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Read the following papers :—

No. 22. From H. R. D. MARRETT, Esq., Zillah Surgeon, Salem ; to the Deputy Inspector General of Hospitals, Southern Division, Trichinopoly, dated Salem, 10th July 1863, No. 36.

1. I have the honor to reply to G. O., No. 974 of the 22nd ultimo,* with your Official Memorandum, No. 355 of the 7th idem.

* Herewith returned.

2. With reference to the occasion of Lieutenant Hill's illness and death, I have to state, that I did not leave Salem until Saturday the 25th April, and that I was, at that Officer's bedside, before 9 A. M. on Tuesday, having been absent from Salem barely three days. It appears from paragraph 1 of their Order, that the Government are under the impression that I left Salem on the day of Lieutenant Hill's return, and was absent for nearly four days. The cause of my prolonged absence, I should say, the chief cause, (for I had other cases at Yerkad to attend to) was the serious illness of the Reverend J. Addis. This gentleman, (who is old and feeble,) broke his leg by a fall towards the close of 1862, and has ever since been in such a precarious state of health as to require constant attention and careful treatment. On the evening of Friday the 24th, a letter from Mrs. Addis was sent down to me, from Yerkad, stating that the old gentleman had been attacked with Dysentery, and was in a very low state. On the following day after visiting the Jail Hospital, I proceeded to the Shevaroys, and was in close attendance upon Mr. Addis, during part of that day, and the following Sunday and Monday. On Monday Mr. Addis was so much better, that I felt no further anxiety about him, and on Tuesday morning at 6 o'clock I left Yerkad for Salem. At the foot of the Hills I was met by a message, from Dr. Scott, regarding Lieutenant Hill's serious illness, and proceeded at once to that Officer's house, and remained with him until his death, which occurred shortly before 7 P. M.

3. With regard to the general question of my visits to the Shevaroys during the past six months, I regret I am unable to give the exact number of days I have been absent from Salem, during that time, as I have not noted any occasion, on which I was not absent from Salem, for more than twenty-four hours. As a rule I go up once a week, and to the best of my belief have (in accordance with G. O., No. 785, of the 17th June 1861,) reported to the Secretary to the Principal Inspector General Medical Department, every occasion, except one, of absence exceeding twenty-four hours, during the half year; my reports will, I presume, be found on record in the Principal Inspector General's Office. I may remark that for nearly two whole months (March and April) of the half year I was prevented from leaving Salem by the prevalence of sickness (terminating in a severe outbreak of Cholera) in the Jail.

4. I have admitted above, that on one occasion I omitted to report my absence. That occasion was, when Lieutenant Hill died. That I did not then report, as usual, was entirely due to mental anxiety, in connection with that lamented Officer's death. I proceeded to his bedside, from Yerkad, without going home, and remained there all day, until his death in the evening. On the following morning I made a *post-mortem* examination of the body, and was busy during the rest of the day, with arrangements for the funeral; during the rest of the week, I was so ill myself, prostrated in fact, both mentally and bodily, that I could not give my attention to any thing. It was not, indeed, until the following week, that I recollected that the usual report of my absence from Salem, had not been made, it was then I thought too late to make a report on the subject, as Lieutenant Hill's case had in the interval been duly communicated to your office.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. A. REYNOLDS,
Ag. Depy. Inspector General,
Southern Division.

No. 23.

No. 169.

MEMORANDUM.

The Principal Inspector General has the honor to forward to the Chief Secretary to Government for reference, the reports from Zillah Surgeon Salem, of his visit to the Shevaroy Hills, as requested in Memorandum, Judicial Department, No. 184, dated the 28th ultimo.

Dated 25th February 1863.		Dated 22nd June 1863.	
,, 19th May	,,	,, 25th ,,	,,
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To be returned.

Letter from Zillah Surgeon, Salem, No. 36, received therewith is returned.

OFFICE OF PRINCIPAL INSPECTOR
GENERAL MEDICAL DEPARTMENT,
FORT SAINT GEORGE,
3rd August 1863.

(Signed) ROBERT COLE,
Principal Inspector General Medical Department.

To the Chief Secretary to Government, Public Department,
Fort Saint George.

From H. R. D. MARRETT, Esq., Zillah Surgeon, Salem; to the Secretary to the Principal Inspector General Medical Department, Madras, dated Salem, 25th February 1863.

I have the honor to report to you, for the information of the Principal Inspector General Medical Department, that I have been beyond twenty-four hours in professional attendance, on two or three parties on the Shevaroy Hills, requiring my services. I have also been engaged in vaccinating children, on account of Small-pox having been and still being prevalent amongst the Malialies on these Hills.

From H. R. D. MARRETT, Esq., Zillah Surgeon, Salem; to the Secretary to the Principal Inspector General Medical Department, Madras, dated Salem, 19th May 1863, No. 19.

