

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,

2nd August 1869.

No. 5. Read the following letter from the Surgeon of the General Hospital, to the Deputy Inspector General, Indian Medical Department, Presidency Division ; dated Madras, 7th July 1869, No. 111.

I have the honour to forward herewith a summary of the case of A. O'Hara, late a Private in Her Majesty's 69th Regiment, who has been for the last six months an in-patient in this hospital, and who, in my opinion, is never likely to recover in this country.

2. I beg that you will be kind enough to apply to Government for permission for his being sent home as a distressed British subject, and provided with fresh provisions on the voyage. I should add that he was discharged from Her Majesty's service in England, and worked his passage to India to earn a livelihood. He lost his health while employed in a coffee estate on the Western Coast.

Summary of A. O'Hara's case, age 26 years, Coffee Planter.

Was admitted on January 4th, 1869, into the General Hospital, Madras, suffering from gonorrhœa, a sore on the glum penis and psoriasis, the latter affecting the back and arms. He has since 1865 been working on a coffee plantation, and states that he has suffered from syphilis and repeated attacks of ague.

On January 23rd he is reported to be suffering from pains in the joints.

February 3rd.—The back is reported free from eruption.

February 13th.—Reported to be suffering from quotidian fever.

March 7th.—The gonorrhœa had subsided, and sore on penis healed.

The patient continued to suffer from occasional attacks of paroxysmal fever, and does not appear to have progressed favourably, for on May 7th he is stated to be covered with scaly eruptions, and his fingers to be swollen and painful, attacks of fever, too, frequently recurring. Since then the patient's condition has, in some respects, altered for the better. The febrile attacks have recurred at longer intervals of time, and the body is nearly free from eruption.

In other respects he is no better. He is liable to febrile paroxysms on the least imprudence, and he suffers still from nocturnal pains. Four fingers of the right hand, two of the left hand, and the great and second toe of left foot are stiff, painful, swollen, and contracted to such an extent that the fingers are practically useless.

The patient is in a state of great debility. The digestive powers are weak and capricious ; the tongue is generally foul, and the skin dry and discoloured ; a little eruption remains on right foot and leg.

He has been now six months in hospital ; much further improvement is not expected. He is not fit for work of any kind, nor is it probable that in this climate the cachexia, syphilitic, and malarial, from which he is suffering, can be removed.

Treatment.—The gonorrhœa was healed with the ordinary remedies, afterwards he was treated chiefly by quinine and tonics. Iodide of Potass. disagreed with him. He is now taking Liq. Potass. Arsenit.

GENERAL HOSPITAL,
7th July 1869.

(Signed) R. W. COCKERILL,
Surgeon, General Hospital.

No. 265.

MEMORANDUM.

• Forwarded to the Chief Secretary for submission to Government.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
12th July 1869.

(Signed) W. MACKENZIE, M.D.,
Inspr. Genl., Indian Medl. Dept.

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2nd August 1869.*

No. 6. ORDER THEREON, 2nd August 1869, No. 1069.

Under the circumstances represented in the foregoing letter, the Governor in Council directs that the Master Attendant, Madras, will provide a passage to England, at the public expense, with fresh provisions on the voyage, for A. O'Hara.

2. Mr. Dalrymple will report the name of the vessel on which O'Hara may embark.

(True Extract).

Actg. Secy. to Govt.

To the Master Attendant, Madras.
„ Inspector General, Indian Medical Department.
„ Accountant General.

Public Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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The Master Attendant, Surgeon General Hospital,
Madras, 2nd Aug. 1869.

Court of Madras.

PUBLIC.

THE MASTER ATTENDANT,

Madras.

Ac. Sec. Ac.

Dated August, 2nd.

Recd.

And

G. O., 2nd August 1869, No. 1069.

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