Secretary Principal Inspector General,
Medical Department.

From Lieutenant T. E. TENNANT, Superintendent M. Police, to the Inspector General Madras Police, Madras, dated Coimbatore, 12th September 1860, No. 120.

The Civil Surgeon of Coonoor has applied for my countersignature to a Certificate to enable him to draw Head money for Native Police treated in the Coonoor Hospital.

2. Last month Doctor Sparrow in Medical charge N. D. Hospital at Wellington, forwarded a similar Certificate for my countersignature and I was desired by you in my Diary Notes to countersign and return to the Medical Officer the Certificate required.

3. The Police is the Civil Peon Force of the District under another name and management, and I think should be provided for through the Civil Medical Department as is usual now.

4. I have, therefore, the honor to request you will inform me if I am to grant the Certificates applied for by the Medical Department.

From W. R. CORNISH, Esq., Secretary Principal Inspector General, Medical Department, to the Deputy Inspector General of Hospitals, Malabar and Canara, dated 26th September 1860, No. 1,697.

Adverting to your letter, No. 876 of date 14th instant, I am directed by the Principal Inspector General to inform you that no orders have yet been received from Government, on the subject of Medical aid, to the new Mofussil Police, and to observe, that the proper course appears to be for the Superintendent of Police, to submit application to Government to be provided with Medical aid.

2. As you have no authority for issuing Medicines, &c., to Police Establishments, the practice of doing so as reported by you must be discontinued, until the sanction of Government is obtained.

3. The applications for Medicines from Messrs. Fisher and Webster, require the sanction of Government, and the Medicines thus issued are chargeable to the Revenue Department.

(A true Copy.)

(Signed) J. LOVELL,
Dy. Inspr. Genl. of Hospitals,
Malabar and Canara.

No. 950.

MEMORANDUM.

With reference to paragraph 2 of the letter from the Secretary to the Principal Inspector General annexed to Memo. No. 949, of this Office, of this day's date, Apothecary J. Charlesworth will observe that the issuing of Medicines, &c., for the Police Establishment must be discontinued. The Apothecary will, therefore, direct the sick men of this Force, to apply for aid to the Depôt at Jugglepett, the Head Quarters of the North Canara Police, pending further orders of Government on the subject.

CANNANORE,
1st October 1860.

(Signed) J. LOVELL,
Dy. Inspr. Genl. of Hospitals, Malabar and Canara.

From Lieutenant H. I. LUGARD, Acting Superintendent of Police, to Assistant Surgeon H. ADAM, Civil Surgeon of Nellore, dated 3rd October 1860, No. 198.

It has been privately intimated to me that you either, or are about to, demand a fee from all Inspectors, Head and Deputy Constables whom you may have to attend medically. As these individuals are the servants of Government in the Civil Department, and as such entitled, I believe, to Medical attendance gratis, I have the honor to request (should my information be correct), you will furnish me with your reasons for refusing to afford them any Medical aid without fee.

2. I shall do myself the honor to submit a copy of this letter with your reply for the information of the Inspector General of M. Police.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) H. LUGARD, Lieut.
Acting Supt. of Police.

From Lieutenant H. I. LUGARD, Acting Superintendent of Police in charge Nellore District, to Lieutenant M. W. CARR, Personal Assistant to the Inspector General of M. Police, dated 5th October 1860, No. 199.

I have the honor, at the request of Captain Grove, late Superintendent of the District, to forward for the information of the Inspector General of Police, copy of a letter which has been sent by me to the Medical Officer at this station and his reply thereto touching Medical fees which are proposed to be levied by him on the members of the Police Force.

At the present inclement season of the year the men are peculiarly liable to sickness, such as Fever and Rheumatism, which if not at once attended to are liable to become inherent in the constitution and the effect of the above proceeding of the Medical Officer, is at once to preclude all parties from seeking Medical aid. For poor to pay a fee they will neglect tending the disease until it has taken such a firm hold upon their constitutions as to permanently disqualify them for the active duties required of them.

The situation of those at a distance from Head Quarters is even worse, when compelled by severe sickness to come in, on leave, for Medical attendance, not only does the expense of the long march fall upon them, but on arrival they find themselves called upon to pay a heavy fee to cure sickness which was brought about, not through their own neglect or fault, but in discharging their duties to Government.

