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No.133. Read the following letter from Surgeon Major J. M. JACKSON, Deputy Inspector General of Hospitals, Ceded Districts, to the Secretary to the Principal Inspector General, Medical Department; dated Bellary, 2nd April 1866, No. 1253.

I have the honor to report that, on receipt of Telegram, on Thursday, 21st March 1866, at 5½ P. M., I addressed, on Friday, a letter to Mr. Hathaway, the Magistrate, then on duty between Ghooty and Cuddapah, copy of which I enclose. On Friday evening I left by dawk for Humpi, which I visited on Saturday. The only persons I could find to communicate with, or offer any suggestions to, were the Kurnum and Peishkar of the village, to whom I mentioned the purpose of my visit, but they appeared afraid to act, as the Tahsildar was absent; but, after some trouble and my promising to write to the Tahsildar, and that he would be sure to come and sanction what they did, they set to work. My first injunctions were, to have the whole place thoroughly swept and cleansed; all channels to be thoroughly cleared out; all rank vegetation, brush wood, and dead leaves to be collected into heaps and burnt; all the cess pools to have two or three feet of earth taken out, and fresh put in—all of which they promised to do at once. I returned to Kamlapoor, about two miles distant, and wrote to the Tahsildar who was at Hospett.

2. On Sunday morning I visited Humpi, and the work of cleansing was rapidly going on. I was much pleased by the energy displayed by these two officials, and they accompanied me to the river, and over the whole village, passing through and inspecting every small lane, pointing out whatever I considered objectionable. I returned to Kamlapoor at mid-day.

3. The Tahsildar came in, said he had received my letter, but could do nothing, as he had received no instructions from superior authority. I handed to him my telegram, and also informed him that I had seen the Proceedings of Government and Order thereon, sanctioning carts and sweepers, at a cost not exceeding 600 Rupees; that I was prepared to take all blame and responsibility on myself if he would only act; that the time left was but very short. He hesitated until I gave him written instructions, when he at once proceeded to Humpi. To him I repeated the instructions verbally, and in writing, which I had given to the two other village authorities, adding that I wished all Cows, Buffaloes, Bullocks, Camels, Elephants, &c., &c., be sent across the river, and be kept there until the feast was over; that all parties coming to the feast from the opposite side of the river should not be permitted to bring their bandies, or cattle of any kind, to this side, and likewise those coming from Bellary, on this side, should not take their bandies and cattle to within half a mile of the temples;—and as since my first visit, the river had fallen half a foot, viz., from three feet to two and a half, I suggested he should throw up a temporary embankment across the middle of the river, so as to stop its rapid flow, and cause the water to accumulate in a large pool. I also wrote a note to Major Moberly, Superintending Engineer of the Division, expressing my fears of a scarcity of water, and asked if he could open the mouth of the channel leading from the Hospett tank, to flush all the channels within the temples, to which he acceded.

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4. Sunday evening,—visited Humpi again; found the Tahsildar had endeavoured to procure carts and coolies; could only get a few of the latter, but promised an ample supply on the following morning; found several large bonfires of the rubbish collected; the minor squares of the temple all nicely swept—indeed a very great improvement in every respect—the dirtiest portion, the road for the large Gopuram, to the river, which was scarcely passable, was now clean and perfectly devoid of all bad odour; walked over every part of the place and suburbs.

5. 26th March 1866, Monday morning,—again visited Humpi. I should have remarked that Kamlapoor has been my Head Quarters, about two miles from Humpi; but I have visited the temples twice daily. This morning, on my way, I found the main channel from Hospett, leading to the temples, had a large stream of fresh clean water; on inquiring, I found that Major Moberly must have opened the head of the sluice I had written about. I made a very close inspection of all my previous ground, and found every thing most satisfactory; an additional 50 coolies at work, and more constantly coming. Visited all the arrack shops, and tasted the arrack, which was of excellent quality; visited the distillery, found all correct; could find no toddy-shops, but directed the 2nd Apothecary, Mr. M. Netscher, to be watchful over them—if at all sour, or decomposed, to have it destroyed—every thing was so satisfactory and the coolies working with a will. Having given the Tahsildar my full written instructions, and there being no proper authority for me to communicate with, the Collector being some 90 miles away, and the Assistant Collector at Bellary on duty, I left 2nd Apothecary M. Netscher at Humpi, and returned myself to Bellary.

6. I may mention that, during the whole of my visits to Humpi, I never saw but one Police peon, and that, on the last visit, I heard of two murders during the three days I was there; for one I can vouch, as my Apothecary saw the man just before his death.

7. On Tuesday, Mr. Lilly, the Assistant Collector called on me. I told him of all the instructions I had given to the Tahsildar and other authorities; he had been supplied by the Tahsildar with a copy of my instructions. I stated to him (Mr. Lilly) that as I had returned, so much had been already done, and the work in full force, I saw no necessity for his proceeding there, the more so, as I had been favored just then with a letter from Mr. Hathaway, saying the Tahsildar had been written to, to attend on me and carry out all my suggestions. As the place will be so thoroughly clean before the pilgrims arrive, there will remain nothing to do, but keep the place clean by the aid of the coolies during the festival. As there was no time or implements to dig ditches, I impressed on the Tahsildar the necessity of compelling all the people to proceed half a mile on the other side of the river, for the purposes of nature. I had been given to understand that a great many of the Sowcars and merchants of Bellary have determined not to visit Humpi festival this year, owing to my suggestions to Mr. Hathaway having been tom-tomed in the bazaar—indeed, that not one-fourth of the usual number will go as compared with previous years.

