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Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

1st August 1877, No. 514 W.

General.
Account.

Read the following papers:—

No. 1. Endorsement of the Chief Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated 4th July 1877, No. 3,853.

From W. B. LEGGATT, Esq., A.I.C.E., Officiating District Engineer, Bellary, to the Chief Engineer and Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Camp at Ramandroog, 5th May 1877, No. 524.

I HAVE the honor to inform you that having required some medicines here agreeably to a prescription given to me by the medical officer who attends me at Bellary, Dr. Laing, the Civil Surgeon, I had it made up at the hospital of the Ramandroog Military Depôt in Dr. Corbett's medical charge, but when I applied to the Apothecary for a fresh supply he refused to give it to me.

2. I then wrote to Dr. Corbett, enclosing the Apothecary's note (enclosed and marked A) to which Dr. Corbett sent the reply marked B. I wrote to Dr. Corbett again as per copy marked C and received in reply his letter marked D.

3. I send the correspondence to you which I request you will be good enough to lay before Government, because this is a matter which should, in the interests of the Public Works Department and other Departments under Government, be settled by proper authority.

4. You will observe that Dr. Corbett not only says that he is at present short of the commonest medicines (prescription enclosed), but that he will not in future supply any medicines whatever to any persons but those belonging to the depôt.

5. As this is a station 40 miles away from any place with a medical officer, and as it is resorted to by me and others on duty and on leave, it becomes a serious matter if medicines are denied to us.

No. 1,225.

TRANSFERRED to the Public Department for disposal.

(Signed) E. A. FOORD, Colonel, R.E.,
Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

9th May 1877.

No. 1,016.

REFERRED to the Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department, for remarks.

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Offg. Chief Secretary.

Fort St. George,
10th May 1877.

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From Surgeon-General G. SMITH, M.D., Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Public Department, dated Fort St. George, 24th May 1877, No. 322.

WITH reference to the documents referred under your No. 1,016 and herewith returned, I have the honor to submit the following remarks for the information of His Grace the Governor in Council.

2. After a careful perusal of the correspondence it appears to me that the action of Surgeon-Major Corbett, in the matter of withholding medicines, does not bear the import put upon it in paragraphs 4 and 5 of Mr. Leggatt's letter No. 524 of 5th May 1877. Dr. Corbett, in his letter marked B, merely says that he cannot make up the prescription specified, because he has not all the ingredients, and that, owing to his stock running short, he must decline "for the future allowing any medicine to go from hospital except for the use of the people of the depôt." Dr. Corbett's refusal was based simply on the fact that he was unable to have the prescription compounded, and the restriction which he imposes is evidently of a *temporary* nature depending on the want of supplies. In no part of the correspondence does he state that he will *permanently* limit the issue of medicines, as implied by the Officiating District Engineer in his reference to Government.

3. It appears to me therefore that the only question really before Government is whether due measures were taken to replenish the stock of the Depôt hospital, and, as this is a matter belonging to the British Medical Service, I have the honor to suggest that it be referred to Surgeon-General Gordon, C.B.

No. 1,164.

REFERRED to the Military Department with reference to paragraph 3.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
30th May 1877.

(Signed) J. STURROCK,
Under Secy. to Govt.

No. 3,180.

REFERRED to the Surgeon-General, British Medical Service.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
31st May 1877.

(Signed) J. MICHAEL, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

From Surgeon-General C. A. GORDON, Surgeon-General, British Medical Service, to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated Ootacamund, 30th June 1877, No. 23.

I HAVE the honor to return the correspondence received with your memorandum No. 3,180, dated 31st May 1877, having reference to a complaint submitted by Mr. Leggatt, Officiating District Engineer, Bellary, in regard to the non-supply of certain medicines to him from the stores of the depôt at Ramandroog.

2. I have carefully considered the whole correspondence, and having submitted it for explanation* to Surgeon-Major Corbett, I consider that, according to paragraph 70, Section V, Volume I, of the Madras Medical Code, he acted rightly in objecting to medicine being issued from the stores of the depôt upon a prescription not his own, and without his sanction having in the first instance been solicited.

