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Government of Madras.

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DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
16th March 1869.

Read the following papers :—

No. 106. From W. MACKENZIE, Esq., M. D., Inspector General, Indian Medical Department, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Fort Saint George, 4th December 1868, No. 384.

In obedience to the Order of Government marginally noted, I have the honor to submit an amended list of Revenue Officers who should be provided with Medical Subordinates, as furnished by the Board of Revenue, with whom I was directed to put myself in communication on the subject.

Public Department, No. 572, of 9th May 1868, paragraph 8.

2. In paragraph 2 of their Order above referred to, the Government directed that, in determining this question, due consideration should be given to the nature of the climate to which the officers and their establishments are exposed, is the greatest point of distance of the range from medical aid, and to the facilities for procuring such aid afforded by Railway communication.

3. Taking all these circumstances into account, I am of opinion that the list now furnished by the Board is susceptible of still further reduction, and I have accordingly entered in italics those Revenue Officers for whom separate subordinate medical aid does not appear to be necessary.

4. The first of these is the Sub-Collector of Madras, whose head-quarters is Chingleput. The Zillah Surgeon and two medical subordinates are resident at this station; the climate is not unhealthy; and the greatest distance from medical aid, while on circuit, is about thirty miles. But in order that Government may have the fullest information before them in deciding the question, I beg to submit, for ready reference, an extract from the Collector's report on the subject :—

“ There is nothing especially unhealthy in the climate of the Sub-Division of the Madras district, and the extreme point of distance, from the head-quarters, does not exceed thirty miles; there are no facilities for procuring medical aid by railroad.

“ The Sub-Collector's division is, however, extensive, consisting of three Taluqs, and it is desirable that he should not be deterred by any consideration from moving freely about in it. I think arrangements should be made for placing a Dresser at his disposal, in the same way as is done in almost every Sub-Division in the Presidency.”

5. The circumstances of the Head Assistant Collector of North Arcot are such that Government may not deem it imperatively necessary to provide him with separate subordinate medical aid. Those circumstances are stated by the Collector of the district in the following extract, coupled with his recommendation in favor of providing the Head Assistant with a medical subordinate :—

“ The Head Assistant's head-quarters are eventually to be at Arconum, where, although there is no medical aid, the railway affords facilities for procuring it. His division runs north for eighty miles, for which length its eastern limits are at an average distance of from forty to fifty miles from the north-west line of Railway. I am not aware that any parts of the division are unusually unhealthy.

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"I think under the circumstances, a medical subordinate should certainly be attached to the Head Assistant."

6. It appears that the Dresser formerly authorized for the Sub-Collector of Malabar has not, for years, been required at Tellicherry; and on this account, as well as because the Sub-Collector is mostly stationed either at Tellicherry or at Cannanore, I have entered this officer also in italics; the Dresser formerly sanctioned for him being transferred to Palghat.

7. Government having recently sanctioned the establishment of a Civil Dispensary at Ponani, in Malabar, the head-quarters of the Deputy Collector, I have entered this Officer in italics, there being now a medical subordinate at the station.

8. With these exceptions, I submit the list for the favorable consideration of Government. The replies of Collectors, received through the Board of Revenue, are herewith forwarded for the information of Government, to be returned when no longer required.

9. Should Government be pleased to sanction this provision of subordinate medical aid for Revenue Officers, I beg permission to entertain immediately twenty pupils, in addition to the forty sanctioned in the Proceedings of Government marginally noted.

No. 365 of 3rd November 1868, Educational Department.

AMENDED List of Revenue Officers for whom Subordinate Medical aid should be provided, as recommended by the Board of Revenue.

Districts.	Stations.	Rank of Officer.	No.
Vizagapatam	Nursipatam	Principal Assistant Collector	1
	Parvatipore	Senior Assistant Collector	1
	Jeypore	Assistant Agent	1
Godavery	Ellore	Head Assistant Collector	1
Kistna	Bezwada	Do.	1
	Vinukonda	Deputy Collector	1
Nellore	Gudur	Head Assistant Collector	1
	Kaligiri	Deputy Collector	1
Kurnool	Cumbum	Head Assistant Collector	1
	Nundial	Deputy Collector	1
Madras	Chingleput	Sub-Collector	1
North Arcot	Arconum	Head Assistant Collector	1
	Goodiattum	Deputy Collector	1
South Arcot	Trikalore	Do.	1
Trichinopoly	Arealore	Do.	1
Tinnevely	Strivilliputtur	Do.	1
South Canara	Kundapur	Head Assistant Collector	1
Malabar	Tellicherry	Sub-Collector	1
	Palghat	Head Assistant Collector	1
	Ponani	Deputy Collector	1
Total			16

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
4th December 1868.

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

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16th March 1869.

No. 107. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 3rd December 1868, No. 8495.

Read the following replies to the Board's Proceedings, dated 5th October 1868, No. 7002:—

From the Collector of Ganjam, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue; dated Chatterpore, 16th October 1868, No. 1118.

In reply to the Board's Proceedings, No. 7002, of 5th October instant, I beg to state that it is not necessary to attach an Apothecary to my Office Establishment.

2. There is an experienced Apothecary in charge of the petty station of Chatterpore, the head-quarters of the Collector of Ganjam; and there is also a Dresser here, who works under the Apothecary so long as the Collector is at Chatterpore, moving out with the Collector when that Officer takes his periodical or occasional tours. A Dresser, of course, is not so good as an Apothecary; but with a Civil Surgeon at Berhampore, and Apothecaries at Chicacole, Purlah Kimeddy, and Russelbondah, the Collector is always within reasonable reach of more skilled attendance. The hills (Maliahs) of Ganjam are comparatively small and compact, not the endless extent of country that presents itself in Vizagapatam.

From the Collector of Vizagapatam, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue; dated 16th October 1868, No. 791.

With reference to the Board's Proceedings, dated 5th October, No. 7002, regarding the necessity of attaching a medical subordinate of the grade of Apothecary to the Collector's offices, I trust that the privilege hitherto accorded may be continued to this district.

2. On account of the prevalence of fever, and the severe attacks to which the servants of this Establishment were subjected when travelling in the district, the services of an Apothecary were granted to the office, in 1837, and have been continued from that period.

3. The annual tour in the hill tracts now undertaken by the Agent and his office, and which is always attended by serious cases of sickness amongst the servants engaged on this duty, renders it more necessary now, than when the privilege was first accorded, for them to have the attendance of a really qualified Medical Officer.

From the Collector of Bellary, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue; dated 12th October 1868, No. 244.