I would respectfully beg to request the Inspector General, should he see fit, to move Government that Medical aid be afforded to the members of the Police Force, both at the Head Quarter of the District and of the Sub-Division which is also a recruiting station in which a large body of men are constantly located.

From Assistant Surgeon H. ADAM, Zillah Surgeon, Nellore, to Lieutenant H. I. LUGARD, Acting Superintendent of Police, dated Nellore, 3rd October 1860, No. 648.

I have the honor in reply to your letter of this day's date to state that the information you have received in so far as it affects the Inspectors and Head Constables is correct. And I consider myself justified in demanding a fee for Medical attendance upon any of the Police Department, because I have authority for stating that Government has not allowed the Medical Department to provide Medical attendance for the Police, and moreover Hospital accommodation I have none, nor am I provided with Medicines nor Hospital comforts for their use.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) H. LUGARD, Lieutenant,
Acting Superintendent of Police.

(True Copies.)

(Signed) W. ROBINSON,
Inspector General of M. Police.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
26th October 1860.

Proceedings of Government in the Judicial Department.

From J. W. B. DYKES, Esq., Collector and Magistrate of Nellore, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 20th September 1860, No. 20.

I have the honor to forward for favorable consideration, copy of a letter from the Superintendent of Police, Nellore, bringing to notice the great inconvenience occasioned to the public generally, by the removal of the Dresser hitherto stationed at Ongole, on the breaking up of the Veteran Detachments at that place, and to solicit that a Dresser may be again appointed.

2. Ongole is the point at which the Hyderabad, Masulipatam, Madras and Kurnool roads meet. There are constantly travellers passing through this station to whom it was a great matter that Medical aid could be obtained in Ongole. And not only was the Medical Officers stationed there in this manner of great use to the public; but Ongole is also the Head Quarters of the Assistant Superintendent of Police of this District, and of the Executive Engineer of the Northern Range. And it will, I trust, be considered that these Officers with other European Subordinates scattered through that part of the country may fairly claim the favorable consideration of Government for the application now submitted.

From Captain H. L. GROVE, Superintendent of Police, to J. W. B. DYKES, Esq., Collector of Nellore, dated September 1860, No. 169.

1. The Dresser hitherto at Ongole having been removed, I have the honor to bring to your notice that that important place has been left without any proper Medical aid.

2. You are aware that besides being the Head Quarters of the Assistant Superintendent of Police, there are in that Town and Sub Division several European Members of the Department Public Works, and at least one of the Telegraph Department.

3. Ongole being the point at which several roads meet, European traveliers are constantly passing through, and if taken ill, they would have to go on to Guntúr or Masulipatam before they could obtain Medical advice.

4. Under these circumstances, I would suggest that an application to Government for a Dresser or Apothecary to be stationed at Ongole might be made with every prospect of a favorable reply.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. W. B. DYKES,
Collector.

Referred to the Principal Inspector General, Medical Department, for report.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
27th September 1860.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

From GEORGE PEARSE, Esq., M.D., Principal Inspector General, Medical Department, Fort Saint George, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Public Department, Fort Saint George, dated 29th September 1860, No. 151.

With reference to the letter and documents, as per margin, referred to me with your Memorandum of the 27th instant, Judicial Department, I have the honor to state, that a letter was addressed on the 27th June 1860, to the Inspector General, Mofussal Police, requesting to know what Medical arrangements would be required for the new Police Force, and to this date no reply has been received from that Officer.

From the Collector and Magistrate of Nellore, No. 20 of the 20th instant, and enclosure.

2. There can be no objection to make such arrangements as may be required, but the proper course appears to be for the Inspector General to submit to Government an application

for Medical aid; showing the number and strength of the parties for which such aid is required, the expense of which must of course be debited to the Police Department.

3. With regard to the application under reference, for a Dresser or Apothecary to be stationed at Ongole, it is stated that the Assistant Superintendent of Police and an Officer of the Public Works Department have their Head Quarters at the Station, and that travellers falling sick would be much inconvenienced by the removal of the Dresser.

4. If it is intended to ask for the services of a Dresser on account of Police Force, I have no objection to offer; but as the Chief Engineer of the Public Works Department has made no requisition for Medical aid at Ongole, and as Government do not engage to provide Hospitals and Medical aid on all the important thoroughfares in other Districts, it cannot be admitted that the arguments adduced in support of the application are deserving of consideration; Medical aid in cases of emergency is available at Ramapatam, and also at Nellore on the line of road referred to.

