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Public DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
25th February 1867.*

No. 127. Read the following Despatch from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, to His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, Fort Saint George ; dated India Office, London, 24th December 1866, No. 46.

I have considered in Council the Despatch from your Government, dated 9th October (No. 34) 1866, forwarding, with its orders on the subject, a copy of a Minute recorded by your Excellency on the condition of the Civil Dispensary at Coimbatore, which you visited when recently passing through that station.

2. The state of the Dispensary appears to reflect the greatest discredit on the Officers connected with it, as well as on the Civil Officers of the District, who are very justly expected to exercise a general supervision over those Institutions ; and I regret to observe that your Excellency, from what you witnessed on your recent tour to the North, had been led to form an unfavorable opinion as to the management of the Dispensaries in that quarter of the Presidency.

3. Her Majesty's Government have noticed with much gratification the gradual extension of opportunities of improved medical treatment to the poor inhabitants of the Mofussil, by means of Dispensaries established by the joint action of Government and of the local community, and they look forward to a still greater extension of the system, as the Natives become more sensible of the advantages of the European system of medicine. In order, however, that the Dispensaries shall be maintained in a state of efficiency, and be made the means of the largest attainable good to the people, it is necessary, on the one hand, that the Native inhabitants of the towns where the Dispensaries may be established should take an active interest in their management, as well as provide for those expenses which are not undertaken by the Government, and, on the other hand, that the Civil Officers should exercise such a supervision over the Dispensaries, as will ensure a careful and efficient discharge of their duties by the Officers immediately connected with their management.

4. Your Orders of the 5th October will probably be found sufficient to lead to a careful discharge by Public Officers in the Provinces of the obligations incumbent on themselves, individually, in regard to the Dispensaries ; but it seems to me desirable to direct the special attention of the Collectors and other Civil Officers to the importance of enlisting the sympathy and active co-operation of the Native community in the actual working of the Dispensaries.

5. I am of opinion that means should be taken for ensuring the truthfulness of the reports, and the accuracy of the Returns furnished annually by the Medical Officers of different grades in charge of the Dispensaries, and I would suggest that the Civil Officers should be required to certify to your Government their opinion as to the correctness of the annual reports, and as to the general state of the Dispensaries.

No. 128. ORDER THEREON, 25th February 1867, No. 202.

Copies of this Despatch will be furnished to the Principal Inspector General, Medical Department, and to all Collectors.

2. These latter Officers and the Civil functionaries, European and Native, under them, will give due attention to the orders conveyed at the conclusion of paragraphs 3 and 4 of the Despatch.

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3. With reference to the instructions contained in paragraph 5, the Government direct that the annual report of each Medical Officer in charge of a Civil Dispensary be sent to the Collector of the District, prior to submission to the Head of the Medical Department, in view to a certificate, of the character proposed by the Home Government, being appended to it by the Collector
(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Principal Inspector General, Medical Department.
" Collector of

E. J. H. Barnes

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