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17th October 1867.

No. 348. Read the following Endorsement of the Acting Deputy Inspector General, Presidency, for Inspector General, Indian Medical Department, dated Fort St. George, 5th October 1867, No. 389 :—

Read the following letter from the Deputy Inspector General, Indian Medical Department, Northern District, to the Secretary to the Inspector General, Indian Medical Department, dated Waltair, 26th September 1867, No. 731.

I have the honor to forward the enclosed correspondence in order that the Inspector General may be in possession of all that is done in and through the department in this Division.

From Assistant Apothecary J. WATTS, in Medical charge, to the Deputy Inspector General, Indian Medical Department, Waltair, dated Chatterpore, 20th September 1867, No. 69.

1. In bringing to your notice the continued prevalence of fever in Ganjam, and the large average daily expenditure* of quinine in consequence, I am compelled to solicit a further supply. The demand for this drug from both public and private sources are very great, and if the fever continues to prevail, as in all probability it will, for reasons stated below, I apprehend the quantity of quinine in store will not be sufficient to meet the demand, as, from the quantity I have, 8 ounces at least will be reserved for the use of the Collector's camp on his approaching tour into the hills, which will extend over two months.

* Sixty-five grains per day.

2. I was directed by the Collector to visit Ganjam, and afford medical aid to the public establishments as per margin at that station. I embraced the opportunity of visiting a few patients among the inhabitants, and found them very much cut up from the effects of the fever, looking anæmic and disheartened, and generally suffering from splenic enlargements; and I was subsequently informed by the Subordinate Magistrate that no less than 600 persons were similarly suffering, and that since the commencement of the fever (October last year) 500 cases proved fatal. He could assign no cause for the prevalence of the disease.

3. The fever is confined to the town of Ganjam only, and is compared by the oldest inhabitant with that which raged there some fifty or sixty years back. The type is of the ordinary quotidian intermittent, but when left unchecked, running into the tertian and remittent, and often proving fatal from cerebral congestion; but quite amenable to treatment, with a tendency to relapse.

4. From the 1st January 1867 there have been 188 admissions among the Police while the Constables were guarding the Salt pans at Ganjam, and occurring three or four times in the same Constable. I have consequently suggested that the men who were working at Ganjam may be removed to another division, and the head-quarters of the Inspector be removed to Chatterpore.

5. The immediate origin of the fever might justly be attributed to a want of drainage in the town. Wet cultivation is to be seen at the very doors of houses, and every vacant spot is a marsh; there are several stagnant pools of water, forming apparently reservoirs for the sewage of the town, and consequently, highly impregnated with decomposing vegetable matter, contaminating the atmosphere in its evaporation with miasma. There are no means in existence of draining this stagnant water, although from the situation of the town, with the river on the south and back-water on the north-east, the drainage is favorable. This, coupled with the accumulation of filth about the town is, in my opinion, a sufficient cause for the prevalence of the disease, and unless it is removed the fever will continue.

6. In conclusion, I beg to suggest that as the distance from Chatterpore to Ganjam is only six miles, I may be permitted to visit the town once or twice a week with a supply of medicine. I need not add that while I was there, the people crowded around me for quinine, its beneficial effects in fever being well known to them. I therefore left an ounce of quinine,

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Police.

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put up in three grains powders, and three dozen purgative powders, in charge of the Police for distribution to inhabitants.

7. Under the above circumstances I beg my suggestion may meet with your approval, as also the accompanying emergent Indent.

Forwarded to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, with reference to their Proceedings No. 3,018 of 27th ultimo. A special report has been called for from the Zillah Surgeon, Berhampore, which will be forwarded when received.

(Signed) J. KENNEDY, M. D.,
Acting Deputy Inspector General, Presidency,
for Inspector General Indian Medl. Dept.

No. 349.

ORDER THEREON, 17th October 1867, No. 3,219.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 45.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineer of the 1st Division, in continuation of the Order of the 3rd October 1867, No. 3,071.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 1st Division.
„ Revenue Department.
„ Public Department.
„ Inspector General, Indian Medical Department.
„ Collector of Ganjam.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 31

From The Deputy Insp. General
Indian Medl. Dept. to District

To The Secretary to the Insp. Genl.
Indian Medl. Dept.

Sir,
I have the honor to forward
the enclosed correspondence in order
that the Inspector General may be
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and through the Department in this
Division.

I have the honor to be

Sir
Your most Obedt Servt.
Mayer
By Insp. Genl. Indian
Medl. Dept.

Office of Insp. Genl.
Indian Medl. Dept.
Fort St. George
Battair 26 Sept 1867

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Indian Ind^o Dept^y Presidency } A. E. N^o 3895th Oct^r/1867/

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of the 1st Div. in continu-
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the 3rd October 1867, No 3071.

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- to Secy to Govt
- to Rev Dept
- to Public Dept
- to Inspr Genl I. Ind Dept
- to Comr of Bangalore

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No 389
From the Dy Inspector
General Indian Ind^o Dept^y
to the Dy Inspector
General Indian Ind^o Dept^y

The Secretary to the
Inspr Genl Indian
Ind^o Dept^y
Madras

Dated 28th Sept 1867
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Forwarding correspondence
with regard to the purchase
of timber to the Inspr Genl
No 3219-17th Oct 67

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No. 3219

Pro: of the Madras Govt.

17th October 1867

Communicating to the
Supg. Engrs. of the 1st Division
the letter submitted by the Dy.
Inspector General Indian
Medical Department, relative
to the continued prevalence of
fever in Gungam and the
Medical aid afforded.

No. 348-349

11th Oct 1867 Dr. 1115