I have the honor to acknowledge Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 5th instant, No. 7002, communicating Order of Government of the 19th ultimo, No. 2431, calling upon me to report on the necessity of a medical subordinate of the rank of an Apothecary being attached to this Collectorate; and in reply, I beg to state, that, owing to the great size of the district, the Collector and his Establishment are often very far removed from medical aid, and this circumstance, coupled with the fact that portions of the district, especially the Taluqs bordering on the Toongabudra river, are notoriously feverish and unhealthy, render it, in my opinion, desirable that a medical subordinate of the rank specified should be attached to the Collectorate.

From the Acting Collector of the Madras District, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue; dated Sydapet, 10th October 1868, No. 340.

I have the honor to acknowledge the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 5th October 1868, No. 7002, and to state, in reply, that I am of opinion that the duties of attending on the Collector's Establishment would be more conveniently performed by an intelligent Dresser, as he will have less trouble in finding accommodation while on circuit.

From the Collector of Salem, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue; dated 20th October 1868, No. 243.

In compliance with the request contained in the Board's Proceedings, No. 7002, dated the 5th October 1868, I beg to make the following remarks on the necessity of a medical subordinate of the grade of Apothecary being attached to this office.

2. I will commence by stating that an Apothecary was first attached to the Salem Collectorate in the year 1834,* and that if there was then an opinion that one was required rather than a medical subordinate of rank inferior to an Apothecary, I see no reason why a change should now be made. The District of Salem, taking it as a whole, has never held a very high name for its healthiness; on the contrary, Ahtur Taluq and parts of Salem near Womalur, and just at the foot of the Bala Ghaut in and about Toppur, and the whole of the Uttengherry Taluq, as well as the Denkenicotta and Pennagaram divisions, are proverbially unhealthy. There is now-a-days more moving about for a Collector and his office than in days past, and I am sure that it would be sound policy, on the part of Government, to allow experienced Medical Officers to attend their servants in unhealthy districts when on circuit, rather than appoint an inferior medical attendant on whom little or no reliance could or would be placed, and who, on an emergency, could not afford that aid and assistance which I take it is imperative on the part of Government to give to their employes when absent on their frequent tours. The Apothecaries attached to Revenue Establishments when at head-quarters are under the Zillah Surgeon, and assist him in his various duties, and Salem is especially a town where efficiency is required. It was only, the Board is aware, the other day that extra hands and medicines had to be applied for from Madras in one of the periodical outbreaks of cholera that visited this place. Nor does cholera confine itself alone to Salem town. At the time I speak of, it was general throughout the various places I have mentioned above. My office was for a part of the time on circuit, and though I had three or four of them attacked, I only lost one, and I attribute this to the able and willing assistance of Mr. Leonard, the Apothecary attached to the Cutcherry. I have little hesitation in saying that had I only been supplied with the services of a more Dresser no doubt more fatal cases would have occurred. One of the chief things towards the recovery of patients is to have reliance on your medical attendant, and I take it that more reliance could and would be placed on the assistance which an Apothecary could give, than on an ordinary Dresser.

Submitted to Government, with reference to paragraph 1 of Government Order, dated 19th September 1868, No. 2431.

2. From these replies it appears that Apothecaries are at present attached to the Collectors' Establishments in the districts of Vizagapatam, Bellary, Madras, and Salem, and that, with the exception of the Collector of Madras, who states that an intelligent Dresser would suffice, the Officers are unanimous in their opinion that the reasons which led to medical subordinates of the grade in question being first attached to their Collectorates still operate in favour of their continuance.

3. As regards the District of Ganjam, to which Government considered it might be advisable to attach an Apothecary, it will be seen that Mr. Carmichael is of opinion that one is not necessary, as there are four Apothecaries, one at each of the stations of Chetterpore, Chicacole, Purlah Kimeddy, and Russelcondah, with a Civil Surgeon at Berhampore, so that the Collector is always within a reasonable distance of more skilled attendance than that of a Dresser, should it be required.

4. The Board consider that, for the reasons stated by the Collectors of Vizagapatam, Bellary, and Salem, the privilege at present enjoyed by them should not be withdrawn.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) A. MACGREGOR,
Acting Secretary.

From W. MACKENZIE, Esq., M. D., Inspector General, Indian Medical Department, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George; dated Fort Saint George, 6th January 1869, No. 2.

With advertence to paragraph 1 of the Order of Government marginally noted, I have the honor to state that, for the reasons assigned in the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 2131 of 19th September 1868, Revenue Department, No. 8495, of 3rd December 1868, (copy of which has just been furnished to me,) I concur in the opinion of the Board that the privilege enjoyed by the Collectors of Vizagapatam, Bellary, and Salem, of having Apothecaries attached to their Establishments, should not at present be withdrawn.

Transferred to the Public Department, with reference to the Proceedings in that Department under date 9th May 1868, No. 572.

2. The determination of the travelling allowances to be drawn by Apothecaries attached to the Revenue Department must be deferred until a reply is received to a reference which has been made to the Government of India on certain points relating to the recent warrant re-organizing the Subordinate Medical Department.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
11th February 1869.

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secy. to Govt.

No. 108. ORDER THEREON, 16th March 1869, No. 323.

With this letter the Inspector General, Indian Medical Department, submits a revised list of Revenue Officers for whom the attendance of subordinates of the Medical Department should be provided. Dr. Mackenzie has been in communication with the Board of Revenue, and he is at variance with the Board in rejecting from the list the officers marginally noted.

Chingleput Sub-Collector.
Arcotum Head Assistant.
Tollicherry Sub-Collector.
Ponani Deputy Collector.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
16th March 1869.*

2. As regards the two first, the Sub-Collector's charge is extensive, and it is very undesirable that this officer should be deterred, by the absence of medical aid, from visiting the more remote portions of his charge, some of which are more than 30 miles from his station, a distance that implies a considerable delay in obtaining medical aid, if the Sub-Collector does not carry a Dresser with him. The same argument is applicable to the case of the Head Assistant of North Arcot. The Medical Subordinates attached to these two officers will, therefore, be retained.

3. The services of the Dresser at Tellicherry have not been required for many years, and the Government see no reason to doubt that Dr. Mackenzie is right in proposing to withdraw this Medical Subordinate. At Ponani, the addition of a Medical Subordinate to the Deputy Collector's Establishment is unnecessary on account of the recent arrangements to which the Inspector General has referred. The proposal to entertain twenty additional students to meet the wants of the Revenue Officers is sanctioned.

4. The attention of Collectors is called to the Order of Government, marginally noted, which directs that when Collectors, Sub-Collectors, and Head Assistants are at their head-quarters, and a superior Medical Officer is at hand, the Dressers, or Medical Subordinates, shall invariably be placed under his control for daily duty in the Zillah or Jail Hospital or elsewhere at the station, in order that they may improve in professional knowledge.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Inspector General, Indian Medical Department.

„ Board of Revenue.

„ Collector of

„ Accountant General.

„ Director of Public Instruction.

1. Transferred to the Public Dept
with reference to the Proceedings in
that Department under date 9 May
69, &c.

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ganizing the subordinate medical ~~officers~~.

