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27th April 1868.*

No. 201. Read the following letter from G. A. BALLARD, Esq., Collector of Malabar, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Calicut, 16th April 1868, No. 46.

With reference to Government Order, dated 5th April 1867, No. 358, I have the honor to report briefly on the working of the several Civil Hospitals and Dispensaries in Malabar during the year 1867.

2. There are altogether five Civil Dispensaries in full working order in the district at the places noted. From the reports of the Medical officers severally in charge, Government will learn details

Tellicherry. Palghaut.
Calicut. Goodalloor.
Cochin.

of the season, cases treated, &c. The total number of patients who received aid from the Hospital in 1867, as compared with that treated in the previous year, is shown in the subjoined abstract.

Districts.	Admitted in					
	1866.			1867.		
	In-patients.	Out-patients.	Total.	In-patients.	Out-patients.	Total.
Tellicherry.....	132	3,743	3,875	148	4,423	4,571
Calicut.....	326	3,496	3,822	289	3,975	4,264
Cochin.....	487	4,404	4,891	323	3,944	4,267
Palghaut.....	56	1,552	1,608	55	768	823
Total.....	1,001	13,195	14,196	815	13,110	13,925
* Add Goodalloor.....						290
Grand Total.....						14,215

* Particulars for Goodalloor are not known.

The decrease in the numbers treated at Cochin is attributable to the general healthiness of the year under report, as compared with the preceding one. The decrease at Palghaut is not explained.

3. The Financial statements rendered in the reports received by me are not clear. In the Tellicherry report principal and interest seem undistinguished, Rupees 2316 "invested" being entered with receipts from subscriptions, donations, and sale of medicines, though whether the investment is again included in the expenditure (as in the case of Cochin) is not clear. In Calicut report there is no abstract of the financial position of the Hospital. I would suggest that instructions be issued to secure greater clearness in the returns on this important point. The amount of funded capital, if any, should be stated distinctly and separately with the several descriptions of investments and rates of interest; donations towards this capital being entered and kept distinct from donations and subscriptions for the current expenses of the institution. The statement of the current working should show to its credit the interest on the funded capital, receipts from Government or public funds, (1) donations, and (2) subscriptions for current expenses, distinguishing under each the amount received from the European and Native community respectively, with other miscellaneous receipts, whilst the current expenditure would appear on the debit side. This seems a simple matter, but as it does

during the year under report

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not seem attended to, I think I am not out of place in noticing it. I think the distinguishing European and Native contributions is very desirable. The distinctions should also be kept up with regard to the donations to funded capital, as that is the manner in which the Native community sometimes prefer contributing. Generally, it seems the financial position of the Hospital is fair.

4. The Dispensaries have generally been well managed during the year. I can speak especially in high terms of those at Cochin, (where the arrangements are particularly good,) Tellicherry, and Goodaloor. There is no doubt that these institutions do commend themselves to the Native community, and are looked upon as very valuable establishments. At Calicut the Hospital arrangements had fallen off, owing partly to the illness and absence of the Civil Surgeon of the station during part of the year, and also to a want of interest in the institution on the part of the residents and inhabitants.

Vigorous measures, however, have now been taken to place it on a better footing, and already the place wears a different aspect, and will, I have no doubt, deserve to be well supported henceforth.

No. 202. ORDER THEREON, 29th April 1868, No. 533.

The foregoing report shows that there was an increase in the number of persons

	No. of Patients.
Tellicherry in 1867.....	4,571
Do. in 1866.....	3,875
Increase...	696
Calicut in 1867.....	4,264
Do. in 1866.....	3,822
Increase...	442
Cochin in 1866.....	4,891
Do. in 1867.....	4,267
Decrease...	624
Palghaut in 1866.....	1,608
Do. in 1867.....	823
Decrease...	785

treated in the Civil Dispensaries at Tellicherry and Calicut during 1867, as compared with that of the preceding year, and a decrease in the kindred institutions at Cochin and Palghaut; the decrease at the Cochin Dispensary being attributed to the better condition of the public health during the year under report. These charities are reported to be highly appreciated by the poorer classes of the Native community, for whose benefit they have been chiefly established. The Goodaloor Dispensary has been in existence for comparatively a short period, and the Governor must await future reports to judge how far the institution has answered expectation.

2. The Financial statements, referred to in paragraph 3 of the Collector's letter, have not been laid before Government. They should be returned to the Committees of Management, with a request that they will recast them in accordance with Mr. Ballard's suggestions, which are approved.

3. The Government are glad to learn that the measures adopted for improving the condition of the Calicut Dispensary have been attended with favorable results.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Collector of Malabar.
" Inspector General, Indian Medical Department.
Frd. J. Talloch.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from the
Collector of Malabar.
Dated 16th April 1868
No 461

Order 29 April 1868 No 533.

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	No. of Patients.
Tellicherry in 1867.....	4571
1866.....	3875
Increase.....	696
Calicut in 1867.....	4264
1866.....	3822
Increase.....	442
Cochin in 1866.....	4891
1867.....	4267
Decrease.....	624
Palghaut in 1866.....	1608
1867.....	823
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