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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
15th October 1864.*

No. 274. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public
Department:—

Passing orders on the Report of the Principal Inspector
General, Medical Department, on the Civil Dispensaries } (Here enter 7th October 1864, No. 1,132.)
for the year 1863.

No. 275. ORDER THEREON, 15th October 1864, No. 2,973.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineers, whose particular attention will be called to
latter part of paragraph 31.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineers.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Read the following Report from the Principal Inspector General, Medical Department.

(Here enter 18th May 1864.)*

No. 22. ORDER THEREON, 7th October 1864, No. 1132.

The Governor in Council has read, with much pleasure, the Report of the Principal Inspector General, Medical Department, on the Civil Dispensaries, for the year 1863.

2. The Returns show a slight increase in the number of persons treated during the year, the numbers being, for 1862, 272,502, and for 1863, 274,218; but their accuracy appears to be open to doubt from the probability that, in some cases, out-patients are entered daily, as *new* patients. This, however, will be corrected by the system introduced by the Principal Inspector General, of returning, instead of "persons treated," "number of persons seen and prescribed for."

3. It is very satisfactory that the partial withdrawal of Government support to the Mofussil Dispensaries has had the effect of enlisting a large amount of public support for the institutions, which has obviated, in almost every case, the necessity for closing them.

4. The cost of the Provincial Dispensaries has been Rupees 86,561-10-10, an increase of Rupees 4336-9-11 on the previous year; accounted for by increase of pay due to three Native Surgeons, the opening of a Dispensary at Conjeveram, and additional value of medicines supplied. The cost will be, it is stated, much reduced during the current year.

5. There has been a slight decrease in the cost of the Presidency Dispensaries and Hospitals, as shown in the margin; while there has been an increase of nearly 4 per cent. in the number of persons treated.

	Total expenditure.			Deduct Hospital stoppages.			Net cost to Government.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
1862	1,68,918	4	1	3,855	10	9	1,65,062	9	4
1863	1,68,113	0	4	4,497	10	10	1,63,616	5	0

6. The expenditure on each patient in the Mofussil has been—208,486 patients costing Rupees 86,561-10-10—

Rupees 0-6-7; while at the Presidency it has been (excluding the Lunatic Asylum)—65,663 patients costing Rupees 1,43,154—Rupees 2-2-10, or rather more than five times as much.

7. The Governor in Council, while fully recognizing the fact that the peculiar circumstances of the Presidency town justify a very much larger expenditure on its charitable institutions than on those of any other place in the Presidency, is constrained to observe that the expenditure of Rupees 1,43,154 on the town of Madras is excessive, while the sum of Rupees 86,561 suffices for the whole Mofussil. It is to be remembered, moreover, that the latter charge will be, for the present year, very much reduced, probably to Rupees 60,000. The General Hospital will be, ere long, complete, and it is highly desirable that such measures should be taken, before its completion, as will enable Government to throw the burden of supporting some of the Presidency Dispensaries upon the general public, with a fair prospect of success. The Government having recently resolved upon the erection of a Native General Hospital, which will, it is anticipated, supersede the Chintadrepettah and Vepery

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Dispensaries, it is the more incumbent on the public to come forward for the support of those which will, eventually, remain.

8. But this is beside the question of the average expense a head; and though there is, no doubt, much greater cost necessarily incurred in a hospital for Europeans or East Indians, it does not seem to His Excellency in Council that that can be alleged as a sufficient reason for the great disparity in cost per patient shown above. The Principal Inspector General will take the question into early consideration, with the view of applying an effectual remedy.

9. The Governor in Council concurs in the observation of the Principal Inspector General that it is highly undesirable that the whole business of dieting the sick in Mofussil Dispensaries should be left to the Medical subordinates, which is unfair to them and to the sick: and he trusts that Local Managing Committees will endeavour to make arrangements for correcting the evil.

10. His Excellency in Council now proceeds to notice, in detail, those institutions which invite remark.

11. *Berhampore*.—This Dispensary must be closed forthwith, unless a definite ground of expectation that it will ere long be self-supporting be held out.

12. *Combaconum and Manargoody*.—The praiseworthy efforts which have resulted in making these institutions self-supporting have already been favourably noticed.