M. A. L. L.
Ag Secy to Govt.

Fort St George }
11 Feb 1869 }

W. H. P. L.

Govt. of 1868 & 1869.

PUBLIC.

To

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL,

INDIAN MEDICAL DEPARTMENT,
Secy, Secy, &c.

Dated March, 1869.

Recd.

H. L.

G. O. 106 March 1869, No. 229.

MARCH
Nos. 106-108.

Passing orders in regard to the Revenue
Officers for whom the attendance of subordinates
of the Medical Department should be provided.

BOARD OF REVENUE, MADRAS.
1868.

PROCEEDINGS, 3RD DECEMBER 1868, No 8,495.

Recd 9 Dec 1868

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DECEMBER.
No. 8,495.

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*Apothecaries—attached to Collectors' offices,—
Reports from certain Collectors regarding neces-
sity for, submitted to Government, with re-
commendation against withdrawal of those in
Vizagapatam Bellary and Salem Districts.*

With Dock.

No. 4,501.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 17th June 1868.

Read the following papers:—

Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated 9th May 1868, No. 572, Public Department:—

Read the following papers:—

No. 50. From W. MACKENZIE, Esq., M. D., Inspector General, Indian Medical Department, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 13th December 1867, No. 481.

1. As directed in the Proceedings of Government, Public Department, No. 555, of 15th May last, I requested the Board of Revenue to furnish me with a list of Head Assistant Collectors stationed at a distance from head-quarters, and not provided with medical aid, in order that an application might be submitted to Government for the necessary subordinate Medical Establishment.

2. In furnishing the list, the Board have added other Revenue Officers than Head Assistant Collectors, with an expression of their opinion that they "consider that every Revenue Officer in independent charge of a range (except the Salt Deputy Collector) should have a Dresser or Hospital Assistant attached to him," on the ground that "all such officers, both Covenanted and Uncovenanted, are required to make constant tours through their ranges, wherever their head-quarters may be fixed; and that it is very desirable that they and their establishments should be provided with medical aid when making these tours." The Board add, that "the Dressers would also be of great service to the people of the villages through which they passed, and when at head-quarters, might be usefully employed under the Civil Surgeon at the Dispensary or elsewhere."

3. Concurring generally in these remarks, I have the honour to submit the accompanying list of Revenue Officers, for whom the Board consider a second Dresser or third class Hospital Assistant should be provided. The charges being independent, and situated at a distance from European Medical supervision, I would recommend second Dressers instead of Hospital Assistants, as being the more experienced class of subordinates, especially as some of the districts are reported to be very unhealthy.

4. Should Government be pleased to sanction this establishment, I beg to state, for their information, that the number of medical subordinates at my disposal will not admit of their orders being immediately carried into effect. The numbers annually furnished by the Medical College are barely sufficient to fill up the ordinary vacancies occurring during each year. Before the requirements of the Revenue Department can be met, a sufficient number of lads must be educated, in addition to those usually supplied by the College, and this cannot be effected before the lapse of two or three years.

5. The letters from the Acting Collector and Agent to the Governor in Vizagapatam, and the Collector of the Godavery district, bearing upon this subject, and referred with your letter of the 11th June last, are herewith returned.

List of Revenue Officers who are to be provided with Medical Subordinates in each district.

District.	Officers who are not provided with Medical Subordinates.	Number.
Vizagapatam...	Principal Assistant Collector, Senior Assistant Collector, and Assistant Agent	3
Godavery ...	Assistant Collector, and Deputy Collector on general duties	2
Kistna... ..	Head Assistant Collector, and Deputy Collector on general duties	2
Nellore... ..	Do. do.	2
Cuddapah ...	Do. do.	2
Bellary... ..	Do. do.	2
Kurnool	Do. and one General Deputy Collector at Nundial, and another at Pypally	3
Madras	Sub-Collector	1
North Arcot..	Head Assistant Collector, and Deputy Collector on general duties	2
South Arcot..	Deputy Collector on general duties	1
Tanjore	Two Deputy Collectors on general duties	2
Trichinopoly..	Head Assistant Collector, and Deputy Collector on general duties	2
Madura... ..	Deputy Collector on general duties	1
Tinnevely ...	Do. do.	1
South Canara	Head Assistant Collector	1
Malabar	Sub-Collector, Head Assistant Collector, and two Deputy Collectors on general duties	4
Coimbatore ...	Head Assistant Collector, and Deputy Collector, Southern Division, (Errode)	2
Total second Dressers...		33

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

No. 51. From the Collector of the Godavery district, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Cocanada, 28th May 1867, No. 7.

With reference to the Proceedings of Government, Public Department, dated 15th instant, No. 555, I have the honour to report that the head-quarters of the Head Assistant Collector in this district are Rajahmundry, where the Zillah Surgeon resides. The Head Assistant has no medical subordinate with his camp when away from his head-quarters, there being none available for that purpose. This officer has now charge of the General Duty Deputy Collector's charge, and parts of this and of his own particular charge are feverish and otherwise unhealthy localities; and I would, therefore, recommend that he should have a medical subordinate detailed to accompany him on circuit, when his duties entail his absence at a distance from his head-quarter station.

No. 653.

Forwarded to the Inspector General of the Medical Department, with reference to Government Order, dated the 15th ultimo, No. 555.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
11th June 1867.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

No. 52. From the Acting Collector and Agent to the Governor of Fort Saint George in Vizagapatam, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Vizagapatam, 3rd June 1867, No. 343.

1. I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Government Order, dated 15th May last, authorizing that a Dresser or an Hospital Assistant should be provided for each Head Assistant Collector.

2. In this district there are one Principal Assistant, (Sub-Collector,) one Senior Assistant Collector, (Head Assistant,) and one Assistant Agent.

3. All these officers are permanently stationed at a distance from head-quarters, namely, the Principal Assistant at Nursipatam, the Senior Assistant at Parvatipur, and the Assistant Agent at Jeypore.

4. At each of these places there is an Apothecary who affords medical aid to both the Police and the Civil Departments; but when the Assistants are away from their head-quarters, which they very frequently are, they are obliged to go about without any medical attendance.

5. The Government are aware that the range of their officers extend over very unhealthy tracts, which they are expected to traverse at least once a year.

6. By the Government Order under acknowledgment, the requirements of the Senior Assistant will be provided for; but I beg to suggest that two Dressers more should be added to the list on account of my Principal Assistant and the Assistant Agent.

7. This latter officer is now on a tour through the southern portion of Jeypore; in every letter I have received from him during the past month, he tells me how seriously ill he has been, without any medical attendance, far away from his head-quarters; no postal communication whatever for days together, and living amongst the wildest races in the country.

