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Public DEPARTMENT.

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8th November 1865.

Read the following papers:—

No. 35. From the Principal Inspector General, Medical Department, to the Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated 18th October 1865, No. 319.

Referring to Order of Government as per margin, I have the honor to report that the absence of Dr. Roberts on duty to the Shervaroys, in excess of 24 hours, has been invariably reported to this office.

Judicial Department, No. 1440, dated 9th October 1865.

2. Practically it has been found a convenience, both to the Medical Officer and the residents on the Shervaroys, that a regular day for attendance should be fixed, so as to give all desirous of consulting the Medical Officer the opportunity of being present at the time of his visit, or of knowing when and where to send for him. Under ordinary circumstances Dr. Roberts has gone up to the Shervaroys on Saturdays, after visiting the Jail on that day, and prescribed for his patients on the evening of that day and Sunday, and returned to Salem on Monday morning. This arrangement I have had no reason to disapprove of, it having been regularly reported, and a weekly Memorandum of the number of sick under observation and treatment forwarded to me.

3. It is evident, however, that now that Dr. Roberts has the superintendence of the Jail, as well as Medical charge of the station of Salem, he cannot be expected to visit the Shervaroy Hills at all, except on occasions of very great emergency. He will accordingly be so instructed.

No. 36. From the Principal Inspector General, Medical Department, Fort Saint George, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated 18th October 1865, No. 320.

Adverting to my letter* of this date, and Orders of Government as per margin,

* No. 319.

Judicial Department, No. 1440, of 9th October 1865.

I have the honor to recommend that application be made to the Supreme Government, for sanction to a Medical

Officer being appointed to the charge of Shervaroy Hills.

2. These Hills, until the recent opening of the South-West Line of Railway, were but little known outside the Salem District, but the number of European visitors is now, year by year, increasing, and is limited apparently only by the amount of accommodation available.

3. Many persons resort to these Hills for the benefit of their health, and find their advantage in so doing, the climate being milder and more suitable for a certain class of Invalids than any the Neilgherry sanatoria afford.

4. The Medical duties of the settlement have hitherto been conducted by the Zillah Surgeon of Salem, assisted occasionally by Medical Officers of the Department on leave at the station. The independent portion of the community support an Apothecary, and the services of the Zillah Surgeon have been available at his weekly visit to the Hills.

5. The visits of the latter, however, are in future to be discontinued, his duties at the Zillah station not permitting of his absence. It seems very undesirable that this rising sanitarium should be left without adequate provision for Medical aid, and I trust that His Excellency the Governor in Council will be pleased to support my application.

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6. I do not ask the Government to sanction a special Staff salary for this service, believing that the Military pay and allowances of rank alone would be a sufficient inducement to an Assistant Surgeon to accept the appointment.

7. I may state that Civil and Military Officers are occasionally in the habit of proceeding on sick certificate to the Shervaroy Hills, and that, as the peculiarities of the climate become better known, more are likely to resort thither.

8. The great bulk of visitors will, however, always be of the official classes, who take privilege leave. For these, however, and their families, I consider it would be well that Medical aid should be at hand in case of need. If a Medical Officer were stationed on the Hills, more invalids would be sent thither from stations in the plains.

No. 37. ORDER THEREON, 8th November 1865, No. 1164.

The Governor in Council is not prepared to recommend the appointment of a Medical Officer to the Shervaroy Hills. Not long ago the Supreme Government declined to sanction the appointment of a Medical Officer to Kotagherry, a station which in many respects possesses advantages as a sanitarium superior to those of the Shervaroy Hills.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Principal Inspector General, Medical Department.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

Fort Saint George, 18th October 1865.

From

The Principal Inspector General, Medical Department,

Fort Saint George,

To

The Chief Secretary to Government, Public Dept.,

Fort Saint George.

SIR,

No 319.
Judicial Department and orders of Government as per margin, I
No 1440 of 9th Nov 1865
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1. These hills, until the recent opening of the South West line of Railway, were but little known outside the Salem district, but the number of European visitors is now yearly increasing, and is limited apparently only by the amount of accommodation available.
2. Many persons resort to these Hills for the benefit of their health, and find their advantage in so doing, the climate being milder and more suitable for a certain class of invalids than any the Nilgherry Sanataria afford.
3. The Medical duties of the Settlement have hitherto been conducted by the Assistant Surgeon of Salem, assisted occasionally by Medical Officers of the department, on leave at the station. The independent portion

portion of the community support an Apothecary and the services of the Zillah Surgeon have been available at his weekly visit to the Hills.

5. The visits of the latter however are in future to be discontinued, his duties at the Zillah Station not permitting of his absence. It seems very undesirable that this rising Sanatorium should be left without adequate provision for medical aid, and I trust that His Excellency the Governor in Council will be pleased to support my application.

6. I do not ask the Government to sanction a special Staff Salary for this service, believing that the Military pay and allowances of rank alone would be a sufficient inducement to an Assistant Surgeon to accept the appointment.

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8. The great bulk of visitors will however always be of the official classes, who take privilege leave. For these however and their families, I consider it would be well that Medical aid should

should be at hand in case of need. If a Medical Officer were stationed on the Hills, more invalids would be sent thither from Stations in the plains.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedt. servant,
W. MacKenzie Esq.

Off. Supt. Genl. of Hospitals
For Principal Supt. General,
Medical Department,

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letters from the Principal
Inspector General, Medical Department.

21st October 1865. Nos 319 & 320.

order thereon. 8th Nov 1865 No 1164.

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Prin: Insp: Genl Med Dept despatch

Madras Govt. Oct 1865 Nos 27 & 28.
Dec 1865 Reg No 2216 of 1865.

To the Principal
Inspector General
Medical Department
Fort Saint George

The Secretary to the
Public Department
Fort Saint George

Dated 18th October

Recd 18th Oct 1865
No 320

Recommendations that

the action may be
taken to the
discharge of the
duties of the
officer in charge
of the Shervaroy Hills,
with observations.

21st Oct 1865

The chance of an appointment of
the best person of Dr. Macintyre's
selection before the arrangements
the change of post have become permanent.

Dr. M. states that the officers have
been working in S. C. to the
the Government to send in a
man? (I am) who these officers were &
for what purpose they went off - they
own uniform is that of the
appoint to name more than many
as they are good men, but they have
any other - with some more
again.

I am sure that the
person of Dr. Macintyre's
person to the post. with the
medical attendance, where the
within the limits of the
to name the names of a
to get him to be
to pay specially for his
of the officers & men.

W. B. A.

Pro. of H. & R.

Public 1865. Department.

No. 1164

PROCEEDINGS OF GOVERNMENT.

Dated 8th November 1885