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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
16th October 1865.*

No. 360. 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 operations of the Civil Hospitals and Dispensaries in the Madras Presidency, during the year 1864. (Here enter 27th September 1865, No. 1,004.)

No. 361. ORDER THEREON, 16th October 1865, No. 3,073.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 48.

1. Communicated to the Superintending Engineers for information.

2. The Superintending Engineers of the 2nd and 7th Divisions will submit estimates for the repairs referred to in paragraphs 10 and 16.

3. Adverting to paragraph 12, the Superintending Engineer of the 4th Division will report upon the suggestion of the Civil Surgeon at Chittoor, regarding the use of the stone of a part of the old Fort at that station in the construction of the Hospital buildings sanctioned in G. O. No. 2,923, dated 4th October 1865.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineers.
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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
27th September 1865.*

Read the following Report of the Principal Inspector General, Medical Department.
(Here enter, 10th May 1865, No. 149*).

No. 142. ORDER THEREON, 27th September 1865, No. 1004.

The above Report and its appended extracts refer to the operations of the Civil Hospitals and Dispensaries throughout the Presidency for the year 1864, but the statistical information therein contained, as to the number of persons under treatment, is still open to doubt, under the causes which led to the alteration of the heading "treated" to "seen and prescribed for", referred to in the Principal Inspector General's last report, but which only came into effect late in the year. The reports of future years will be free from this defect.

2. The statistics, however, show that there has been very little alteration in the gross number of persons under treatment, an increase of 8732 in the number of out-patients being in some degree counterbalanced by a decrease of 1057 in the number of in-patients, the latter being evidently the result of economical measures rendered necessary by the withdrawal of Government support from Provincial Institutions.

3. The General Hospital, the Government observe, is not expected to be ready for occupation until some time in the year 1866.

4. The Government are glad to find that the duty of providing for the expenses of their own local Dispensaries is being more and more recognised by the Mofussil communities, and that the year has seen so large an increase of the capital of these Institutions, which has risen from Rupees 1,64,806-13-6 to Rupees 2,95,482-10-7; while of this, Rupees 2,34,780-12-4 is bearing interest. The charge to Government on account of the Mofussil Dispensaries has been reduced by Rupees 15,224-5-11 or to Rupees 71,337-4-11.

5. The Government agree with Dr. Cole, in thinking that the time has now come for considering the mode in which these large sums should be invested. They do not forget that these funds are the product of private benevolence, and that they are not directly subject to Government control; but they still consider that, having respect to the fact that the Dispensaries generally receive from Government the services of a Medical Officer and medicines free of cost, they may with propriety insist upon the adoption of a course which will be to the benefit of the Institutions. They, therefore, resolve to instruct Collectors throughout the country to intimate to the various Committees for the Dispensaries, that the Government consider that monied capital accumulated in their hands should not be invested, either with private persons, or with Banks or other Agencies, but that as the accumulations may from time to time amount to more than Rupees 1000 in excess of current requirements, they should be invested in Government Securities.

6. The large collection for the Tinnevely Dispensary has already been favorably noticed by Government.

7. The Government would be glad to believe that Dr. Cole's anticipations, "that the time is not far distant when every Talook in the Presidency will have a medical charity ministered to by an educated Native Doctor", were not too sanguine; but they have no hesitation in giving it as their opinion that no more likely

step to ensure this result can be taken, than that to which Dr. Cole refers in his 18th paragraph, viz., the training up, in local hospitals, of native youths, inhabitants of the District, in a knowledge of the treatment of disease; and they view with very great approval the advance which has been made in Madura, and one or two other places, towards attaining this object.

8. The probability of ensuring medical aid for themselves and in their own neighbourhood, will most likely be necessary as an incentive before the inhabitants of the remote parts of districts will consent to tax themselves for the benefit of hospitals. The labors of the vaccination establishments, who will, so far as in them lies, without interfering with their legitimate duties, give the benefit of their general medical skill to those among whom their tours may extend, will, the Government doubt not, assist in developing a readiness to accept, and anxiety to obtain, the assistance of qualified medical practitioners.

9. With respect to the different local Institutions, the Government proceed to remark upon those which call for special notice.