I have the honor to report to you, for the information of the Principal Inspector General Medical Department, that I was sent for, on the afternoon of the 16th instant, to see Mrs. Hayter, the wife of a Lieutenant Hayter, who was laboring under severe nervous excitement, verging on Mania. I also had to attend to a planter who was suffering from threatening symptoms of Enteritis, and visited as well the Reverend Mr. Addis and two or three other patients.

These cases detained me at Yerkad beyond the twenty-four hours.

From H. R. D. MARRETT, Esq., Zillah Surgeon, Salem; to the Secretary to the Principal Inspector General Medical Department, Madras, dated Salem, 2nd June 1863, No. 21.

I have the honor to report, for the information of the Principal Inspector General Medical Department, that on Saturday morning, after having been to the Jail Hospital, I proceeded to the Shevaroys, to visit a few patients, and was detained in professional attendance on them beyond twenty-four hours.

I take this opportunity of requesting you will ask the Principal Inspector General Medical Department, whether he has any objection to my giving regularly, two days in the week, say, Saturday (after I have visited the Jail Hospital at Salem) and Sunday, to attendance upon patients on the Shevaroy Hills. The requisition sent from the Hills for my services, are so frequent (many of them too, for most trivial cases) that I find it not only inconvenient, but impossible to attend to them as promptly as I could wish. Before going home in 1861, I adopted with the sanction of the Civil authorities this plan, (viz., of devoting Saturday and Sunday to the Shevaroys) and found it answer well, as the planters and other residents knowing that they could depend on finding me at Yerkad on two days in the week, made a point of waiting, (except in cases of emergency) until I came up.

The arrangement which I am now proposing, will not at all interfere with the Order of Government, directing me to report every occasion of my absence from Salem, for more than twenty-four hours; nor should I think of leaving Salem on the days above specified, if any thing of a more urgent nature required my presence at the station.

* And for which I have the sanction of the Civil authorities.

From H. R. D. MARRETT, Esq., Zillah Surgeon, Salem; to the Secretary to the Principal Inspector General Medical Department, Madras, dated Salem, 8th June 1863, No. 22.

I have the honor to report, for the information of the Principal Inspector General Medical Department, that I proceeded on duty to the Shevaroys on the 6th instant, and returned to Salem this morning.

From H. R. D. MARRETT, Esq., Zillah Surgeon, Salem; to the Secretary to the Principal Inspector General Medical Department, Madras, dated Salem, 15th June 1863, No. 25.

I have the honor to report, for the information of the Principal Inspector General Medical Department, that I visited the Shevaroys on duty on the 13th instant, and returned to Salem on this date.

From H. R. D. MARRETT, Esq., Zillah Surgeon, Salem; to the Secretary to the Principal Inspector General Medical Department, Madras, dated Salem, 22nd June 1863, No. 28.

I have the honor to report, for the information of the Principal Inspector General Medical Department, that I went to the Shevaroys on the 20th instant to see a few patients, and returned to Salem on this date.

From H. R. D. MARRETT, Esq., Zillah Surgeon, Salem; to the Secretary to the Principal Inspector General Medical Department, Madras, dated Salem, 25th June 1863, No. 31.

I have the honor to report, for the information of the Principal Inspector General Medical Department, that I was sent for, from Yerkad on the night of Monday the 22nd instant, by Mr. Mayers (a Coffee planter) to attend to his wife in her confinement. On arrival there, I learnt that the pains had been very strong on her up to 11 o'clock, and from that time had gradually ceased. I remained on the Hills Tuesday and Wednesday, in case my services might be required, and finding that there were no symptoms of labor coming on I left her early this morning, and returned to Salem, intimating that I would endeavor to see her again on Saturday, should my services not be required before.

From H. R. D. MARRETT, Esq., Zillah Surgeon, Salem; to the Secretary to the Principal Inspector General Medical Department, Madras, dated Salem, 3rd July 1863, No. 33.

I have the honor to report, for the information of the Principal Inspector General Medical Department, that I was sent for, between 7 and 8 A. M., on the 1st ultimo, to attend Mrs. Mayers in her confinement which took place at 1 A. M., the next morning. I was also called in to see a child of Mrs. Carr's suffering from fever and returned to Salem this morning.

No. 24.

ORDER THEREON, 2nd October 1863, No. 1,590.

To be recorded.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. T. McMootry.

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From

The Principal Secretary
Med. Department
Fort St George

Order No. 1590 of 2 Oct. 1863.

The Chief Secretary to Govt.
Public Dept.
Fort St George

Dated 3rd August

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Forwards in reference
to circular No. 184 Jud. Depart.
the returns from Gillakoorgum
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Medl. letter from Govt. 10th July 63
Pol. Despatch 1st Aug. 63
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