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12th August 1868.*

No. 72. Read the following letter from the Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, (Public,) to the Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Simla, 16th July 1868; No. 3015B.

The question as to the manner in which the cost of Lock Hospitals established for the benefit of the European troops in Cantonments or in their vicinity should be defrayed, having been considered by the Governor General in Council, I have the honor to communicate the following instructions.

2. His Excellency is of opinion that it is expedient that the cost of these establishments should be, under existing circumstances, defrayed from the imperial revenues.

3. Where there is a separate Cantonment fund, the whole or a portion of the charge, as may be fair in each case, will be recovered from such fund.

4. In the present state of the law, the funds of Municipalities cannot legally be made available for Lock Hospitals, and it is expedient that, for the present at least, the management of these institutions and the general superintendence of the measures necessary for the prevention of venereal disease, should be under the control of Government Officers.

5. It is proposed to legislate to enable Municipalities to provide the funds required for carrying out such objects where they themselves desire to do so. They should not, however, at present be invited to pay any share of the cost of Lock Hospitals established primarily for the benefit of the troops, even in cases in which the advantages derived from these institutions are shared by the people of the town.

6. Where there is a town in the immediate vicinity of a Cantonment, preventive measures must necessarily be extended to the former as well as to the latter. This should be done either by means of rules passed under Act XXII. of 1864, or by the extension to the town of Act XIV. of 1868. It is usually impossible in such cases to protect the health of the troops by measures confined to the Cantonment, and the Government will, therefore, not object to meet any reasonable charge that may be necessary for the prevention of venereal disease throughout the whole circle within which preventive measures are required. A special report should, however, be made to the Government of India in all cases in which it is thought necessary to incur expenditure for these purposes beyond the limits of the Cantonment.

7. I am to invite the particular attention of His Excellency the Governor in Council to this subject. It has been conclusively proved by experience in some of the largest Cantonments and cities in India, that there are no insuperable difficulties in the way of bringing about a very great diminution in these diseases, and the Governor General in Council trusts that no efforts will be spared in carrying out measures which, if successful, will lead to results of the utmost importance to the health and efficiency of the army, and which will at the same time be highly beneficial to the civil population.

8. The present instructions will supersede all former rulings regarding the manner in which charges for Lock Hospitals are to be met, including those laid down in the orders of the Military Department, No. 21, dated 1st March 1866, and all outstanding claims will be adjusted on these principles.

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No. 73. ORDER THEREON, 12th August 1868, No. 975.
Communicated to the Military Department, and also to the Presidents of the
several Municipal Commissions.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary

To the Military Department.

- ,, President, Municipal Commission, Town of Madras.
- ,, President, Municipal Commission in
- ,, Inspector General, Indian Medical Department.

Ed. J. Telford

FROM

E. C. BAYLEY, Esq.,

Secretary to the Government of India,

TO

The Secy to the Govt. of Port St. George.

Home Dept.

Public.

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C. C. Boyley

Secretary to the Govt. of India.

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