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# MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

*Police* DEPARTMENT.

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No. 177. Read the following letter from the Inspector General of the Indian Medical Department, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George ; dated Fort Saint George, 20th September 1869, No. 354.

With reference to paragraph 16 of the Order of Government, No. 1162, of 19th August, I have the honour to state that the Health Officer would appear to be under some misapprehension as to provisions formerly in force for the treatment of out-patients in Madras.

2. A few years ago the Chintadrepettah Dispensary (a Dispensary for out-patients only) was removed to the General Hospital, where the premises and general conveniences for attendance on out-patient sick are much more convenient, both for Medical Officers and patients, than they were in the old building in Chintadrepettah.

Previous to this transfer there was no proper out-patient department at the General Hospital.

3. The Vepery Dispensary has, as Government are aware, been lately closed for male patients, and in that respect only has there been any diminution in the number of institutions for affording medical relief to out-patients. The Triplicane Hospital is as much frequented as ever it was, so is the Dispensary in Black-town attached to the Native Infirmary, and the out-patient department of the General Hospital is certainly better managed and more available to the great bulk of the people than it was in the old building in Chintadrepettah.

4. Besides the Government institutions there is a Mission Dispensary in Black-town under the charge of Doctor Patterson, of the Free Church Medical Mission. With the exception of Vepery and Pursewalkum there is no part of the town which is not fairly supplied with the means of medical aid to out-patients, and, as regards the district named, Government are aware that it has been proposed to open a dispensary for out-patients.

5. Mr. Stanbrough observes that, from inquiries he has made, syphilis has been on the increase in Madras since the abolition of District Dispensaries and Hospitals ; but as only one institution of this kind has been closed to male patients, the increase of syphilis, if it be a fact, can scarcely be attributed to so small a cause. The Health Officer's remarks regarding syphilitic patients being exposed to "mocking observations," and humiliating jokes, by the medical subordinates and pupils at the General Hospital and Native Infirmary, are, I have no hesitation in saying, quite uncalled for. This class of patients receives just as much attention as any other, and any conduct, such as Doctor Stanbrough alludes to, would at once meet with disapproval and censure by the Surgeons of the General Hospital or Native Infirmary.

6. The Surgeon of the General Hospital remarks with regard to this subject:—

"The enormous number of syphilitic patients that are treated in this Hospital is alone sufficient refutation of Mr. Stanbrough's remarks. Venereal patients in the out-patient room are seen behind the screen by the Assistant Surgeon of the Hospital, when generally no one else is present. The only Apothecary in the room is 2nd Class Apothecary O'Keeffe, who is one of the most quiet and respectable men in the Department.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,*  
*29th September 1869.*

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No. 178.

ORDER THEREON, 29th September 1869, No: 1354.

Communicated to the Health Officer, Madras.

(True Extract.)

*Actg. Secy. to Govt.*

To the Health Officer, Madras.

.. Inspector General of the Indian Medical Department.

N<sup>o</sup> 354.

Office of Inspt. General, Indian Medical Deptt.  
Fort St. George 20<sup>th</sup> September 1869.

From

The Inspector General Ind<sup>o</sup> Med<sup>o</sup> Deptt.  
Fort St. George

To

The Chief Secretary to Government  
Public Department  
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Sir

Your most Obedt. Servant

J. H. Keppel M.

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Presidency Division  
For Inspector General  
Ind. Medical Dept.

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and Dr. George*

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of the closing of certain  
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- accusations &c by the  
subordinates.*

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Health Officer, Madras

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