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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department, 16th July 1860.

No. 97. Read the following Proceedings of Government, in the Military Department, dated 6th July 1860, No. 2,462.

Communicating the Order passed on a letter from the Inspector General, Medical Department, proposing certain rules for the control of Lock Hospitals. (Vide Proceedings, Military Department, dated 6th July 1860, Nos. 66 @ 70.)

No. 98. ORDER THEREON, 16th July 1860, No. 895.

To be recorded.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers :—

Memorandum from the Adjutant General of the Army, Fort Saint George, 16th May 1860, *No.* 321 ; *to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.*

With reference to the Proceedings of Government No. 1361, dated 11th April 1860, the Commander-in-Chief has the honor to submit the accompanying letter from the Principal Inspector General Medical Department, proposing certain Rules for the control of Lock Hospitals, which His Excellency strongly recommends may be adopted. They are short and simple, and with common supervision on the part of the European authorities, not liable Sir Patrick Grant thinks, to abuse.

From the Principal Inspector General Medical Department, 7th May 1860, *No.* 800 ; *to the Adjutant General of the Army, Fort Saint George.*

In compliance with the desire of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, communicated in your letter No. 2927, of the 1st instant, I have the honor to submit for His Excellency's consideration, a few simple rules, which if efficiently carried out, would it appears to me, meet the objects referred to in para. 7 of the Proceedings of Government No. 1361, of April 1860.

2. To render any system of control over women of the town, efficient, it will obviously be necessary that Government should relax, to a certain extent, any existing regulations or orders which prohibit interference with, or restraint upon this class of persons.

3. The plan I would propose is, to establish such a system of control, as under proper restrictions would be necessary for the protection in a sanitary point of view, of the community in general, against any other admitted nuisance or source of disease ; for this purpose

1st. It should be declared legal for the properly constituted Attendant, Matron or Nurse of a Lock Hospital, to visit and inspect periodically (accompanied by a Police Peon,) the known houses of ill fame or other localities in Military Cantonments, where prostitutes who cohabit with Soldiers reside. The Matron or Nurse to be distinguished by a *badge* worn on the arm, bearing the words "Lock Hospital Nurse," in the native character.

2ndly. Suspected women should be subjected to examination by the Hospital Matron or Nurse, either at their own houses, or, on being removed to Hospital for that purpose.

3rdly. Every admission into Hospital, and the result of the examinations made, should invariably be reported to the Surgeon of the Institution on his next subsequent visit thereto ; and when necessary, the Surgeon himself should be authorized to make the requisite examination of the patient, and detain all such as were found to be proper subjects for treatment.

4thly. The Surgeons of Lock Hospitals should be held responsible that women of respectability were on no account to be interfered with ; that no undue coercion was employed ; and that no improper use was made of the power thus given, over the class of persons received into these Institutions.

5thly. The local Magistrate or Superintendent of Police at Stations where Lock Hospitals are established, should visit them at least once in every month, and inquire into any causes of complaint which may occur ; and he should be required to assist the Hospital Attendants with his authority, in the performance of their duty, and in carrying out the established Regulations.

4. Such is a brief sketch of the rules I would recommend for adoption, but it may perhaps be thought proper to frame any ordinance to be issued for giving effect to them, in proper legal form and phraseology.

ORDER, No. 2462, *6th July* 1860.

The Governor in Council does not consider it advisable to make the subject of the foregoing correspondence a matter of legislative enactment. He however approves generally of the rules proposed by the Principal Inspector General of the Medical Department, and recommended by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, with a view to the prevention of the disease in question, and relying on the powers they confer being exercised with due discretion and circumspection, he authorises their adoption as far as practicable, at such Military stations only as are occupied by European Troops.

2. Prostitutes refusing to abide by the rules should be removed from the limits of Military Cantonments, under the authority of Officers Commanding stations.

(True Extract.)

Secretary to Government.

To the Adjutant General.
" Quarter Master General.
" Dy. Adjt. Genl. H. M.'s British Forces.
" Principal Inspector General Medical Department.
" Judicial Department.

Exd. J. Davis.