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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Read—again G.O., dated 3rd February 1888, Mis. No. 787, Revenue.

Read—the following letter from M. A. LAWSON, Esq., Government Botanist and Director of Cinchona Plantations, Nílgiris, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Ootacamund, 6th January 1888, No. 85 :—

With reference to G.O., No. 1168, dated the 19th December 1887, Revenue, I have the honor to say that I am unable to give, even approximately, the amount that is likely to be sold of either the solid or liquid febrifuge.

2. The Agency through which it should be sold is, I presume, the Medical Department; but how they will dispose of it to the people generally in the country, I do not know.

3. I would suggest that small packets or bottles of the febrifuge, varying perhaps in value from 1 anna to 1 rupee, should be sent to every Postmaster or other local official, who should be authorized to sell the drugs, retaining a small commission for his trouble, as for instance is done in the case of the sale of postage stamps.

4. It might be well to consider if the febrifuge could not be brought to the notice of the people in out-of-the-way parts, by distributing it also through the tahsildars and deputy tahsildars of the taluks, and through the headmen of villages.

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Communicated to the Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras in continuation of G.O., dated 19th December 1887, No. 1168, Revenue Department. He is requested to furnish his reply at an early date.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Secretary to Government.

To the Surgeon-General through the Public Department.
,, the Government Botanist and Director of Cinchona Plantations.

Read—the following letter from G. BIDIE, Esq., M.B., C.I.E., Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Fort St.George, 6th March 1888, No. 188 :—

In reply to G.O., No. 787, of 3rd February 1888, I have the honor to report to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council that I have hardly anything to add to the detailed suggestions given in my letter marginally noted, with reference to the measures to be adopted to render the local special preparation of cinchona bark more popular, and to bring them within easy reach of all classes of the people.

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6. For convenience of distribution both preparations will, to some extent, have to be made up in small packages, say the solid article in phials holding 30 grains each and the fluid in bottles each containing half an ounce. For gratuitous issue some 400 or 500 pounds of the solid and 2,000 or 3,000 pounds of the fluid might at once be issued. On the 15th December last, I gave orders for the issue of 25 lb. for experimental trial in each of the following districts, viz., Calicut, Vizagapatam, Berhampore, Trichinopoly, Coimbatore, Tinnevelly, Ootacamund, and General Hospital, Madras. The district medical officers were requested to distribute the supplies amongst the minor dispensaries, and a blank form was issued which will secure the uniform record and tabulation of results.

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Miscellaneous.

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To the Government Botanist.
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Cinchona Febrifuge.

Passing orders on proposals to render — more popular and bring it within easy reach of all classes of the people.

Hm

Submitted that this may be placed on the Editor's Table.

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April 88

NOTE FOR THE SECRETARY.

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I have put the rate of commission to be allowed to local bazaarmen at 10 per cent. I think this is not at all too high *at first*. Afterwards it can be reduced and eventually if the drug fulfils its promise the full price can be charged

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1) Who scored out the Surg^t. General's name in the list of addressees on orig^l. of G.O., 19.12.87 No. 1168.

Has he sent any reply thro' Public Dept? Did they send the G.O. him?

P.T.O

(1). The entry was scored out by the late dispatcher Venkataraman[illegible] Naidu, probably because he put in the address of the Public Dept.

(2) The Public Dept are communicating the paper to the Surgeon General. The order will be issued today.

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Office of Surgeon General
with the Govt. of Madras
Fort St. George 6th March 1888

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Surgeon General
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Revenue (1888) Department

No. 1748.

From G. Bidie Esqr., M.B., C.I.E.

Surgeon General

with Govt of Madras

Fort St George

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No. 1887/3

Dated 6th } March 1888
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Subject

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT,

Current No. 1748

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Cinchona Febrifuge

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To
The Chief Secy. to Govt.
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The Hon. the Chief Secretary
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