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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,

11th April 1866.

Read the following papers:—

No. 35. From C. G. WALKER, Esq., Under Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 6th April 1866.

I regret that I am compelled to apply to Government for their orders, under the following circumstances.

2. On Wednesday, the 31st March, my Medical Attendant, the Surgeon of the 2nd District, placed in my hands my "Case," and Medical Certificate, for transmission, through the Officer performing the duties of Deputy Inspector General, to the Acting Principal Inspector General. The papers were at once despatched, but some delay took place, owing to Dr. Porteous' absence on a tour of inspection. He visited me officially on the 23rd, and, on the 28th, I received my certificate, with all the necessary countersignatures.

3. The "Case," as I am informed, should be in my possession before departure, and, I believe, it will be necessary, in the event of my requiring extension of leave; but I have, as yet, heard nothing of it. This day week, I expect to go on board. To a letter which I addressed to Dr. Porteous on the 2nd instant, Monday, asking for information, I have had no reply, and the paper having passed from my hands, and into those of the Deputy Inspector General more than a fortnight ago, I am, of course, at a loss to understand whether I am ever to see it again.

4. In the only other instance of the obtaining of a Medical Certificate which came under my knowledge (and that officially), the whole transaction (which has hitherto occupied in my case sixteen days) was fully and finally completed and closed within twenty-four hours.

5. As I am unwilling to have to open a correspondence from England, in order to obtain a paper which should have been in my hands more than ten or twelve days ago, I feel compelled, as I have stated, to beg the interference of Government.

6. Had the case been one of urgency, I need hardly point out to Government that the delay in signing the certificate between the 23rd (for owing to Dr. Porteous' absence I omit the 21st, and 22nd) and 28th, might have been of the gravest moment to the Officer affected, while, as it happened, owing to the close approach of the holidays, it caused me very great inconvenience.

7. So far as I can see, there are no valid grounds, whatever, why the certificate should not have been in my hands on the 24th, as easily as on the 28th.

Referred to the Principal Inspector General of the Medical Department, for report.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
7th April 1866.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

No. 36. From the Principal Inspector General, Medical Department, Fort Saint George, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated 9th April 1866, No. 133.

I have the honor to acknowledge your Memorandum, dated 7th April 1866, giving cover to a letter from Mr. Walker.

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2. Upon its receipt, instructions were sent to Surgeon Donaldson, to forward, immediately, Mr. Walker's case and Certificate; at the same time, to explain why he had not furnished the patient with a copy, agreeably to Section 8, paragraph 29 of the Code of Medical Regulations.

3. I have to-day received the enclosed letter from Dr. Donaldson, and one from the Deputy Inspector General of Hospitals, Centre Division.

4. The delay has arisen from Dr. Donaldson's direct neglect of duty, and it was only very lately I was obliged to reprimand him for a somewhat similar neglect.

5. I fear it will be my duty to bring Dr. Donaldson's official conduct to the notice of Government.

No. 37. ORDER THEREON, 11th April 1866, No. 360.

The Governor in Council presumes that Mr. Walker has now been furnished with a copy of his "Case".

2. His Excellency in Council regrets to receive so very unfavorable a report as to the manner in which Dr. Donaldson discharges his duties.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary

To C. G. Walker, Esq.
To the Principal Inspector General, Medical Department,
with two enclosures, returned.

Ed. J. H. Burns.

Public Department.

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