Referred to the Inspector General, Medical Department, with reference to Government Order, dated the 15th ultimo, No. 555.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
FORT SAINT GEORGE,
11th June 1867. Chief Secretary.

No. 53. From W. MACKENZIE, Esq., M. D., Inspector General, Indian Medical Department, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Fort Saint George, 20th January 1868, No. 28.

1. With reference to the letter marginally noted, printed in Proceedings of Government, Public Department, No. 11, of 7th January 1868, I have from the Principal of the Medical College, to the Director of Public Instruction, No. 167, of 6th December 1867. the honour to recommend that the teaching power of the Medical College be increased, as therein suggested, without further delay.

2. Considering the numerous requisitions for medical subordinates during the past year, which it has been impossible to comply with, the probability that such demands will increase, and the fact that the Assistant Apothecary grade has now fallen forty below its established strength, I feel satisfied that two additional Assistants are absolutely necessary to enable the College to meet the ordinary and contingent requirements of the Civil and Military Departments of this Presidency, without reference to the possible demands of other Governments.

3. One additional Assistant has already been sanctioned under the Order of Government noted in the margin, and if Government should approve of the suggestion now made, I shall endeavour, at whatever inconvenience, to make the services of two Assistant Apothecaries available for the duty at an early date.

No. 54. Proceedings of Government, Public Works Department.
Referring letter from Superintending Engineer, }
Seventh Division, bringing to notice the want of } (Dated 6th March 1868, No. 749.)
medical assistance in the Coondapoor range. }

No. 55. From the Under Secretary to the Government of Bombay, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Bombay Castle, 3rd March 1868, No. 414.

General Department.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 159, dated 11th ultimo, requesting information regarding the practice in this Presidency in respect of giving medical aid to Revenue Officers in independent charge of portions of districts, which takes them away from their head-quarters.

Madras, the accompanying copy of a report on the subject by the Inspector General, Indian Medical Department, at this Presidency, No. 729, dated 26th idem.

No. 729.

1. I have the honour to report, that the only Revenue Officers in this Presidency, who have Hospital Assistants attached to them, are—

The Revenue Commissioner, Northern Division;

Do. Southern do.;

The Commissioner in Scinde; and

The Superintendent, Revenue Survey and Assessment in Kandeish.

The Collector of Canara has also, in consequence of the unhealthiness of the climate, a Hospital Assistant attached to his establishment.

2. The recommendation of the Board of Revenue appears to me to be well worthy of consideration, and I am of opinion that Hospital Assistants' services would be very useful, if allowed to officers with establishments, who are for months together in districts, at a distance from medical aid, as well as for the purpose "of familiarizing the people of the country they visit with European medical science and treatment."

3. The practice, in this Presidency, for affording medical aid to such officers and their establishments, is simply that they take with them a supply of medicines; if sick, and requiring advice, they go into the nearest camp or station, and, if seriously ill, they send for the nearest Medical Officer.

(Signed) F. S. ARNOTT, M. D. & C. B.,

Inspr. Genl., Indian Medl. Dept.

BOMBAY, 26th February 1868.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) H. E. JACOMB,

Under Secy. to Govt.

No. 56. From the Junior Secretary to the Government of Bengal, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Fort William, 24th March 1868, No. 1,482.

Medical.

1. I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 159, dated the 14th ultimo, and with reference thereto to forward, herewith, a copy
* No. 1,076A, dated 12th instant.

of a Memorandum* from the Inspector General of

Hospitals, Lower Provinces, which reports that, in this Presidency, no Native Doctors are employed to afford medical aid to Revenue Officers in independent charge of portions of districts, or when engaged in some special work equivalent to an independent charge, which takes them for several months of the year from the head-quarters of a district.

2. I am, however, directed to add, with reference to this report, that the districts in the Lower Provinces are divided into Sub-divisions or Sub-districts, each in charge of a Subordinate Magisterial and Revenue authority, and each Sub-division, for many purposes in the Revenue Department, and for all, or nearly all, purposes of Police and minor Criminal Justice, constitutes in effect a separate subordinate jurisdiction with a separate head-quarters located at some convenient central place.

3. To the head-quarters station of each Sub-division a Native Doctor, that is, a Hospital Assistant, or in the case of important Sub-divisions, a Sub-Assistant Surgeon, is posted, so that it will be seen that medical aid is distributed over the country, and is not restricted to the head-quarters of a district.

4. I am also to state that Native Doctors are attached to Revenue Survey parties.

NDUM from the Inspector General of Hospitals, Indian Medical Service, Lower Provinces, dated Fort William, 12th March 1867, No. 1,076A.

With reference to Bengal Secretariat Memorandum, No. 144, dated 2nd instant, the undersigned has the honour to submit, for the information of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, that no Native Doctors are employed in this Presidency for affording medical aid to Revenue Officers in independent charge of portions of districts, or when engaged in some special work equivalent to an independent charge, which takes them for several months of the year from the head-quarters of a district. The practice is, that when such Officers fall sick they receive medical aid from the Civil Surgeon of the district in which they are located at the time by proceeding into the station.

No. 57.

ORDER THEREON, 9th May 1868, No. 572.

1. In his letter of the 13th December last above recorded, the Inspector General, Indian Medical Department, in communication with the Board of Revenue, submits to Government a list of Revenue Officers, with a recommendation that these should be provided with medical subordinates of the class of second Dressers. At the same time Dr. Mackenzie informs the Government that, in order to meet this demand, it will be necessary to increase the number of the pupils at the Medical College, and that a sufficient number of second class Dressers cannot be provided before the lapse of two or three years.

2. Apart from the present difficulty of giving effect to Dr. Mackenzie's recommendation, the Governor in Council is not prepared to admit the necessity of invariably attaching a medical subordinate to every Revenue Officer in independent charge of a range, and who is required to make frequent tours. In determining this question due consideration should be given to the nature of the climate to which the officers and their establishments are exposed, to the greatest point of distance of the range from medical aid, and to the facilities for procuring such aid afforded by Railway communication.

3. Before passing final orders on Dr. Mackenzie's question, the Governor in Council requests that he will, in communication with the Board of Revenue, submit an amended list framed with regard to the considerations noted above.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. S. ELLIS,
Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue.

From C. BARCLAY, Esq., Officiating Secretary, Inspector General, Indian Medical Department, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Fort Saint George, 19th May 1868, No. 1,794.

I have the honour, by desire of the Inspector General, Indian Medical Department, to request that your Board will favour him with their views, regarding the provision of medical aid for Head Assistant Collectors, with reference to the several points mentioned in paragraph 2 of the Order of Government marginally noted, to enable him to prepare the amended list called for in paragraph 3 of that Order.

Public Department, No. 572, of 9th May 1868.

1. The Board resolve to communicate these papers to all Collectors, in view to their furnishing the requisite information at the earliest date.