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13. *Cuddalore*.—The remarks made by Government on the Dispensaries at this station, in reviewing the Report of 1862, seem to have had no effect. Nothing appears to have been done for the Civil Hospital, and only Rupees 19 per mensem has been collected for the Branch Dispensary. An immediate report will be called for, and if it appear that nothing has been done, one at least of the Dispensaries will be forthwith closed.

14. *Eye Infirmary*.—Dr. Shaw will be good enough to inform Government, with a view to obtaining sanction for their purchase, of the probable cost of the cataract glasses asked for by Dr. Smith.

15. *Leper Hospital*.—The attention of the Sanitary Commission will be called to this hospital, and their opinion asked as to the system to be adopted in improving the privies.

16. *Lunatic Asylum*.—The question of new Lunatic Asylums on the West Coast and elsewhere is under consideration, and the establishment of these institutions will reduce the number of applications for admission to the Madras Asylum.

17. *Lying-in-Hospital*.—The continued and increasing success of this institution is most satisfactory, and reflects credit on those in whose hands it has been placed.

18. *Idiot Asylum*.—The same remark as that made in paragraph 15 applies to this Asylum.

19. *Foundling Hospital*.—The attention of the Sanitary Commission will be particularly called to the latter part of the extract from Dr. van Someren's Report. Government notice with much pleasure the efforts of this officer to better the Sanitary state of his District.

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20. *Madura*.—The operations in connection with this institution, both as regards its funds and medical management, appear to be well judged.

21. *Mulliapuram Dispensary* is, Government presume, already closed.

22. *Nellore*.—The munificent benefaction of the Zemindar of Vencatagiri of the whole cost of the Dispensary has already been acknowledged by Government. The establishment of a Branch Dispensary would seem a wisely considered measure.

23. *Pollachi*.—The attention of the Collector of Coimbatore will again be called to the reports on this hospital.

24. *Rajahmundry*.—The account of the funds of this Dispensary is not satisfactory.

25. *Rancepet*.—This hospital was ordered to be removed to Wallajahpet in March 1863. No information is given as to why this was not done. It appears that no subscriptions can be obtained. The Governor in Council sees no alternative but to order its being closed from the earliest possible date.

26. *Secunderabad*.—The Government concur with the Principal Inspector General in the opinion, that the community at this station are quite able to support their own Dispensary; the allowance has been, it is presumed, withdrawn.

27. *Tinnevely Dispensary* has already been closed for in-patients, and amalgamated with the Palamcottah hospital, and there appears to be no doubt that the combined institutions will be fully supported.

28. *Tranquebar*.—Government are glad to find from a recent letter from the Collector of Tanjore, that this Dispensary has been put upon an independent footing.

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29. *Trichinopoly*.—It is gratifying to find that so much success has attended the efforts to give this institution a permanent endowment.

30. *Vellore*.—The final remark in paragraph 24 applies to this Dispensary. It does not appear, however, that any efforts have been made to raise funds for the support of the institution. The Governor in Council is willing to allow a further period for making the attempt, but after the 1st January next Government aid, except for Medical aid and medicines, will be withdrawn.

31. *Vizagapatam*.—The Government notice with great satisfaction the efforts which have been made to improve the sanitary condition of this town, and the support which has been afforded to the Dispensary.

32. The Governor in Council has not thought it necessary to notice, in detail, the many complaints which the reports contain, arising out of the treatment of the Police at the Dispensaries. He is fully alive to the gravity of the objections raised. Final orders have been already issued on the subject, and it will be impressed upon the Inspector General of Police and Principal Inspector General, Medical Department, that the Government consider the immediate relief of all Civil Dispensaries from the point of attention to the Police, a point of the first importance. A copy of this paragraph will be communicated to the Public Works Department, with a view to the issue of instructions to officers of Divisions, in which Police Dispensaries are sanctioned, to adopt measures to ensure their early completion.

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32. The attention of the Principal Inspector General is called to the objectionable way in which the Statements on pages 8—11, and 18—21 are printed; there is nothing to guide the eye across the blank space caused by the fold of the page. The Dispensaries should be numbered, and the same figures should be shown in a column at the left side of the right hand page.

(True Extract.)

L. Blum

Secretary to Government.

To the Principal Inspector General Medical Department. }
" Sanitary Commission. }
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