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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
21st March 1865.*

No. 364. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Department:—

Requesting to be furnished with Lists of sub-ordinate Officers in several Offices and Departments, both in the Presidency and in Provinces, who are entitled to the professional attendance of Medical Officers at their houses. (Here enter 14th March 1865, No. 275.)

No. 365. ORDER THEREON, 21st March 1865, No. 626.

Miscellaneous.

Communicated to the Board of Revenue, Conservator of Forests, Director of Revenue Settlement, Superintendent of Revenue Survey, and Inám Commissioner for early report.
(True Extract.)

• (Signed) J. GROSE,
Acting Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue,
„ the Conservator of Forests,
„ the Director of Revenue Settlement,
„ the Superintendent of Revenue Survey,
„ the Inám Commissioner, } With Proceedings Public Department, No. 275. •

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
14th March 1865.*

Read the following papers:—

No. 53. From R. COLE, Esq., Principal Inspector General, Medical Department, to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated 10th March 1865, No. 76.

I have the honor to report, for the information of His Excellency the Governor in Council, with reference to the Proceedings of Government marginally noted, that I consider the conduct of the Zillah Surgeon of Tellicherry most reprehensible, both as exhibiting an ignorance of the regulations on the point in question, and an illiberal spirit in acting on the rule which he erroneously supposed to exist.

22nd February 1865, No. 211.

2. The rule is well known to Government, and has been circulated to all the members of the Medical Service so lately as October last.* Though some limit must be placed to the number of public servants to whom a Government Medical Officer is expected to render attendance *at their own houses*, the Superintendent of Sea Customs was certainly entitled to such attendance; and his small income (even if the demand for remuneration was sanctioned in such a case, which it is not) should have exempted him from a demand for fees; as, until this instance to the contrary was brought before me, I believed it would have done at the hands of every member of my Department, and I hope and believe that such another instance of illiberality could not be found. I consider, therefore, that disapprobation of such conduct should be marked by the removal of the Assistant Surgeon from his Civil appointment, and his remand to Military duty.

3. With regard to the views I am called upon for by Government, in paragraph 6 of the Proceedings now adverted to, it is difficult to define, arbitrarily, what public servants should, or should not, be entitled to Medical attendance at their own houses. Perhaps it might be appropriately laid down that the head official of each branch of a Public Department should be so entitled. This would entitle Mr. Nelson, and all situated like him, as the Managers of Public offices, and other similar employés; and in consonance with this rule, Heads of Departments might be called upon to send in to Government a list of all officials, who, in their opinion, should enjoy the privilege. This list might be supervised in any way thought right by Government.

4. Any rule laid down to define this point would be very acceptable to Medical officers, who are constantly subjected to perform work beyond the strict line of their duty, from a feeling of what is due to humanity, and do not get credit usually for doing what they are under no compulsion to do. I hope I may justly claim for our profession, generally, great liberality in this respect; and I think Government and the public would rarely, if ever, have to complain, if a strict line were laid down as to what was compulsory on a Medical man, that he confined himself to the rigid line of his duty only.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
14th March 1865.

No. 54. From R. COLE, Esq., Principal Inspector General, Medical Department, to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated 13th March 1865, No. 81.

Referring to my letter, No. 76, of date the 10th instant, I have the honor to remark that, although I am still of opinion that Mr. Wither's conduct was most blameable, and such as to justify Government in placing his services at the disposal of the Commander-in-Chief, for Military duty, yet, in consequence of the exigencies of the service, and the absence of so many officers of the Department on sick leave, I am compelled to ask Government to allow me on this occasion to administer a Departmental reprimand to Mr. Wither, and retain him in his present acting appointment, instead of sending him to Regimental duty.

2. My reason for making this request is that I have no one at hand to take up the Civil Medical duties at Tellicherry, if Mr. Wither is removed.

3. I have just learnt of the serious illness of Dr. King, Civil Surgeon of Mangalore, and have been requested to re-place him, but am unable to do so, owing to the temporary paucity of Medical Officers for duty.

No. 55. ORDER THEREON, 14th March 1865, No. 275.

Under the circumstances represented in the second of the letters above recorded, the Governor in Council will not insist on Assistant Surgeon F. O. B. Wither's being remanded to Military duty. He directs, however, that Assistant Surgeon Wither be at once removed from Tellicherry to another station.

2. The Governor in Council considers it desirable that lists should be prepared of Subordinate Officers in the several Departments who are entitled to the professional attendance of Medical Officers at their own houses; and, with this view, he directs that the several Collectors, Civil and Session Judges, and other Heads of Offices and Departments in the Provinces and at the Presidency, will furnish the Principal Inspector General of the Medical Department with lists of the public servants in their respective offices and departments whom they consider entitled to such attendance. The lists, when complete, will be compiled in the Principal Inspector General's Office, and submitted to Government, with that Officers' remarks, not later than the 15th May next.

(True Extract).

A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

To the Revenue Department for information and for communication to officers subordinate to that Department.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

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Communicated to the
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 the Attorney General
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 and
 the Secretary of
 the Commonwealth
 for their report

John H. George
 21st March 1865

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Proceedings of the
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