10. *Calicut*.—The Government consider that the wealthy district of Malabar should be able to make greater efforts than are apparent from its financial statement. The expenditure has exceeded the income (which includes donations) by a sum almost as large as the balance on hand at the close of the year; so that another year will probably show no balance. The Government will not object to allow an estimate to be prepared in the Department Public Works for the repairs needed to the hospital.

11. *Chicacole*.—The removal of the Police from this Dispensary should be at once effected. A small house should be rented for the purpose, if no other arrangements are possible, and the Government consider that the Police Funds should bear this charge, and that it should not be, as it now is, practically thrown on the private benevolence of the district.

12. *Chittoor*.—The plans of the new hospital at this place are now before Government. The question of making use of the stones alluded to by the Civil Surgeon will be considered in the Department Public Works.

13. *Coimbatore*.—The remarks made in reference to Chicacole, on the subject of Police accommodation, will apply to this Dispensary also. The Government see no objection to the adoption of Dr. Davis' proposal for a Lying-in-Hospital. There can be no additional claim on Government on account of it.

14. *Coonoor*.—The Government do not consider that the circumstances of the Kotagherry station are at present such as to render the building of a Dispensary necessary.

15. *Cuddapah*.—The Government are glad to find that there is a prospect of an endowment for this Dispensary.

16. *Guntoor*.—They will be prepared to sanction the execution of the slight repairs necessary to this Dispensary in the Department Public Works on the receipt of an estimate.

17. *Vepery*.—The establishment of a separate ward as a Lock Hospital seems to have been a judicious step.

18. *The Lying-in-Hospital* continues to extend its sphere of usefulness. The Government notice with pleasure the large increase of cases treated.

19. *Madura*.—The great and spreading desire for European medical aid in this district is cause for much satisfaction. The Government have no objection to the proposed plan for selling European medicines, if the Principal Inspector General, Medical Department, considers it practicable to supply medicines, on payment, in sufficient quantity.

20. *Manargoody*.—The progress of the Lying-in-Hospital at this station, and of the pupils, is satisfactory.

21. *Mangalore*.—The remarks on the treatment of the Police in the hospital, made under Chicacole, apply to this place. Immediate steps should be taken to rent a separate building for a Police sick ward, at the cost of the Police Department.

22. *Masulipatam*.—The Government have already sanctioned the repair, at the public cost, of the Dispensary, which was much damaged by the late Cyclone. The arrangement made for the accommodation of the Police is approved, and should be carried out elsewhere.

23. *Ootacamund*.—The attention of the Inspector General of Police will be called to Dr. Smith's statement as to the Police clothing, and he will report to Government how the evil complained of may be remedied.

24. *Paliport Lazaretto*.—It has been resolved to abandon this building, and orders have already been issued for the provision of a proper hospital in a more convenient position.

25. *Rajahmundry*.—The Government trust that the Civil Surgeon's fears for the stability of this Institution are not well grounded, and that the subject of its support will be taken up by the Government officials of the District.

26. *Tranquebar*.—The Government share Dr. Cole's difficulty in understanding why this Dispensary should be so poorly supported, while other Dispensaries in the District have been so generously upheld. The subject is one which may well engage the attention of the Collector.

27. *Vizagapatam*.—The energetic action of the Municipal Association is most satisfactory, and the general recourse to the Dispensary for relief is subject for congratulation.

28. It remains for Government to notice the subject of the expenditure of the Civil Hospitals at the Presidency.

29. The total expenditure on these Institutions was in 1863, Rupees 1,68,113-0-4, from which sum 4500 Rupees were to be deducted on account of Hospital stoppages. In the year 1864, the total amount of stoppages and sale proceeds of old articles was Rupees 5190-1-10; but although the year was a decidedly healthy one, the expenditure reached the amount of Rupees 1,84,285-8-10; or the gross cost of this year shows an excess over that of last year of Rupees 16,172-8-6—a sum nearly the same as the reduction upon the Provincial Dispensaries (Rupees 15-224-5-11), and not much less than one-fourth of the whole expenditure upon the latter named Institutions.

30. The collection of private contributions was confined to one Dispensary, Vepery, and amounted to Rupees 108-12-0, the movement having been set on foot shortly before the close of the year; but it is stated that Rupees 60 is being raised monthly, the monthly expenditure of the Dispensary, after deducting the cost of Medical Subordinates and European medicines, being Rupees 664-10-6, or rather more than eleven times the contributions.

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