2. The reports should comprise full information on the points alluded to in paragraph 2 of the Government Order in the case of each of the thirty-three officers specified in the Inspector General's list.

(True Extracts.)

(Signed) A. MACGREGOR,
Acting Secretary.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. T. MAYNE,
First Assistant.

To all Collectors.

Copy to Officiating Secretary to the Inspector General of the

Indian Medical Department.

Exd. T. Cartledge.

From J. I. MINCHIN, Esq., Collector of Vizagapatam, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 1st July 1868, No. 563.

Referring to Board's Proceedings, dated 17th ultimo, No. 4,501, I have the honour to state that I have nothing more to add to the information already furnished in Mr. Master's letter of the 3rd June 1867, and recorded in the said Proceedings, except to state that there are no Railways in this district by which Assistants out in the country could obtain medical aid on emergency.

Exd. T. Cartledge.

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No.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,
To all Collectors, etc.

Dated 17th June 1868.
Received

No. 4,501.

Requesting all Collectors to furnish requisite information to enable Board to submit amended list called for by Government of Revenue Officers to be provided with Medical subordinates.

From **W. McQUHAE, Esq.,** Acting Collector of the Kistna district, to the **Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue,** dated Masulipatam, 26th June 1868, No. 202.

1. With reference to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 17th June, No. 4,501, I have the honour to report that there are two Officers in this district specified in the Inspector General's list of Officers who are to be provided with Medical Subordinates.

2. The first is the Head Assistant Collector. He is stationed at Bezwada, where there is an Apothecary attached to the Public Works Department. The most distant part of his charge is about eighty miles from Bezwada, and a large portion of the country consists of hills and jungles, where fever prevails especially during the rainy and cold seasons.

3. The Deputy Collector stationed at Vinukonda is the other officer referred to. The charge of this officer is very large, and fever prevails during a great part of the year. Medical aid can only be procured at Guntoor, fifty-two miles from Vinukonda, and nearly a hundred miles from the most distant point of the Deputy Collector's range. There are no facilities for travelling in the ranges of either of these officers.

Exd. T. Cartledge.

From J. A. C. BOSWELL, Esq., Acting Collector of Nellore, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 22nd June 1868, No. 1,902.

1. I have the honour to reply to the Board's Proceedings, No. 4,501, dated 17th June 1868.
2. Medical Dressers have been recommended to be attached to the Head Assistant Collector and to the General duties Deputy Collector in this district.
3. Government have just sanctioned the selection of Gudur as the head-quarters of the Head Assistant Collector. The water at this place is not considered good, and it has also the reputation of being feverish. The Rapur talook which would be with the Head Assistant's charge, and also Striharikota, are at certain seasons very feverish. Gudur is 23 miles from Nellore; the greatest point of distance of the range for medical aid, namely, Nellore, is about 60 miles.
4. The General duties Deputy Collector is proposed to be stationed at Kaligiri, about 30 miles from Nellore. The talook of Udayagiri, which will form part of his range, is feverish. The greatest point of distance of the range for medical aid, namely, Nellore, is about 65 miles.

Exd. T. Cartledge

From F. B. MOLONY, Esq., Acting Collector of Cuddapah, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 20th July 1868, No. 144.

With reference to Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 4,591, dated 17th June 1868, on the subject of providing medical aid for Head Assistant and Deputy Collectors, I have the honour to inform you that I do not think there is any necessity for any increase in the numbers of the medical staff in the district. The Railway runs through the heart of the Head Assistant's range, and advice may be obtained at any time, on emergency, either from Cuddapah or Madras. When in the talook of Budwail, certainly there would be more difficulty, but not such as to create a necessity for his having a Dresser attached to his office. The same remarks apply to the Deputy Collector's range, which is by the Rail in easy communication with Cuddapah. A Telegraph exists all along the line, by which messages can always be sent, and the climate of both the ranges is not exceptionally bad. The greatest distance of the Head Assistant's range from Cuddapah, the nearest point at which advice could be obtained, would be about 70 miles to Kalsapaud in the Budwail talook. The greatest distance in the Deputy Collector's range would be about the same, but only about 35 miles to the Moodanoor Railway Station.

Exd. T. Cartledge.

From W. S. FOSTER, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector in charge of Bellary, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 26th June 1868, No. 704.

1. I have the honour to report on the subject of the Board's Proceedings, No. 4,501, dated 17th June 1868. In this district, the two officers for whom application is made to have Dressers attached to them, are the Head Assistant Collector and Deputy Collector. These officers will soon change their charges, under the Government Order, No. 1,009, dated 17th April 1868. Gooty will then be the head-quarters of the Head Assistant, and Hurpunchully of the Deputy Collector.

2. There is a Civil Dispensary at Hospett, where there is a Dresser, and there is also a Doctor at Ramandrug; there is no Railway communication in the division: the greatest point of distance of the range from medical aid, is about fifty miles.

3. At Gooty is the Munro Chuttrum, attached to which there is an Apothecary: the Railway will eventually run through the Head Assistant's division, but it is useless reckoning on it for some years: the greatest point of distance in the range from medical aid is sixty miles. When the Railway is opened, no place in the Head Assistant's range will be further from the Railway than about twenty miles. Both of these ranges have at times severe outbreaks of cholera as well as fever.

Exd. T. Cartledge.

From T. A. N. CHASE, Esq., Collector of Kurnool, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue,
dated 24th June 1868, No. 238.

1. I have the honour to afford the information called for by the Board in their Proceedings,
No. 4,501, dated 17th June 1868.

2. In Dr. Mackenzie's list I see he proposes Medical Subordinates should be provided for the
Head Assistant Collector at Cumbum, the Deputy Collectors at Nundial and Pyapally.

3. At Cumbum there is a Dresser resident, whose duty is to attend the Police and the
Dispensary, and the Head Assistant Collector and Establishment when not on circuit. The Head

	Acres.	Assistant's range comprises a very large area,
Cumbum	81,931	and the Head Assistant is often a very long
Markapur	69,101	distance, 50 miles from Cumbum. The country

is generally hilly and consequently feverish. Cumbum itself is 104 miles from Kurnool, where the
Civil Surgeon is located.

4. Nundial is 47 miles from Kurnool. The Deputy Collector's charge covers an area of
2,66,482 acres. These two talooks are situated

	Acres.	at the foot of the Nalla Mallay Hills, and is
Nundial	1,44,081	generally feverish. As a temporary measure, I
Sirwell	1,22,401	believe the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company employ an Apothecary at Ayalur, about two miles

from Nundial.

5. Pyapally is 48 miles from Kurnool. The climate is not so feverish generally as that in the
other two ranges, though during the current year much fever and small-pox have prevailed.

	Acres.	Pyapally is 12 miles distant from Ghooty, where
* Pattikonda	2,54,552	an Apothecary resides. The Deputy Collector's
Koilguntla	1,33,355	charge comprises the Pattikonda and the Koil-

guntla talooks,* the area of which is 3,87,907
acres.

