

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Public DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	<i>105</i>	Press Mis.
Dated	<i>29-1-</i>	<i>1857.</i>

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
29th January 1867.

No. 197. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Military Department, dated 10th January 1867, No. 93.

Communicating letter from the Principal Inspector General, Medical Department, respecting the strength of the Covenanted Medical Department of this Presidency. (Vide Proceedings, Military Department, dated 10th January 1867, Nos. 161 & 162.)

No. 198. ORDER THEREON, 29th January 1867, No. 105.

To be recorded.

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

Exd. J. Tulloch.

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MILITARY DEPARTMENT.
PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers :—

Memorandum from the Adjutant General, Fort Saint George, 3rd January 1867,
No. 5; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

Submitted to Government, with the Commander-in-Chief's concurrence.

From the Principal Inspector General Medical Department, Fort Saint George, 15th December
1866, No. 440; to the Adjutant General.

With reference to the despatch from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India as
Proceedings of Government, Military De- per margin, I have the honor to state that the
partment, No. 4266, dated 8th December number of Officers of the Madras Medical Depart-
1866. ment, stood on the 1st of this month as follows :—

Inspectors General...	...	3 (one unemployed.)
Deputy Inspectors General ...	8	do.
Surgeons and Surgeons Major.	81	
Assistant Surgeons...	...	91
		183

of these, six are employed in non Medical duties, thus leaving, excluding the administrative
Officers, only 166 to meet the wants of this Presidency and of the provinces, which the Commission
on the Indian Medical service recommended should be supplied by this Government. For the latter
purpose, 29 Medical Officers' services are at present placed at their disposal.

2. If a fair proportion of the 21 candidates alluded to in paragraph 5 of the despatch is
posted to this Presidency and sent out soon, and arrangements made to keep up the establishment
to the strength recommended by the Commission, I trust it may be unnecessary to resort to the
measure of recalling Officers now on leave or furlough.

3. The annual decrement in the ranks of the Madras Medical Department from all causes,
may be in future calculated at from ten to twelve.

4. With regard to the suggestion in paragraph 7, that the Madras Government may in emer-
gency withdraw its own Officers from Bengal and Bombay, I fear this could not be done without
very serious inconvenience to the other Governments. It is only a few weeks since the Govern-
ment of India, in reply to a similar request from Bombay, stated its inability to spare the services
of the Medical Officers of that Presidency, and called upon Madras to report whether it could sup-
ply the deficiency.

5. I may remark here that the number of Medical Officers on the list should always be
slightly in excess of the fixed establishment, as the newly arrived Assistant Surgeons require from
six to nine months to acquire a knowledge of vernacular language, and without which, they are
practically disqualified to hold independent charges.

6. His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief is aware that I have for some months past, on
account of the paucity of Officers for duty, been obliged to refuse to recommend any for furlough.
One of the Officers who applied for, but could not then obtain, furlough, has, I regret to state,
since died, at his post. Had he been able to avail himself of the regulations applicable in times of
peace to all Military Officers, viz. of a furlough to Europe for two years after ten years' service,
his life might possibly have been spared.

7. I mention this case with the view of enabling His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief,
and Government to take measures for the due maintenance of an adequate Medical Establishment
in this Presidency, so that Officers entitled to furlough by regulation may not be disappointed
when they apply for it.

8. Several Medical Officers having returned from Europe within the last month, I think I
may now be justified in sending on, with my approval, applications for furlough, and I trust that
His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief may be pleased, under the circumstances, to consider the
departmental restriction upon applications of this nature as no longer in force.

ORDER, No. 93, 10th January 1867.

Communicated to the Secretary of State for India.
(True Extract.)

Marshall Major General,
Secretary to Government.

To the Adjutant General.

Principal Inspector General Medical Department.

Controller of Military Accounts.

Public Department, for information. *With 5 spare Copies.*

Exd. A. W. Cooke.

Letter for John

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Dear Genl Brady Sept

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respecting the strength
of the Co. & the 22 Sept
of the Army

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