5. Small Hospitals at stations like Ongole were necessary in the days when Military detachments garrisoned them, but these Hospitals being generally far removed from divisional Head Quarters, have never been under efficient control, and consequently a source of considerable expense to the State. The Mofussal Police having relieved most of the small Military detachments, I trust it may not be necessary to keep up the Hospitals of the latter, save in exceptional instances, where no other provision for Medical aid can be made, and that in all instances where it may be necessary, the expenditure be debited to the Police Establishment.

ORDER THEREON, 4th October 1860, No. 1,278.

Referred to the Inspector General of Police.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

No. 179. ORDER THEREON, 26th October 1860, No. 1,386.

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2. He represents that the Madras Constabulary is the old Police of the country, remodelled. The whole body is brought into one organized Force, and placed under European supervision. But it continues to form a part of the Civil Establishment of each District, and he considers that all its Members are, in common with other Civil Establishments of each District, still entitled to the Medical aid and treatment at the hands of the *Zilla* or Civil Surgeon, and of all Medical Subordinates in the Civil Department. As, however, it appears that some uncertainty or misapprehension on that point prevails, Mr. Robinson solicits the distinct expression of the Orders of Government upon the subject.

3. His Excellency the Governor in Council observes that, the Inspector General of Police is perfectly correct in his view. The Madras Police in each District is an integral part of the Civil Establishment of the District, and as such the whole Force, Officers and men, are entitled to Medicines, Medicial advice, and attendance gratuitously from the Civil or Zilla Surgeon of the District, and from his Subordinates, in precisely the same manner and exactly to the same exent as any servants on the Establishment of the Judge or the Collector.

4. Civil or Zilla Surgeons are on the requisition of the District Superintendent or his Deputies to examine Candidates for admission into the Police.

5. The Government request that the Inspector General, Medical Department, will be so good as to issue immediate orders to the above effect, to all Medical Officers in the Civil Department. He will impress upon them that the new Police for the Madras Presidency is a most valuable institution. The Force are charged with the preservation of the peace of the country and securing protection to person and property. Their duties expose them to risk of accidents and injuries, and to suffer from exposure and from service in unhealthy localities, and it should be,

and the Government feel assured will be, the endeavour of all Medical Officers, to afford them every aid in their power.

6. In respect to the question mooted in paras. 8 and 9 of the Inspector General's letter, Medical Officers at the several Hill Stations are to give Medical assistance to Members of the new Police, as they would to any other servants in the Civil Department. If, under existing rules, they are entitled to head money for the treatment of servants in that Department generally, they are entitled to it on account of the Police servants also, but not otherwise.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

My dear Mr. Pyrowski

I send up a letter to-day on the subject of Medical attendance. The simple fact is that the Doctors want to get Head-money for the Police - and I cant make out a case for them that would hold water. There will be a reduction of establ^t on the whole and they are paid for the medical attendance of the Civil Regi-ment - as the Military Surgeon is for his Regiment.

The fact is that they at this moment see more of the men than was the case before. I require medical examination of every man, and so they see all we enlist while raising the force. but so soon as the force is fully raised they will only have to ex-amine the few recruits required to keep up the Strength.

I am determined to have the

the men's health attended to.

The Doctor's case is this. We have never been required to certify the physical fitness of Peons as a rule, and few have applied to us for Medical aid. We were of course bound to give it but it was not asked. But the real pinch is this. at every Civil Station there were Mehtar for whom the Civil Surgeon drew head money on an average 30 Rupees per month. Of this they say we deprive them, and the Police take the place of the Military and should likewise do so in our pocket.

There is no doubt a saving under this head in the Military Department but that is no fault of ours. and I am not prepared to saddle the Police Expenditure with this Military item of charge which we want to save.

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I hope you will give Adams at Nellore a march. He is a nasty fellow.

Yours &c

/Signed/ W. Robinson.

Judicial Department.

Proceedings of the Madras Government.

Read the following letter from the Inspector General, Mofussil Police.—

(Here enter 18th October 1860.)

Order thereon 26th October 1860, No. 1386.

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J.P

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To the Inspector General of Municipal Police
" Principal Inspector General, Medical Departt
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