Ed. T. Cartledge.

From G. THORNHILL, Esq., Acting Collector of Madras, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Saidapet, 9th July 1868, No. 229.

1. With reference to Board's Proceedings, dated 17th June 1868, No. 4,501, I have the honour to state that prior to February 1868, there were three Dressers subordinate to the Civil Surgeon at Chingleput, and that one of these was always available to accompany the Sub-Collector on his tours.

2. The Dressers at Chingleput having been reduced from three to two, there is not one available for attendance on the Sub-Collector and his establishment in Camp. There is nothing especially unhealthy in the climate of the Sub-division of the Madras district, and the extreme point of distance from the head-quarters does not exceed thirty miles; there are no facilities for procuring medical aid by Railroad.

3. The Sub-Collector's division is, however, extensive, consisting of three talooks, and it is desirable that he should not be deterred, by any consideration, from moving freely about in it. I think arrangements should be made for placing a Dresser at his disposal in the same way as is done in almost every Sub-division in the Presidency.

Exd. T. Cartledge.

From G. VANSAGNEW, Esq., Acting Collector of North Arcot, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Chittoor, 23rd June 1868, No. 205.

Adverting to the Board's Proceedings of 17th instant, No. 4,501, calling for a report "at the earliest date" regarding the necessity for providing Medical aid to my Head Assistant and Deputy Collectors, I have the honour to request permission to defer my reply until orders have been passed by the Government upon the Board's Proceedings, dated 2nd instant, No. 4,076, proposing a redistribution of the charges of these two officers.

Erd. T. Cartledge.

From G. VANSAGNEW, Esq., Acting Collector of North Arcot, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Chittoor, 30th July 1868, No. 263.

1. Adverting to the Proceedings of the Board, dated 17th ultimo, No. 4,501, communicating Government Order of 9th May last, No. 572, I have the honour to submit the information therein called for, with reference to the provision of medical aid to my Head Assistant and Deputy Collectors.

2. The Head Assistant's Head-quarters are eventually to be at Arconum, where, although there is no medical aid, the Railway affords facilities for procuring it. His division runs north for eighty miles, for which length its eastern limits are at an average distance of from forty to fifty miles from the North-West Line of Railway. I am not aware that any parts of the division are unusually unhealthy.

3. I think under the circumstances, a medical subordinate should certainly be attached to the Head Assistant.

4. The Deputy Collector is to be stationed at Goodiatham, but the line of Railway only skirts the southern limits of his division which extends west and north into notoriously unhealthy localities for a distance of from thirty-five to forty miles. I, therefore, think that this officer also should have a medical subordinate attached to his office.

5. It is almost impossible for the Medical Officers at Chittoor and Vellore, or for their subordinates in charge of Jails and Dispensaries, to leave their pressing station duties to attend to persons who may be taken ill at a distance; therefore the sick must travel to them; and should it happen that they are afflicted with infectious disease, I presume they will not be permitted to travel by rail.

Exd. J. Wright.

From C. W. READE, Esq., Collector of South Arcot, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated on circuit at Pondicherry, 13th July 1868, No. 162.

1. In reply to the Proceedings of the Board, No. 4,501, of the 17th June, I have the honour to state that, with the exception of the Deputy Collector on general duties, all other officers in charge of divisions of the district have a medical subordinate attached to them.

2. There is nothing in the climate of the Deputy Collector's talooks which suggest any actual necessity for the entertainment of a Dresser for his establishment. The jurisdiction of the Deputy Collector commences about thirty miles west of Cuddalore, the head-quarters of the district, and ends about forty-five miles east of Salem; and the greatest point of distance of the range from medical aid is about seventy-five miles from Cuddalore, and from Salem forty-five miles. The Deputy Collector's own head-quarters is about thirty-eight miles from the Cusbah, and the locality is on the banks of the Ponneaur, and ordinarily healthy; but there is no Railway or Telegraphic communication of any kind in the district, so that there are no facilities whatever of procuring medical aid on emergency.

3. I am of opinion, after mature consideration, that although the entertainment of a Dresser is not ordinarily a necessity, yet where the Deputy Collector is a European officer, and with a family, the presence of a Medical Subordinate would be a very great relief and comfort, while his services might often be turned to valuable account on the breaking out of Cholera or other epidemic in the division; and if consideration for the general weal deserve any weight, I think it desirable that a Medical Subordinate should be allowed.

4. The public servants who resort to European practice when sick are very few and rare, so that when a native Deputy Collector presides over the division as at present, I cannot think that for the establishment merely, a Medical Subordinate is really called for, but that his presence on occasions would be very valuable to the public generally; as already noticed, there can be no question, as experience fully shows, that when any disease is rife in particular localities, European medicines and advice are readily and gratefully accepted. I would, therefore, recommend, if it be practicable, and referring to the comparative wants of other places, that a Hospital Assistant of the lowest grade be attached to the Deputy Collector.

5. I enclose copy of a letter* on the subject from the present Acting Deputy Collector, but he has little experience of the district, and up to the present time I am not aware that any of his

predecessors have ever visited the limited hill portions of the talook of Cullacoorchy, designated as hill tracts, nor has there probably been any occasion for their doing so, but, as Sooriamoorty Pillay remarks, no doubt if a Medical Subordinate be attached to his office his services can be usefully employed, and if available, I shall be very glad to see one appointed, though, except on the general public account, I believe a Medical Subordinate is less a necessity than a luxury so far as the Deputy Collector and his mere establishment are concerned.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From M. SOORIAMOORTY PILLAY, Acting Deputy Collector of South Arcot, to the Collector of South Arcot, dated Trikalore, 6th July 1868, No. 53.

With reference to paragraph 2 of the Government Order, No. 572, of the 9th May 1868, I have the honour to inform you that the services of a Medical Subordinate is indispensably necessary for the general charge Deputy Collector and his establishment of this division. There is neither Railway communication nor any medical aid close at hand, and, further, this division is situated at a great distance from the head-quarter, Cuddalore. The nature of the climate is very unhealthy, and the hill tracts especially are feverish. The villagers here are generally suffering from fever and boils, and if a Medical Subordinate be attached to this office, his services can be usefully employed when going on circuit.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) C. W. READE,
Collector.

From G. L. MORRIS, Esq., Collector of Tanjore, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue,
dated Point Calimere, at Tritrapundi talook, 27th June 1868, No. 146.

1. With reference to the Board's Proceeding, dated the 17th instant, No. 4,501, I have the honour to submit the following report:—

2. The two Deputy Collectors on general duties in this district are stationed severally at Tanjore and Mannargudi.

3. Tanjore, as the Board are aware, is the head-quarter Station of the district, with a Zillah Surgeon located in it, whilst Mannargudi has a Civil Dispensary under the superintendence of a Native Surgeon.

