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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
9th June 1866.

No. 61. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Military Department, dated 30th May 1866, No. 1824.

Referring for consideration of the Government of India, correspondence regarding the supply of Surgical Instruments to individual Medical Officers. } (Vide Proceedings, Military Department dated 30th May 1866, Nos. 564—568.)

No. 62. ORDER THEREON, 9th June 1866, No. 583.

To be recorded.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Acting Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers:—

From the Controller of Military Accounts... Here enter 26th April 1866, C.
 From the Offg. Prinl. Inspector General Medical } „ 3rd May „ No. 163.
 Department.
 From the Controller of Military Accounts. „ 12th „ „ C.

From the Controller of Military Accounts, Fort Saint George, 26th April 1866, C;
 to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

I have the honor to submit for the
 consideration and decision of Govern-
 ment the correspondence as per margin,
 on the subject of supplying surgical in-
 struments to individual Medical Officers.
 Letter of Examiner Medical Accounts, dated 23rd February 1866, No. 1331.
 „ of Principal Inspector General Medi- cal Department, dated 15th March 1866, No. 1301.
 „ of Examiner Medical Accounts, dated 24th March 1866, No. 1477, with enclosure.
 Do. do. dated 16th April 1866, No. 1549, with enclosure.

Para. 41, Section V Page 59, Medical Code.

from the public stores, and every Medical Officer of the British Service is similarly supplied, in accordance with a practice which, it appears, has prevailed for many years.

3. These instruments are attached to the officer and not to the charge which he holds, and he carries the instruments along with him when removed or proceeding on Medical Certificate, a cooly being supplied at the public expense for the carriage of the case, when no other public carriage is supplied to him.

4. The Medical Examiner brings to notice that this not only occasions inconvenience to Medical Officers themselves, but it prevents the Examiner from exercising any check upon the expenditure,—on being issued to individual officers the cases are borne on no returns, and although they are supposed to be returned into store when Medical Officers leave the Presidency, no means apparently are taken to ensure this being done.

5. The Examiner of Medical Accounts suggests that the cases should be attached to all Military Hospitals, and to those in the Civil Department where the arrangement can with propriety take effect: the cases would then be borne upon the Hospital returns, and regularly accounted for.

6. Another question is raised in regard to the propriety of issuing cases to Medical Officers of the British Service, who are required by the Queen's Medical Regulations to provide them at their own expense.

7. It appears to me that it would be invidious to make any distinction in this country, and that the rule for India, whatever it is, should apply equally to the Medical Officers of both services.

8. The simplest course would be to attach the capital cases of instruments to Regiments (as they are required with such in movement) and to all garrison and station Hospitals, and henceforth to require every Medical Officer, whether of the Indian or British Service, to provide himself with a pocket case.

9. But, should Government consider it desirable still to continue the issue of pocket cases to Medical Officers from the public stores, I would suggest that they be borne on the returns of the Medical Store-keeper as public property, and an annual report of their condition made to him; while their return into the public stores on Medical Officers quitting the Presidency should be ensured by requiring a certificate of the fact before the usual “no demand” certificate is granted.

STATEMENT of the issues of Capital Instruments Cases, and of Pocket Instruments, Surgeon's Cases, from the Medical Stores during the years from 1862-63 to 1864-65, inclusive.

Depôts.	Issued to						Total issued in			Grand total issued.	Returned into Store by Executive Medical Officers.
	Military.	Civil.	Marine.	Other Govt.	Unserviceable.	On payment.	1862-63. 1863-64. 1864-65.				
							1862-63.	1863-64.	1864-65.		
Presidency.....	44	1	...	...	0	...	17	22	16	56	
Trichinopoly.....	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	
Bangalore.....	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	4	
Cannanore.....	10	2	...	...	...	...	1	3	10	12	
Bellary.....	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	3	
Vizagapatam.....	4	1	...	...	...	...	1	1	3	5	
Secunderabad.....	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	5	8	
Kamptee.....	7	1	...	...	...	...	3	...	5	8	
Rangoon.....	5	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	5	...	
										2	
									Total...	82	
									34	27	
									Annual average for 3 years...		
Presidency.....	89	5	...	...	...	1	31	33	31	95	
Trichinopoly.....	14	2	...	...	...	3	8	5	6	19	
Bangalore.....	14	...	...	...	...	...	5	3	6	14	
Cannanore.....	16	2	...	...	...	...	7	1	10	18	
Bellary.....	11	5	...	...	...	...	1	9	7	17	
Vizagapatam.....	9	...	...	...	1	1	4	2	4	10	
Secunderabad.....	19	...	...	...	...	...	6	7	6	19	
Kamptee.....	13	1	...	7	...	...	4	11	6	21	
Rangoon.....	17	1	...	...	...	...	5	3	10	18	
									Total...	61	
									77	20	
									Annual average for 3 years...		