* Herewith attached.

From the Deputy Surgeon-General, British Medical Service, Presidency Circle, to the Secretary, Surgeon-General, British Medical Service, dated Madras, 27th June 1877, No. 361—2.

IN reply to your No. 1,752 of the 9th instant, together with its correspondence (herewith returned) I have the honor to state, after a careful perusal of the whole correspondence, I am of opinion that, under the circumstances, Dr. Corbett used only a necessary discretion, his "stock of medicine being short" and the case not appearing to have been of an urgent nature.

2. I am quite unable to account for the loss of twelve days in transmission of the documents, as they were certainly posted in Madras on the evening of the 11th June.

From Surgeon-Major A. P. CORBETT, in medical charge, Ramandroog Depôt, to the Deputy Surgeon-General, British Medical Service, Presidency Circle, dated Ramandroog, 25th June 1877, No. 157.

IN returning your No. 385—2, with enclosures (herewith returned), received yesterday, I have the honor in reply to make the following observations.

2. In reference to the actions of my Apothecary as complained of, I would beg to refer to paragraph 70 of Section V, Medical Code, Volume 1, 1870, and to state that it has always been my custom not to allow any prescription to be dispensed or renewed without my order.

3. I find by reference to my prescription book that in every instance in which Mr. Leggatt's prescriptions have been tendered they have been dispensed, except on the one occasion referred to in his letter; my reply marked B is all the explanation I have to offer on that occasion. In reply to paragraph 5 of Officiating District Engineer's letter No. 524 I would beg to observe that during the past season any of the officers or subordinates of Public Works Department who have applied to me for medicines or treatment, have met with every attention, notably Mr. Carless, Assistant Engineer, and Mr. Conductor Power, Public Works Department; the latter who was so unwell when he came to me that I took him into my hospital for treatment.

4. I have to observe that I do not consider I have been fairly dealt with in this matter by Mr. Leggatt, inasmuch as he has not forwarded all the correspondence on this subject which would have tended further to explain matters; and now I beg to enclose the letters referred to marked A and B in red ink, on re-reading Mr. Leggatt's note marked B attached to his letter No. 524, to which my reply marked D of 4th May was despatched, it occurred to me that he misunderstood what I intended to convey in my letter marked B, attached to No. 524, in "reference to my stock of medicines being short;" I then addressed letter marked A of 15th May (attached), and received same day his reply marked B attached, in which he declines to forward my letter A with the others, and gives as his reason, *vide* letter marked B, dated 5th May 1877, attached, that he had already addressed Government on the subject, and has sent my letter up. Now this was the 5th May, and his letter No. 524 forwarding the whole correspondence, though originally dated 5th May, has a second dated "despatched 7th May," two days after receipt of his letter, declining for the reason assigned to forward my letter; I am at a loss therefore to reconcile these contradictory facts, unless it be want of a desire on his part to place all the facts forward, and therefore respectfully submit that I am justified in complaining of unfair treatment at his hands.

TRANSFERRED to the Public Works Department, and the referred papers returned.

(By Order.)

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Chief Secretary.

ORDER THEREON, 1st August 1877, No. 514 W.

No. 2.

HIS GRACE the Governor in Council considers that Mr. Leggatt erred in not seeking the permission of the medical officer in charge before requiring the prescription to be made up at the hospital; and in regard to the second ground of refusal, it is obvious that, if the ingredients were not in store, the prescription could not be compounded.

2. Mr. Leggatt will report the number of days between the 1st of January and 30th of June 1877, which he has spent at the depôt at Ramandroog, and the necessity of his visits to that station.

3. The question whether the hospital of a dépôt of British troops is bound to supply medical attendance and medicines to all public establishments on the spot appears to His Excellency in Council to require definite decision. With which view these Proceedings will be communicated to the Public Department.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

No. 524. District Engineer's Office
Camp Ramandroog

Dated 5th May 1877

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From

The Offg District Engineer
Bellary.