8. I trust the steps I took will be approved of by the Principal Inspector General, Medical Department, and meet with the approval of Government. I labored hard and did all I considered at all likely to ward off disease and that could tend

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to the comfort of the pilgrims; and I feel assured my labors will be crowned with success, if my suggestions are fully carried out, particularly, to me, *the two most essential ones* of halting the bandies and animals on the other side of the river (Hyderabad side), and on this side beyond the main channel, which is about three quarter of a mile from the place of gathering, as, by their returning to their bandies at nights, a great relief will be experienced in the over-crowding, which would otherwise take place at the temples. In previous years, human beings, bandies, and bullocks, have been indiscriminately mixed together; this year, to a very great extent, they will be entirely separate.

P. S.—I enclose the last Report received from Mr. Netscher.* I wish instructions if I am to proceed to Humpi again?

* Copy, dated 30th March 1866.

From Surgeon Major J. M. JACKSON, Deputy Inspector General of Hospitals, Ceded Districts, to the Collector and Magistrate of Bellary; dated Bellary, 22nd March 1866, No. 1231.

I have the honor to bring to your notice that, last evening, I received orders from Government to proceed at once to Humpi, and, on my arrival there, to suggest to the Magistrate such further precautionary measures as I may deem advisable. Kindly inform me where I am to find the Magistrate to whom I am to make my suggestions, as the time is but short before the feast commences (six days from this).

2. The first suggestion I have to make to you is that, if possible, the inhabitants of Bellary be prevented going there, as, if they go, and cholera breaks out, they will return to their houses, bring the disease with them, and thus it will become disseminated over the town. I presume it would be easier to prevent them going, than to prevent them coming back.

3. I require to know what suggestions you have made and what establishments you propose, and I shall require some responsible person to be always present with me during my stay there, who will carry my suggestions out, and that myself and subordinate are provided with the common necessities of life on payment.

From Mr. M. NETSCHER, Second Apothecary, to Surgeon Major J. M. JACKSON, Deputy Inspector General of Hospitals, Ceded Districts; dated Kamlapoor, 30th March 1866.

Ninety coolies were employed yesterday. Humpi is now well swept and cleaned. The rubbish all along the banks of the river, for about 400 yards, has been burnt; the streets, the little Sawmy houses, every rest place, the Temple and its garden (the dirtiest spot in Humpi) have all been cleaned out. It now only remains to maintain this standard of cleanliness.

2. From yesterday afternoon to 10 this morning, there has been a pretty continuous current of carts, bullocks, and tattoos; but the show of people is still small.

3. Water continues to flow in abundance, and is good.

4. Mr. Bowell is progressing favorably.

No. 129.

MEMORANDUM.

Forwarded to the Chief Secretary, for the information of Government, in reference to their Proceedings in the Public Department, No. 275, dated the 20th March 1866.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
6th April 1866.

(Signed) J. SHAW,
Inspector General of Hospitals,
for Prinl. Inspr. Genl., Medl. Dept.

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No. 134.

ORDER THEREON, 23rd May 1866, No. 529.

The arrangements reported in the foregoing letter from the Deputy Inspector General of Hospitals are approved.

2. Mr. Jackson appears to have done all that was in his power to carry out the Orders of Government, and the Governor in Council trusts that his exertions were followed by satisfactory results.

3. The Acting Sub-Collector in charge of the District will report on this point. The Governor in Council resolves to call the attention of the Inspector General of Police to the statement made in Dr. Jackson's letter, paragraph 6, to the effect that, during the whole of his visits to Humpi, he saw only one Police Peon, and that, during the three days he was there, he had heard of two murders, for one of which he could vouch.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

Principal Inspector General, Medical Department,
Acting Sub-Collector in charge of Bellary,
Military Department,
Inspector General of Police.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

I. S. M. Jackson Esq. 5
Yc. Yc. Yc.

Sir
Sixty Coolies were employed yesterday. Humpi is now well swept and cleared. The rubbish all along the Banks of the River for about 100 yards has been swept out. The Streets - the little Sanny houses - every nest place, the Temple and its Gardens (the dirtiest spot in Humpi) have all been cleared out. It now only remains to maintain this standard of cleanliness.

From yesterday afternoon to 10 this morning there has been a pretty continuous current of Cows, Bulls and Pottos. but the show of people is still small.

Water continues to flow in abundance and is good.

Mr. Russell is progressing favourably. They to remain.

Public Department.

Nimalapur
30th March 1866

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They to remain
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Your most obedient servant
(Signed) M. Stretcher

(True Copy)

J. H. Jackson
2nd April 1866

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter
from the Deputy Inspector General of Hospitals & Dispensaries
to the Principal Surgeon General, Madras Dept.

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In Public No. 409/66.

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Dated 25th May 1868.

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No. 529.

Justice 1868. Department.