4. The Deputy Collector stationed at Tanjore has charge of two talooks, Tanjore and Pattukottai. The Tanjore talook is traversed by the Great Southern of India Railway throughout its entire length from east to west, but the talook of Pattukottai does not enjoy the facilities of Railway communication within itself, and this is the case within nearly the whole range of the Deputy Collector stationed at Mannargudi.

5. The extreme point of distance from the head-quarter Station in the case of the Tanjore Deputy Collector's Range is 70 miles, and in the case of the Mannargudi Deputy Collector's Range it is 44 miles; but it is on very rare occasions that the Deputy Collectors have to visit these extreme points within their establishments, and the average distance, therefore, which they would have to travel during their tours out into their ranges in order to secure medical attendance, may be said to be generally between fifteen and thirty miles.

6. Under these circumstances, and considering also that the climate of this district is generally very healthy, and particularly so for natives, I do not think it necessary that the two Deputy Collectors in charge of independent ranges in this district should be specially provided with Dressers.

7. I must here add, that my proposition to move one of the general charge Deputy Collectors, namely, Raghachandra Row to Mayaveram, at present the station of the Head Assistant Collector, is now before the Board. This, however, will make no difference, in my opinion, on this matter, as there is a Branch Dispensary under the charge of an Hospital Assistant at Mayaveram, and, moreover, the place itself is only eighteen miles from Tranquebar, which is a Zillah Station with a Civil Dispensary attached to it.

Exd. T. Cartledge.

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From C. T. LONGLEY, Esq., Acting Collector of Trichinopoly, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 18th July 1868, No. 136.

1. Adverting to the Board's Proceedings, No. 4,501, dated the 17th ultimo, I have the honour to state that the Head Assistant and the Deputy on general duties have independent charges, and are required to make frequent tours.

2. The Head Assistant's charge consists of the Museri and Kulutalai talooks; the Cauvery runs from west to east dividing these talooks from one another. His head-quarters are at Museri situated on the north bank of the river, and the Great Southern of India Railway runs parallel on the south bank, having stations at Kulutalai, (opposite to the head-quarters,) at Lalapett, and at Katlay, situated respectively at a distance of twenty-one miles, twenty-seven miles, and thirty-four miles from Trichinopoly, where alone medical aid is available.

3. The Museri talook runs up about thirty-five miles due north of the village of Museri, and about the same distance north, north-east, and north-west. The Kulutalai talook runs forty-five miles to the south without widening much to the east or west.

4. Travelling in these talooks is, at present, attended by some delay and inconvenience from want of facilities in communications, and this difficulty cannot be obviated until the many Local Fund roads in progress and projected are completed.

5. With the exception of the northern part of the Museri talook, about the Patchamalai Hills, which has a bad repute for feverishness, the rest of the Head Assistant's range possesses a healthy climate, but from the middle of October to the end of January, Cholera is in general very prevalent.

6. I beg, under these circumstances, to recommend that the Head Assistant be provided with the services of a Dresser for a period of four months, from October to January, and that during the remaining part of the year the expenses incurred in obtaining medical aid from Trichinopoly, in emergent cases, be borne by Government.

7. The charge of the Deputy Collector on general duties consists of Perambalur and Wodiarpolliem talooks, both of which are purely Kadarambam tracts.

8. His head-quarters are at Arealore, a village 45 miles from Trichinopoly and 30 miles from Tanjore, the nearest Railway Station. This division runs about 30 miles on the north north-east and about 20 miles north north-west of the head-quarters.

9. The facilities for procuring medical aid are too limited to dispense with the necessity for the services of a Medical attendant. I beg, therefore, to recommend strongly that a Dresser be invariably attached to this division.

Exd. T. Cartledge.

From J. R. ARBUTHNOTT, Esq., Acting Collector of Madura, to the Acting Secretary to the Board
of Revenue, dated 3rd July 1868, No. 176.

Adverting to the Proceedings of the Board, dated 17th ultimo, No. 4,501, I have the honour to state that the division in charge of the General Deputy Collector consists of the talooks of Madura and Tirumungalum, with head-quarters at Madura. The greatest point of distance of his Range is under thirty miles from Madura, and the climate is generally healthy. As medical aid is available at Madura, I think that the services of a Medical Subordinate are not necessary for the general charge Deputy Collector.

Ed. T. Cartledge.

From R. K. PUCKLE, Esq., Collector of Tinnevely, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue,
dated Tenkasi, 8th August 1868, No. 348.

IN reply to Board's Proceedings, No. 4,501, dated 17th June 1868, I have the honour to inform you that a Dresser is greatly needed for the General charge Deputy Collector, who resides mostly at Strivilliputtur, a large town seventy miles from the head-quarters of the district; the nearest medical aid is at Tuticorin upwards of sixty miles distant, and the official residents of the place have frequently represented their need of medical aid, and for some time they paid a pensioned Dresser themselves.

2. Strivilliputtur contains a Deputy Collector, a District Munsiff, an Executive Officer of the Department of Public Works, a Tahsildar, and all their Establishments, besides 12,000 inhabitants.

3. Lieutenant Fullerton, the Deputy Conservator of Forests, proposes making Strivilliputtur his head-quarters; the distance from the hills is about five miles, but the town itself is not feverish, though parts of the talook are so.

4. The people are anxious to have a Dispensary at Strivilliputtur, and some of them lately told me that they were thinking of offering to provide a building if the Government would supply stores and attendance; upwards of 70,000 Rupees have, however, been already subscribed for Dispensaries in this district, and as the whole of this sum is monopolized by one Lunkerhana at Palamcottah, I think it would only be fair if a portion of the Lunkerhana Fund was subscribed for the benefit of many of the people who raised it by the institution of Branch Establishments in suitable places.

5. Agreeably to the orders of the Board, I am now indenting for a large additional supply of medicines for distribution in the talooks; but it seems almost a farce to issue medicines to be kept in store by the Tahsildars, without at the same providing a modicum of professional knowledge to see that the good intentions of Government are carried out.

Ed. J. Wright.

From A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 6th July 1868, No. 192.

1. With reference to the Order of Government, contained in the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 17th June 1868, No. 4,501, requesting information on the requirements of the Subordinate Divisional Officers specified in the Inspector General's list, being provided with medical aid, I have the honour to state, as regards Coimbatore the Head Assistant Collector is not yet detached. Should Pollachy be selected for the station of either the Head Assistant or Deputy Collector, there is a Dispensary there under the charge of a Native Surgeon. The climate is not unhealthy; extreme distance of range from medical aid thirty-five miles. No Railway communication.

2. Should Errode be selected as the station for the Head Assistant Collector, it is fifty-nine miles from Coimbatore by Rail, and not so favourable a climate.