To

The Chief Engineer and
Secretary to Government
Public Works Department

Sir

Enclosures 5

I have the honor to inform you that having required some medicines here agreeably to a prescription given to me by the Medical Officer who attends me at Bellary, &c. Being the Civil Surgeon, I had it made up at the Hospital of the Ramandroog Military Dépôt in &c. Corbett's medical charge, but when I applied to the Apothecary for a fresh supply he refused to give

it to me.

2. I then wrote to Dr. Corbett enclosing the Apothecary's note (enclosed and marked A) to which Dr. Corbett sent the reply marked B. I wrote to Dr. Corbett again as per copy marked C and received in reply his letter marked D.

3. I send the correspondence to you which I request you will be good enough to lay before Government, because this is a matter which should in the interests of the Public Works Department and other Departments under Government be settled by proper authority.

4. You will observe that Dr. Corbett not only says that he is at present short of the commonest medicines (prescription enclosed) but that he will not in future supply

any medicines whatever to any persons but those belonging to the Depot.

5. As this is a Station 40 miles away from any place with a medical Officer and as it is resorted to by me and others on duty and on leave it becomes a serious matter if medicines are denied to us.

I have the honor to be

Sir
Your Most Obedt Servt
Messrs. J. A. J. C. C.
Offg District Engineer
Bellary.

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No 1076

Referred to the Surgeon
General, Indian Medical
Dept., for remarks.

Wm. H. M.

Off. Chief Secretary

For Surgeon }
10 May 1877 }

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From

The off. Dist. Secy
Bellary

To

The Chief Secy

P.W. 10
Mavras

Dated 5th } May 77
Recd 4th }
Recd 10th }
Encl. 5th } No 524. 1877

(Supply of Medicines)

Forward correspondence
(within enclosures) and request
that orders of the Government
may be obtained for —
to the officers of the Department
while on duty at Pannandorp.

No 1225

Referred to the
Public Department for
disposal.

Examined by
9th May 1877

Referred

No 1223

Office of Surgeon General M.D.
For George 24 May 1877

From

Surgeon General George Smith M.D.
Surgeon General. M.D.

To

The Chief Secretary to Government
Public Department

Sir

With reference to the documents
referred under your No 1016 and herewith
returned, I have the honor to submit the
following remarks for the information of
His Grace the Governor in Council.

2. After a careful perusal of the
correspondence it appears to me, that the
action of Surgeon Major Corbett in the
matter of withholding medicines does not
bear the import put upon it in paras
4 and 5 of Mr Peggatto's letter, No 524 of
5th May 1877. Dr Corbett in his letter
marked B, merely says that he cannot
make up the prescription specified
because he has not all the ingredients,
and that, owing to his stock running
short, he must decline "for the future"
"allowing any medicine to go from
Hospital

10th May 1877

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of the Depot." Dr. Corbett's refusal was
based simply on the fact that he was
unable to have the prescription compounded,
and the restriction which he imposes is
evidently of a temporary nature depending
on the want of supplies. In no part of the
correspondence does he state that he will
permanently limit the issue of Medicines
as implied by the Officiating District Engineer
in his reference to Government.

3. It appears to me therefore, that the only
question really before Government is whether
due measures were taken to replenish the
stock of the Depot Hospital, and as this
is a matter belonging to the British
Medical Service, I have the honor to
suggest, that it be referred to Surgeon
General Gordon Esq.

I have the honor to
be

Your most obedient servant

Surgeon General Esq.

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Madras, 27th June 1877.

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From,

The Dy Surgeon General B. M. S.
Presidency Circle.

To, The Secretary, Surgeon General
B. M. S.
Fort St. George.

