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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
for the month of April 1860.*

No. 97. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Military Department, dated 11th April 1860, No. 1361.

Communicating for information, copy of certain papers and the Order of Government thereon, on the subject of the establishment, at certain stations, of Lock Hospitals for the treatment of women infected with syphilitic diseases. (Vide Proceedings, Military Department, from 11th to 20th April 1860, Nos. 19 @ 21.)

No. 98. ORDER THEREON, 30th April 1860, No. 537.
To be recorded.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.
PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers:—

From the Adjutant General of the Army, Fort Saint George, 18th January 1860, No. 63; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George.

With reference to the Proceedings of Government in the Military Department, and order thereon, dated the 27th September last, No. 3443, I have the honor, by order of the Commander-in-Chief, in forwarding for submission to the Honorable the Governor in Council, a letter from the Director General Medical Department, dated the 13th instant, No. 9, furnishing the statement therein called for, to express His Excellency's earnest recommendation that the suggestions of the Director General, (in all of which the Commander-in-Chief entirely concurs,) may be entertained as soon as possible.

2. Lieutenant General Sir Patrick Grant is of opinion, that whatever may be the inconvenience of subjecting prostitutes in Military Stations to Police Regulations, it seems to His Excellency absolutely necessary, that they should be brought under control, and would therefore hope, that it may be effected by judicious legislation without opening the door to much abuse.

From the Director, General, Medical Department, Fort Saint George, 13th January 1860, No. 9; to the Adjutant General of the Army, Fort Saint George.

I have the honor to report for the information of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief and Government, that, in obedience to the order of Government Military Department, No. 3443, of 27th September 1859, the Superintending Surgeons of Divisions have been called upon to submit estimates of the probable expense of establishing Lock Hospitals at the principal Stations occupied by European Troops, and the results are given below.

2. It appears to me desirable that these Institutions should be brought into operation at the following Stations.

Saint Thomas' Mount.	
Poonamallee.	
Cannanore.	
Bellary.	
Jaulnah.	
Bangalore.	
Secunderabad.	} Already sanctioned and in operation.
Trichinopoly.	
Kamptee.	
Vizagapatam.	
Rangoon.	
Wellington.	

3. The Superintending Surgeon Pegu reports, that the class of women in Burmah who obtain a livelihood by prostitution, are mostly "Karens," that they do not live in Cantonments, and that the probability of their voluntarily seeking Medical aid is very questionable. Under these circumstances it does not appear advisable to recommend the introduction of expensive establishments, at any of the Stations in this Division, with the exception of Rangoon, where there are residing many women from India.

4. With regard to the use of public buildings, none are at present available, with the exception of those noted below.

5. At Poonamallee a building may be rented suitable for the purpose at 28 Rupees per mensem.

Do.	Saint Thomas' Mount	35 Rupees.
Do.	Cannanore,	20 do.

at Bangalore there is a Lock Hospital already in operation, and no new building is required.

6. The following Stations are provided with Civil Dispensaries, in which separate Wards are reserved for the treatment of females affected with venereal disease.

Vizagapatam. Secunderabad.
Bellary. Rangoon.
Trichinopoly. Kamptee.

7. For the present this arrangement will suffice, but that it is desirable that separate buildings plainly and cheaply constructed should hereafter be erected in the immediate neighbourhood of the Dispensaries, so that one subordinate Medical Establishment may attend to both Hospitals.

8. Objections are stated by the Superintending Surgeons, Northern Division and Ceded Districts, to the present system of treating prostitutes in Civil Dispensaries. At Secunderabad it has not been found that the admission of these women prevents others of respectable character from resorting to the Hospital, though it must be observed, that the latter are not generally persons of caste, but the ordinary run of Camp followers who inhabit the Military Bazaars.

9. The cost of an establishment of servants for each Lock Hospital may be roughly estimated at 45 Rupees per mensem, but this will vary somewhat according to the value of labor in the immediate neighbourhood. Detailed estimates for each Institution are appended.

10. The cost of dieting will depend much upon the success of these Hospitals, and the number of applicants for relief. It may be calculated, that for the first year or two, there will be a daily average of 20 women under treatment at each Station, or 210 to be dieted daily. The average cost of diet in Civil Dispensaries amounts to 1 Anna and 8 Pice per diem for each Patient, and calculating at the same rate for Lock Hospitals, the yearly cost would amount to Rs. 9,780.

11. Appended is a rough calculation of the total cost of Establishments, dieting, allowance to Medical Officer &c., showing a total of Rupees 1,786 per mensem, as the probable expenditure for Lock Hospitals throughout the Presidency.

12. On the subject of Police Regulations for prostitutes inhabiting Military Bazaars or Cantonments, I may remark that strong objections have always been made by the Civil Authorities to the use of coercion, in bringing them under Medical treatment.

