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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
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No. 9. Read the following letter from A. H. BEAMAN, Esq., Acting Zillah Surgeon; to the Deputy Inspector General of Hospitals, Mysore Division, Bangalore, dated Tellicherry, 3rd October 1863, No. 7.

I have the honor to request you will be so good as to inform me, or refer the question to Principal Inspector General, whether any Government orders have ever been issued to the effect that a Medical Officer, or a Medical Subordinate, should be present at the public execution of Criminals. Also whether it is the duty of such Medical Officer or Medical Subordinate to supply a written Certificate to the Magistrate (whose duty it is to superintend such executions) to the effect that the culprit was effectually hanged? No such custom has ever obtained at any Civil Station of which I have before held Medical charge; nor has the performance of such duty by the Civil Surgeon or his Subordinate been required here during the last five years—which is the longest backward period of time concerning which I can obtain authentic information.

The Joint Magistrate, however, who has recently arrived here has officially requested that either the Civil Surgeon or a Medical Subordinate should be present at every public execution. As he can produce no Government order upon the subject, and does not himself know whether any such order exists, I request you will be kind enough to refer the matter for the decision of the Principal Inspector General of the Medical Department.

No. 217.

MEMORANDUM.

The Principal Inspector General Medical Department has the honor to refer the within letter, to the Chief Secretary to Government, (Judicial Department) for orders, or disposal.

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

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
14th October 1863.

No. 10. ORDER THEREON, 2nd November 1863, No. 1,713.

The Governor in Council does not think it necessary that a Medical Officer or Medical Subordinate should be required to attend at the execution of Criminals.

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

Exd. T. McMootry.

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To The Principal Inspr. Genl. Med. Dept.
The Magistrate of Malabar

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