Sir: In reply to your N^o 1752 of the
9th instant, together with its corres-
pondence (herewith returned) I have
the honor to state, after a careful
perusal of the whole & correspondence, I
am of opinion, that, under the circumstances,
Dr Corbett used only a necessary
discretion, his "stock of medicine being short"
and the case not appearing to have been
of an urgent nature.
2. I am quite unable to account for the
loss of 12 days in transmission of the
documents, as they were certainly posted
in Madras on the evening of the 11th June.
I have the honor to be,

Sir,
Your most Obedt. Servant.

J. W. M. D. D.

Surgeon Major A. M. D. 67 Regt
For Dy Surgeon General
B. M. S. Presy. Circle
absent on leave

P.W.D.

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30 May 1877
J. W. M. D. D.

J. W. M. D. D.
M. D. D. D. D.

Return to the Military Department
with reference to Form 3.

N^o 1166

inhabitants of the
Presidency of Madras
to the effect of the
Article on Subject (Remand)

Report

G. W. M. D. D.

The Surgeon General, British India

Surgeon General, British India
Surgeon General, British India
Surgeon General, British India

Surgeon General, British India
Surgeon General, British India
Surgeon General, British India

N^o 3180

Returned with reply

Returned to the

Surgeon General

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From: The Dy Sargm. General
B. M. S. Fort St. George
To: The Secretary
Sargm General
B. M. S.
Fort St. George

No. 361
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Madras 27th June 1894.

Subject

Reply to No. 1752 of
the 9th June 77

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Ramandroog 25th June 1877

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From

The Medical Officer in charge
Depot Ramandroog

To

The Deputy Surgeon General
B. M. S. Fort Saint George

Sir

In returning your No. 355 with enclosures
(herewith returned) received yesterday
I have the honor in reply to make the following
observations

- 1 In reference to the actions of my Apothecary as
complained of I would beg to refer to para 70 sec V
Medical Code Vol 1 - 1870 and to state that it has
always been my custom not to allow any pres-
cription to be dispensed, or renewed, without my order.
- 2 I find by reference to my prescription Book
that in every instance in which Mr. Leggatt's
prescriptions have been tendered they have been
dispensed, except on the one occasion referred to
in his letter, my reply marked B is all the
explanation I have to offer on that occasion
In reply to para 5 of Offs District Engineer's
Letter No. 524 I would beg to observe that during
the past season any of the Officers or Subordin-
ates of P.W.D who have applied to me for Medicines
or treatment have met with every attention notably
Mr Carliss Asish Engineer and Mr Conductor
Power P.W.D. the latter who was so unwell when
he came to me that I took him into my Hospital
for treatment
- I have to observe that I do not consider I have
been fairly dealt with in this matter by Mr
Leggatt in as much as he has not forwarded

all the correspondence on this subject which
would have ~~been~~ ^{been} further to explain matters
and now I beg to enclose the ~~two~~ letters referred
to marked A and B in Red ink, on the reading
Mr Leggatts note marked B attached to his
letter N^o 524. to which my reply marked
D of 4 May was despatched; it occurred to
me that he mis-understood what I intended
to convey in my letter marked B attached
to 524 in "reference to my stock of Medicines
being short." I then addressed letter marked
A of 5th May (attached) and received same
day his reply marked B attached in which he
declines to forward my letter A with the others
and gives as his reason, vide letter marked
B dated 5/5/77 attached that he had already
addressed Government on the subject and
has ^{sent} my letter up, now this was the 5th May
and his letter N^o 524 forwarding the whole
correspondence of though originally dated 5th of
May, has a second dated & despatched 7th May,
two days after receipt of his letter declining
for the reason assigned to forward my letter
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contradictory facts unless it be a want of a desire
on his part to place all the ^{facts} forward & therefore
respectfully submit that I am justified in com-
plaining of unfair treatment at his hands

I have the honor to be
— Sir

Your most obed servant.