13. But I would, notwithstanding, venture to state, that it does not appear impossible to establish such a system of Police, under legislative enactment, as would provide full and sufficient protection in guarding the liberty of the subject, and at the same time, afford security to a considerable extent, against the spread of a loathsome and contagious disease, not only amongst the European soldiery, but amongst the Native population, who are as great, if not greater sufferers from syphilitic diseases, and who would consequently derive as great benefit from the establishment of a well organised Lock Hospital system.

14. It is not out of place here to state, that no greater boon could possibly be conferred by civilization on the unhappy women themselves, who disseminate the disease, than to oblige them to become inmates of the charitable Institutions provided for their relief, by the bounty of Government.

Estimated monthly cost of Lock Hospital Establishment for the following Stations.

	Bellary.		Cannanore.		Trichinopoly.		Kamptee.		Vizagapatam.		Mount.		Bangalore.		Secunderabad.		Poona.		Jaulnah.		Wellington Rangoon.		Total.	
	Rs.	A. P.	Rs.	A. P.	Rs.	A. P.	Rs.	A. P.	Rs.	A. P.	Rs.	A. P.	Rs.	A. P.	Rs.	A. P.	Rs.	A. P.	Rs.	A. P.	Rs.	A. P.	Rs.	A. P.
Rent of building																								
Medical Officers																								
Allowance...	30	0	30	0	30	0	30	0	30	0	30	0	30	0	30	0	30	0	30	0	30	0	360	0
Servants, viz.																								
1 Nurse...	10	0	10	0	10	0	10	0	10	0	10	0	10	0	10	0	10	0	10	0	10	0	120	0
2 Female Coolies	10	0	10	0	10	0	10	0	10	0	10	0	10	0	10	0	10	0	10	0	10	0	120	0
1 Poty...	5	0	5	0	5	0	5	0	5	0	5	0	5	0	5	0	5	0	5	0	5	0	60	0
1 Waterman...	4	0	4	0	4	0	4	0	4	0	4	0	4	0	4	0	4	0	4	0	4	0	48	0
1 Cook...	5	0	5	0	5	0	5	0	5	0	5	0	5	0	5	0	5	0	5	0	5	0	60	0
2 Peons...	10	0	10	0	10	0	10	0	10	0	10	0	10	0	10	0	10	0	10	0	10	0	120	0
Dieting of 20 Patients...	65	0	65	0	65	0	65	0	65	0	65	0	65	0	65	0	65	0	65	0	65	0	815	0
Total...	139	0	139	0	139	0	139	0	139	0	139	0	139	0	139	0	167	0	139	0	139	0	1786	0

(a) A Ward of the Civil Dispensary is set apart at these Stations for the treatment of diseased females.

(b) Public building.

(c) Buildings to be provided.

(Signed) GEO. PEARSE, M. D.,

Director General, Medical Department.

From the Adjutant General of the Army, Fort Saint George, 23rd January 1860, No. 82; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

Forwarding letter from the Director General, Medical Department, furnishing the statement called for in Proceedings of Government dated 27th September last, No. 3443, with the earnest recommendation of His Excellency, that the suggestions therein contained, may be entertained as soon as possible &c.

In continuation of my letter dated the 18th instant, No. 63, I have the honor, by order of the Commander-in-Chief, to forward for submission to the Honorable the Governor in Council, the accompanying letter from the Director General Medical Department, dated the 18th idem, No. 11, forwarding copies of correspondence relative to the interference of Police Peons with Patients of the Lock Hospital at Bangalore.

2. His Excellency hopes, that the notice stated to have been taken of the misconduct of the Police Peon, will act as a salutary warning.

From the Director General, Medical Department, Fort Saint George, 18th January 1860, No. 11; to the Adjutant General of the Army, Fort Saint George.

I have the honor to forward for the information of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, copies of correspondence relative to the interference of Police Peons with Patients of the Lock Hospital Bangalore, and beg to request that it may be appended to my letter No. 9 of the 13th instant.

From the Superintending Surgeon, Mysore Division, Bangalore, 11th January 1860, No. 13; to the Secretary to the Director General, Medical Department.

I have the honor to forward for submission to the Director General, the subjoined copies of correspondence, on the interference, in the affairs of the Lock Hospital at this Station, by the Police Peons, and I would beg leave to repeat my impression as communicated to the Officer Commanding Mysore Division that, without the protection and encouragement of the Police Authorities, all endeavors made for the benefit and preservation of the "most costly of all machines," must utterly fail.

From the Assistant Surgeon in Medical charge, Lock Hospital, Bangalore, 4th January 1860, No. 29; to the Superintending Surgeon, Mysore Division, Bangalore.

With reference to the interference of the Police Peons with the affairs of the Lock Hospital at this Station, I have the honor to bring the following occurrence to your notice, in order that you may take any steps in the matter, you may think fitting.

Yesterday two women reported to the Dresser that they had frequently been stopped by Peons, calling themselves Dresser and Lock Hospital Peons; these men it appears, were in the habit of ill-treating them and taking their money threatening if they refused to give it, to take them to the Lock Hospital or to Tanna.