3. If, as I proposed lately, the Sub-Collector has charge of the four northern talooks including Perindoray, no additional medical aid will be required. If Errode be the Head Assistant Collector's Station, a Medical Subordinate will be requisite. Thus it will be seen that the necessity of an additional Dresser for the Head Assistant Collector will depend in his future allotted station.

Exd. T. Cartledge.

From C. N. POCHIN, Esq., Collector of Salem, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue,
dated 7th July 1868, No. 168.

I have received the Proceedings of the Board, No. 4,501, dated 17th June 1868; but as the several Divisional Officers in this district are provided with Medical Subordinates, I presume that any letter from me is unnecessary.

Ed. T. Cartledge.

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From H. S. THOMAS, Esq., Acting Collector of South Canara, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Mangalore, 14th July 1868, No. 661.

1. With reference to the Board's Proceedings, dated the 7th ultimo, No. 4,501, I have the honour to state that the services of a Dresser are urgently required in my Head Assistant's division, and cannot be dispensed with.
2. This officer and his office establishment, as well as all other public establishments employed in his division, including the Judicial, Police, Public Works, and Forest Conservancy Departments, are entirely destitute of medical aid, and on occasions of emergency great inconvenience has been felt from the want of such assistance.
3. The Head Assistant has his head-quarters at Kundapur, a place sixty miles distant from Mangalore, where alone any medical assistance can be obtained. His division is, moreover, on a par as regards unhealthiness with North Canara, in favour of which the Bombay Government has made a special exception. That part of it which lies along the base of the ghauts is annually the seat of jungle fever and ague of varying virulence. These parts are from forty to eighty-three miles removed from the medical aid of Mangalore, and are not connected by railway or any other means of rapid communication. Even bearers are not to be procured in those localities.
4. I need only refer to the marginally noted Order of Government in the Public Works Department to show how much the want of a Dresser is felt by the officers of that department also.
G. O., 6th March 1868, No. 749.
5. Under these circumstances, I trust the Board will be pleased to recommend the early appointment of a Dresser for the Head Assistant's division, as already proposed.

Exd. T. Cartledge.

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From G. A. BALLARD, Esq., Collector of Malabar, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Calicut, 23rd June 1868, No. 182.

1. Adverting to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 17th June 1868, No. 4,501, I have the honour to submit the following remarks on the subject of attaching Medical Subordinates to officers in independent charge in this district:—

The officers in independent charge of divisions are (1) the Sub-Collector, (2) Head Assistant Collector, (3) Deputy Collector Wynaad, and (4) Deputy Collector, Ponany.

The only Dresser (besides the Collector's) attached to any Revenue Officer is the one originally the Sub-Collector's, but for years doing duty at Palghaut.

2. The Sub-Collector should certainly have a Dresser. He has medical aid at head-quarters (Tellicherry) and when he happens to be at Cannanore, but many parts of his charge are very feverish, small-pox is always more or less prevalent, and cholera not unfrequent.

The feverish parts of the district may be 20 to upwards of 30 miles from medical aid, and there is no Railway.

3. The Deputy Collector, Wynaad, has a notoriously unhealthy Range. There is a Medical man at Manantoddy, an Assistant Apothecary at Gudalur, and an Apothecary attached to the Sappers at Lakadi. The Deputy Collector can seldom be more than 20 to 30 miles away from some one of these places, but communication is often difficult, and I think he should have a Dresser.

4. The Head Assistant Collector's head-quarters are at Palghaut, and, as already said, he has the Sub-Collector's establishment Medical subordinate there. Parts of the charge are feverish, small-pox and cholera not unfrequent. The Head Assistant may not unfrequently be 25 to 30 miles from Palghaut, and off the line of rail altogether. From Palghaut there is of course the rail to Coimbatore, but a Medical Subordinate is very necessary.

5. The Deputy Collector, Ponany, has his head-quarters at Ponany, 10 miles from the nearest Railway Station; but he has charge of the long strip of land running down the coast, and may often be far from his head-quarters. Small-pox is frequent, and there is occasional cholera, but there is no Medical advice obtainable in his division. It should certainly be provided with a Dresser.

6. Finally, considering the climate of Malabar, and the prevalence of indisposition of more or less serious character, and of variety of type, I am strongly of opinion each Division officer should have a Medical attendant.

Exd. T. Cartledge.

Memorandum for order.

With this letter the Insp. Genl Medical Dept submits a revised list of Revenue Officers for whom subordinate Medical Officers should be provided. Dr. Mackenzie has been in communication with the Board of Revenue, & he is at variance with the Board in rejecting from the list the Officers marginally noted. As regards the two list - the Sub-Medical

I would adopt the Memo. conclusion of this Memo. and I cannot object to a reference to the order attached to Mr Phillips.

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charge is extensive and it is very undesirable that this officer should be detained from visiting the more distant portions of his charge - 20 miles, by the absence of medical aid - The distance implies delay of three days at least in obtaining medical aid - if the Sub. M. does not carry a medical subordinate with him The same argument is applicable to the M. of N. Annot.

I would assign a medical subordinate to the Sub. M. of Madras, stationed at the M. and to the M. of North Annot who will be fixed at Arcot. But, would the M. be able to finally to dispose of the M. on the M. of the Board, present country. Before the Board, there is still unsettled a late order (the M. in the Revenue Department) throwing doubt on the propriety of retaining a dispensary with an apothecary in attendance on certain collections, Madras, Bellary & other towns. The branch of the subject of a supply of medical & Labors for the M. is directly connected with that here to be proposed.

and should be determined in the same time, for it is probable that a supply of Drapers or Med. Labors will be wanted when apothecaries are not retained. - I would repeat a good order, still in force, but reflect that the Commission when such collections are at their head quarters and a superior medical officer is at hand, the Drapers or Medical Labors shall invariably be employed under his orders for daily duty in the Zillah or each Hospital or elsewhere at the station in order that they may learn & do something connected with their profession instead of dancing attendance on the Collector's house waiting on Mrs. Aya & the other servants & looking after the Collector's babies W. J. 10 Dec 58.

The names of the Drapers at Tellicherry have not been required for many years & probably 20. Mackenzie is right in proposing to withdraw this medical subordinate. The want arrangements would also make the addition of a medical subordinate to the Sub. M. of Bellary unnecessary. The proposal to entertain 20, additional students

Public Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from the
Inspector General, Indian Medical
Department.
(Here enters the date of the letter)

Proc. of the House of Revenue
Order dated 1st March 1869 No. 323.

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With this letter
the Inspector General,
Indian Medical Depart-
ment, submitted a
List of Revenue Officers
for whom Subordinate
Medical Departments should
be provided. It is suggested
in communication
with the Board of Revenue,
and he is at variance
with the Board in
rejecting from the List
the following

I met the wants of the
Revenue Officer, may I
presume be sanctioned
And

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