A. R. M. Fort St. Vrain

Surgeon Major Genl.
in Med at Depot Cantonment

My dear Sir

5th Aug. 1861

Dear Mr. Leggett

We again thank
 you for the list of
 yesterday - I suppose
 you have understood
 what I said in reference
 to my stock of medicine
 in hospital being short.
 You appear to be under

(C/O) 1st Aug 1861

My dear Sir

My dear Sir

My dear Sir

My dear Sir

My dear Sir

The impression that
I meant I am always
so - whereas such is
by no means the case
it is only of temporary
nature & should
I think occurs in most
Hospitals this time of
the year - before the
fresh annual supply
is received - which is
my case - whatever
you do with my

letter of yesterday
I regret that this
may accompany it,
I should have replied
to this effect yesterday
& but I did not understand
that you left as
I had read it -

Yours truly
A. Philbrick
True Copy - A. Philbrick

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Mr. B.
Dear Sir

I have already
addressed your
the subject of your
refusal to let me have
any medicines from
the depot hospital
here & have sent you
letter up. I did not
understand that
letter and therefore do
not think it necessary

I have taken up
 the matter (more in the
 office in my department
 and other similar circumstances)
 Very truly
 Yours
 Alexander

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 to trouble yourself
 with any further con-
 siderance in the matter.
 Any explanation
 you may have to
 offer me with no doubt
 leave the opportunity
 of furnishing answers.
 I may as well
 mention that though the
 matter is of course
 of importance to the

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Medical Department, British Forces.
Surgeon General's Office.
Cantonment, 30th June 1877.

From The Surgeon General,
British Forces.

To The Secretary to Government
Military Department.
Fort St George.

Sir,

I have the honor to return
the correspondence received with
your Memo No 3180 dated

Memorandum of 30th May 77
in the under copy
sent Fort St George with
enclosure.

31st May 1877 having reference
to a complaint submitted by
Mr. Leggate, Officiating District
Engineer, Bellary, in regard to the
non-supply of certain medicines to
him from the stores of the Depot at
Pamandroog.

2. I have

2. I have carefully considered
the whole correspondence and having
submitted it for explanation to
Surgeon Major Cortis, A. M. D. & ^{has been attached}
consider that, according to para 70,
Section V, Vol. I of the Administrative
Code, he acted rightly in objecting to
medicine being issued from the stores
of the Depot upon a prescription not
his own, and without his sanction
having in the first instance been
solicited.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient servant

W. H. M.
Surgeon General
F. H. C. D. F.

Excerpt from the Madras Medical Code in
Section V. Dispensing

Para 70. Medicines not to be issued without authority. - Medical Subordinates are prohibited from issuing medicines on the requisition of non-professional persons, and except in cases of unavoidable necessity, no medicine shall be supplied, unless under the orders of the Medical Officers in charge of, or attached to, corps or hospitals. Emergent prescriptions, however, forwarded to the nearest hospital for preparation are immediately to be attended to. Military Officers belonging to regiments, who may require an occasional dose of aperient, or other medicine, should be furnished with a prescription, and in such cases, it will only be necessary to return the vessel in which the

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My letter 1877 Oct 11
to the Surgeon General
of the Madras Medical
Department
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11.03.80. I have found
to the Public Health
Department, and the
referred papers returned.
(Copy only)

Chief Secretary.

1.0 July 1877

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to the Public Health Dept.
11.03.80. I have found
the referred papers returned.

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Expt from the Madras Medical
Code. Sec. 70. Para 70

4.0 1.0 August 1877 I.B.D.

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the medicine was received, with the label
initialed by the Medical Officer, when it
becomes requisite to have it renewed.

Friday. ^{ED}
Dear Miss Kate

My ap. Mieny is
quite right in what
has done - as I have
not all the ingredients
required in your
prescription I am unable
to have it made ap-
proprate I am obliged to
thank you very much.
Yours truly

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That I am declining
for the future allowing
any medicine to go
from Moore & Co.
for the use of the people
by the Appt.

Yours truly,

A. H. H. H.

C.

Dear Dr. Carter

Will you please direct
my apothecary & when
I see the two prescriptions
in medicine which I
had made up in the
Hospital here as I intended
to hand the matter up
to you.

