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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 22nd March 1861.

No. 423. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Department, dated 19th March 1861, No. 407 :—

Authorize the course proposed by the Principal Inspector General, Medical Department, for directing Pauper patients, being followed at all up-country Civil Dispensaries except Tranquebar, Mangalore and Tellicherry. (Vide Public Proceedings, 19th March 1861, Nos. 148, 149.)

No. 424. ORDER THEREON, 22nd March 1861, No. 679.

Ordered to be communicated to the Board of Revenue, for information with reference to Proceedings dated 14th September 1860, No. 1,603.

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

ad the following letter from G. 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 13th March 1861, No. 43.

Adverting to Proceedings of Madras Government, Public Department, No. 1,263, of date h August last, and paragraph 5 of Order thereon, I have the honor to report for the informa- of Government, that unexpected difficulty has arisen regarding tenders for the supply of ts, &c., for the Pauper patients in the Civil Dispensaries. At the few stations where tenders e been received, the rates have been high; and at several others, daily reports are being made, t no tenders whatever have been received, the profits likely to be made being insufficient to uce contractors to come forward.

2. With regard to the Dispensaries in the Mofussil, I would therefore recommend, in er to meet the difficulty and as the most economical arrangement, that a sum not exceeding Rupees per mensem in ordinary circumstances, be sanctioned by Government, for dieting the ıper patients in each of these institutions, and that the Medical Officers should submit ıthly to the Collector for payment, contingent Bills accompanied by proper vouchers, with a ificate of the *bonâ fide* expense incurred in each month, for dieting the sick.

3. A practice somewhat in accordance with the above suggestion already obtains at the obaconum Dispensary.

4. Should the number of patients dieted necessitate an expenditure above 50 Rupees per sem, I am of opinion that the cost should be defrayed from the local subscriptions, where are available. In adopting this course, a definite control can be maintained over the enditure, which, under the present system, or the one recently sanctioned of obtaining supplies on contract, cannot be so satisfactorily exercised. The allowance of 50 Rupees should provide perishable* articles, and also the few country medicines required monthly, but not "half† yearly supplies," which might be procured on contingent

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s to be passed in this Office and disbursed by the Collectors.

5. Under the above arrangement 34‡ Dispensaries would cost Government including the perishable articles and country medicines referred to in paragraph 4, Rupees 20,400, the actual outlay for 1859 being Rupees 34,756.

cept those at the Presidency and Mangare and Tellicherry, the expense of the two tter for diet &c., is defrayed by local contributions, but not the half yearly supplies.

6. With regard to the Civil Hospitals at the Presidency, tenders will be called for, to supply with necessaries, as soon as specifications have been sent in by the various Medical Officers. se have been called for, and may be daily expected.

7. I beg the favor of an early reply to the subject of this communication, as the Commist Department is to be relieved of all connection with Civil Dispensaries from the 1st 1861.

ORDER THEREON, 19th March 1861, No. 407.

In their Proceedings of the 25th August 1860 No. 1,263, the Government, at the suggestion e Principal Inspector General Medical Department, directed that the Civil Dispensaries in the Provinces should, for the future, be furnished with supplies by means of local contracts put up to public competition. It was subsetly resolved that the change should take place from the 1st May 1861.

r 10th September 1860, *No.* 1,334.

2. Dr. Pearse now points out the difficulty of obtaining supplies by that mode, and recommends, in lieu, that a sum of fifty (50) Rupees per mensem be allowed for dieting Pauper patients in each Dispensary—and that, where the expenditure on this account may exceed that sum, the cost be defrayed from local sources.

3. The Government accordingly authorize the course now proposed being followed at all up-country Civil Dispensaries, except Tranquebar, Mangalore and Tellicherry. The Civil Surgeons will give the community of their respective Stations clearly to understand that they will be expected to make up whatever may be necessary to supplement the monthly grant of fifty Rupees. This allowance, it is to be observed, is to provide the perishable articles and, also, the few Country Medicines required monthly, and the Medical Officers in charge will submit early in each month to the Civil Auditor for audit, and then to the Collector for payment, Contingent Bills, supported by vouchers, and accompanied by a certificate of the *bonâ fide* expenses incurred during the preceding month in dieting the sick. The "half yearly supplies" will, likewise, be procured by the local Medical Officers and exhibited in Contingent Bills to be submitted to the Principal Inspector General Medical Department, early in the month following the half year to which they relate. On these Bills being countersigned by him and passed by the Civil Auditor, they will be disbursed by the Collector.

4. Dr. Pearse will, at the close of the year, report how the arrangement has been found to work.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Principal Inspector General Medical Department.
" Civil Auditor.
" Accountant General.
" Revenue Department.
" Military Department.
" Commissary General.
" Collector of

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