(Signed) G. MacKAY, M. D., Surgeon Major,
Examiner of Accounts, Medical Department.

OFFICE OF EXR. OF ACCTS., MEDL. DEPT.,
MADRAS, 24th March 1866.

From Major T. GILLILAN, for Examiner of Accounts, Medical Department, Madras, 16th April 1866, No. 1549; to the Controller of Military Accounts, Fort Saint George.

With reference to your letter, No. 1258 of the 13th instant, I have the honor to inform you, that the total value of a capital instrument case and pocket-case, amounts to Rupees 297-0-5, as will be seen by the accompanying memorandum.

2. With regard to the discrepancy between the issues and receipts of these cases, it is presumed, that the cause thereof arises from their not being regularly returned into store. As this office exercises no check over them, no returns being rendered in regard to their disposal after issue, I am unable to account for the differences in question in any other way.

MEMORANDUM.

Articles.	Quantity.	Value.	
		RS.	P.
Capital instruments..... Case No.	1	235	0 0
Pocket do. Surgeon's..... "	1	37	8 0
		272	8 0
9 per cent. for freight charge...	...	24	8 5
Total Rupees...	...	297	0 5

(Signed) T. GILLILAN, Major,
Examiner of Accts., Medl. Dept.
MADRAS, }
16th April 1866. }

Referred to the Principal Inspector General Medical Department, for remark.
1st May 1866.

From the Officiating Principal Inspector General Medical Department, Fort Saint George, 3rd May 1866, No. 163; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, C, dated 26th April 1866, with six enclosures.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your docket, May 1st, giving cover to the correspondence noted in the margin.

2. I concur with the Examiner of Medical Accounts, that capital cases of instruments should be attached to all Military Hospitals, and also to those in the Civil Department, where they can be with propriety, instead of to individual officers.

3. I do not consider that any change in the mode of supplying Medical Officers of both services with pocket cases can be carried out, without in some degree interfering with their professional efficiency.

4. The pocket cases are in daily use, and frequently require to be renewed, and in this country, where instruments in use rapidly deteriorate, there are no means of replacing them.

5. There can be no objection to the different checks proposed by the Controller of Military Accounts, in paragraph 8 of his letter of the 26th April last.

6. It appears to me that in the statement of receipts and issues, the instruments now in charge of individual Medical Officers have been overlooked.

From the Controller of Military Accounts, Fort Saint George, 12th May 1866, C; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

I have the honor to forward a letter from the Principal Inspector General Medical Department, dated 3rd May 1866, No. 163, with its enclosures.

2. In consequence of the belief expressed in the 6th paragraph of Mr. Shaw's letter, I referred the statement of receipts and issues of surgical instruments to the Medical Examiner, with a view to its verification, and have the honor to forward

Dated 8th May 1866, No. 33.

that Officer's reply, from which it appears that the statement is supported by the entries in the annual Medical Depot Returns.

3. The cases in actual use with Medical Officers have, apparently, not been included in the returns rendered to the Examiner's office,—a fact which sufficiently indicates the necessity for supervision and control.

4. The difficulty suggested in paragraph 4 of the Principal Inspector General's letter would be obviated, by issuing pocket cases to officers of both services requiring them from the public stores on payment.

5. The arrangement would be much simpler, and it has the recommendation of accordance with Her Majesty's Medical Regulations.

From the Officiating Examiner of Accounts, Medical Department, Madras, 8th May 1866, No. 33 ; to the Controller of Military Accounts, Fort Saint George.

In returning the communication received with your docket, No. 29 of the 5th instant, I have

*No. 1477, dated 24th March 1866.

the honor to state that on examination of the statement which accompanied a letter* from this Department, the figures therein shewn under the

head of, issues and receipts, correspond with those inserted in the annual Medical Depot Returns.

2. The great disproportion observed in this statement, between the receipts and issues of pocket and capital cases, appears to arise from those cases that are in actual use with the Executive Medical Officers not having been included in one of the returns furnished to this Department.

ORDER, No. 1824, 30th May 1866.

Referred for the consideration of the Government of India—the subject being of a general nature.

To the Offg. Secy. to the Govt. of India, Mily. Dept. | Here enter 30th May 1866, No. 1825.

(True Extract.)

Marshall

Major General,

Secretary to Government.

To the Controller of Military Accounts, with 7 enclosures.

- .. Principal Inspector General Medical Department.
- .. Examiner of Medical Accounts.
- .. Military Accountant,.....
- .. Examiner Pay Department,
- .. Public Department,.....
- .. Quarter Master General, ...
- .. Commissary General,.....

for information.

Exd. E. Cashart

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