It seems so extraordinary
that a large European
appt. like him should be
so slight of ordinary medicine
as to be unable to supply
me while in duty here with
medicine considered

Essential to me {
my medical attendant
Iobens also {
letter which I purposed
forwarding to you that
you are obliged to decline
in the future allowing any
medicines to be sent to the
hospital. "except for the
use of the depot" in this
case however medicines can
be supplied
my brother Col. Leggat
& his family in constant
use of the depot
J. Leggat

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P.S. I am wanting
medicine now can you
inform me where I can
obtain it
M.

the medicine was received, with the label
initialed by the Medical Officer; which

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Rauian 10 10 19.

Dear Mr. Leggett

I have decided by

Mr. H. C. C. to return

you your two prescriptions.

I am unable to inform

you when you can

obtain the medicine.

Yours truly

W. H. C.

Public Works Department.
PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the

Read the following:—

From the Dist Engineer, Bellary (No. 524 of 5th May 1877)
" Military Department (No. 3853 of 4th July 1877)

Supplies

In a letter received on
11th June 1877 from the
District Engineer, Bellary,
in reference to the supplies
of medicine for the
Bellary District.

The following grounds
1. That an order sanctioning
the supply of the medicines
has not been issued.
2. That the District Engineer
has not asked for the
supplies of the medicines.

It is not known whether
the District Engineer has
asked for the supplies of
the medicines for the
Bellary District.

This correspondence
has reference to a complaint
by Mr. Leggatt, Asst. District
Engineer, Bellary, of the
refusal to supply certain
medicine from the stores at
Ramandroog.

The alleged grounds
of refusal are (1) that the
permission of the Medical
Officer was not asked in
the first instance, and (2)
that some of the ingredients
of the prescription were not
available.

B. His Grace the Governor
of Madras

Wm Leggatt Esq.

Dist. Engr. Bellary. 21/6
Liq. Strychnine 45.
Liq. Calumbae 21/6
Liq. Chloroformi 21/6
Liq. Purse 3/4

Six doses
One dose three times a day

Test

No 514 W Public Works Department.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the 1st August 1877.

Read the following:—

From
The Dist. Engr. Bellary (H. C. No 524 of 15th May 1877)
" Military Dept. (No 3853 of 4th July)

His Grace the Governor
in Council considers that
Mr. Leggatt erred in not
seeking the permission of
the Medical Officer in charge,
before, requiring the prescription
to be made up at the Hospital,
and in regard to the second
ground of refusal, it is
obvious that if the ingre-
dients were not in store,
the prescription could not
be compounded.

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in Council considers that
Mr. Leggatt erred in not
seeking the permission of the
Medical Officer in charge,
before requiring the prescription
to be made up at the Hospital,
and in regard to the second
ground of refusal, it is obvious
that if the ingredients were
not in store, the prescription
could not be compounded.
It is not understood that
Dr. Corbath's refusal to
supply medicine to Mr.
Leggatt and Public Works
Establishments generally
was anything more than
temporary.

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D. E. Bellary.
Pub. Dept.

W. J. A. 11-7-77

2. Mr. Leggatt will report the number of days between the first of January and 30th of June 1877 which he has spent at the Depot at Ramnambroog and the necessity of his visits to that Station.

3. The question whether the Hospital of a depot of British troops is bound to supply medical attendance and medicines to all Public Establishments on the spot appears to His Excellency in Council to require definite decision. With which view these proceedings will be communicated to the Public Department.

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24.7.77

E. E. Bellary

Public Dept.

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Dept. of Indian Affairs
PUBLIC WORKS.

To Mr. R. E. Bellamy

Dated

Issued

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Encl.

G. O. T. August 1877, No. 574, W

Nos. 1-2

The non-supply of certain
medicines to Mr. Leggett
Offg Drugs Bellamy from
the stores of the Dept. of
Ramondroog.

Ex. P. in P. P.

Recd. 9-8-77