On hearing this, the Dresser having disguised himself, accompanied the women to the spot where they were in the habit of meeting the Peons, and in his presence, two marked four Anna pieces were given by the women, on the demand of these men. The Dresser then took them to the Choultry, where the charge was investigated and proved by the Cutwall.

I bring this matter especially to your notice now, as of late frequent complaints have been made to the Police Authorities against the Lock Hospital servants, whereas it is the Peons themselves who have been to blame—Instead of affording assistance to the Hospital servants in inducing Patients to come for treatment, as I believe is the wish of Government, they have done every thing in their power to hinder them, representing that they will be harshly used, burned with caustic and otherwise ill-treated, to corroborate the truth of this, I have several witnesses, now Patients in Hospital.

From the Superintending Surgeon, Mysore Division, Bangalore, 5th January 1860, No. 5; to the Deputy Assistant Adjutant General, Mysore Division.

I have the honor to forward a letter received from the Officer in Medical charge of the Lock Hospital for submission to the Brigadier Commanding the Division, and would observe, that, the numerous obstructions thrown in the way of inducing Patients to enter and frequent

this Institution during the last 8 or more months have been such (and chiefly occasioned by the Peons and persons connected with the Police) that unless some definite measure be adopted to check these vexatious interferences as well as to induce the Superintendent of Police at Bangalore to afford his favor and protection in every way he can legitimately bestow them, for the benefit of this most valuable Institution, all endeavors for the benefit and preservation of the "most costly of all machines," to use the words of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, must utterly fail.

From the Assistant Surgeon in Medical charge, Lock Hospital, Bangalore, 6th January 1860; to the Superintending Surgeon, Mysore Division.

With reference to my letter of the 4th instant, reporting a case of interference in the affairs of the Lock Hospital by a Police Peon, I have the honor to inform you, that I this day attended the Police Office, while it was being investigated. The case was fully proved and the Peon sentenced to hard labor and the treadmill for one month.

ORDER, No. 1361, 11th April 1860.

The Governor in Council observes that at Bangalore there is a Hospital for the treatment of diseased females already in operation, and a public building has been allotted for the purpose; and that "the following Stations are provided with Civil Dispensaries, in which separate Wards are reserved for the treatment of females affected with venereal disease.

Vizagapatam.	Secunderabad.
Bellary.	Rangoon.
Trichinopoly.	Kamptee."

2. The Director General intimates that "for the present this arrangement will suffice, but that it is desirable that separate buildings plainly and cheaply constructed should hereafter be erected in the immediate neighbourhood of the Dispensaries, so that one subordinate Medical Establishment may attend to both Hospitals."

3. The remaining Stations at which he recommends the establishment of such Hospitals are:—

The Mount.	Jaulna.
Poonamallee.	Wellington.
Cannanore.	

4. His Honor in Council approves of the continuance of the existing arrangements for the treatment of diseased females at the Stations specified at the foot of paragraph 1. He authorises the Director General, Medical Department to adopt such measures as he may consider requisite at the stations mentioned in para. 3, at an expenditure not exceeding the scale allowed for Bangalore, exclusive of the rent of buildings.—Similar sanction is also accorded in respect to the Stations previously alluded to, to such extent as may be necessary.

*Vizagapatam.	Secunderabad.
Bellary.	Rangoon.
Trichinopoly.	Kamptee.

5. After the expiration of a year, the Director General, Medical Department, will forward through the Commander-in-Chief, a statement shewing the expense incurred at the several Stations on account of these Hospitals, and a report of the result; and His Excellency will be requested to accompany the same with any observations that he may desire to offer.

6. Plans and Estimates will be called for through the Public Works Department for temporary buildings, as Hospitals for the treatment of diseased females, at such of the Stations named in the margin,* as the Director General may intimate to the Chief Engineer that they are necessary. The Plans and Estimates will be prepared in communication with the Director General. When these are received, application will be made to the Government of India in respect to the erection of similar buildings at Jaulna, Secunderabad, Rangoon and Kamptee.

7. The Director General, in the 13th paragraph of his letter to the Adjutant General dated the 13th January last, observes that "it does not appear impossible to establish such a system of "Police, under legislative enactment, as would provide full and sufficient protection in guarding "the liberty of the subject, and, at the same time afford security to a considerable extent against "the spread of a loathsome and contagious disease." The Governor in Council will be ready to consider any plan which His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief may recommend for this purpose.

(True Extract.)

W. Marshall
Secretary to Government.

To the Adjutant General.

- „ Quarter Master General.
- „ Dy. Adj. Genl., H. M.'s British Forces.
- „ Director General, Medical Department.
- „ Department Public Works.
- „ Commissary General.
- „ Military Auditor General.
- „ Accountant General.
- „ Auditor of Commissariat Accounts.
- „ Judicial Department, for information. *With 3 spare copies.*

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*Proceedings of Court
in the Military Dept.
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Off^r 23rd April 1860.

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*Communications
for information, copy
of, certain papers and
the order of Court, then
on the subject of the
-location of, at certain
stations, of stock hospitals
for the treatment of
wounded inflicted with
syphilis diseases.
No. 537. 30th/60*

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