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FROM

THE HONORABLE R. S. ELLIS, C. B.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George,

TO

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
HOME DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of the Proceedings of the Government of India, Financial Department, dated Fort William, 17th February 1869, No. 1010, containing the Resolution of His Excellency the Governor General in Council, according sanction to the proposal of the Madras Government, that the Madras Lunatic Asylum may be constituted the sole charge of a Medical Officer specially selected for this duty.

2. I am at the same time to point out an error which has occurred in the endorsement of the Home Department, No. 363, dated 20th January 1869, on which the Resolution of the Governor General in Council is based. In this Memorandum the Madras Government is represented as recommending that the salary for the Officer in charge of the Lunatic Asylum should be equivalent to that of a Medical Officer in medical charge of a *second class civil station*. The recommendation of the Madras Government on this subject is contained in paragraph 3 of my letter, dated 27th June 1867, No. 749, in which the sanction of the Government of India was solicited for "placing the appointment of Superintendent of the Lunatic Asylum at Madras on the same footing as that of the same office at Bombay, to which a salary, ranging from Rupees 500 in case of an Assistant Surgeon under five years' standing, to Rupees 1050 in the case of a Surgeon-Major, has been assigned in the Resolution of the Government of India in the Military Department, dated 4th April 1867."

3. I am also directed to forward a letter received from the Inspector General, Indian Medical Department, pointing out the hardship and inconvenience

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which would result from the inadequacy of the salary now sanctioned for the charge of the Lunatic Asylum at Madras.

4. Under these circumstances, I am respectfully, but earnestly, to solicit a re-consideration of the Resolution, dated 17th February 1869, and to request that the Superintendent of the Lunatic Asylum at Madras may be placed on the same footing, as regards salary, as the Officer holding a similar charge at Bombay, and receive the pay of a Medical Officer in charge of a *first class civil station*.

I have the honor to be,

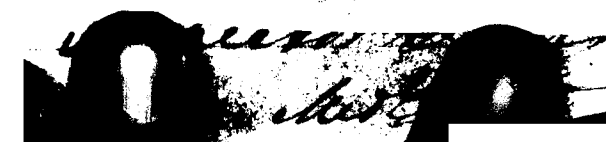
Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
8th April 1869.

Chief Secretary.

R. S. Ellis



From the Inspector General, Indian Medical Department, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Fort Saint George, 24th March 1869, No. 115.

With advertence to the Order of the Government of India, No. 1010, of 17th February 1869, sanctioning the appointment of a Medical Officer to the sole charge of the Madras Lunatic Asylum "on a salary equivalent to that of a Medical Officer in charge of a second class civil station," I beg most respectfully to submit for consideration the following remarks:—

2. The charge of a large Lunatic Asylum is one of an exceptionally onerous and responsible kind, and one requiring special qualifications in the Officer holding it. It is, therefore, most desirable, in the interests of the institution, that the Superintendent should be a man of some experience and standing in the service; and that, in selecting an Officer for this appointment, the Head of the Medical Department should have the widest possible range of choice.

3. But if the salary of the appointment be fixed at that laid down for a second class civil station, it is evident that a senior Medical Officer cannot hold it without suffering pecuniary loss; and that, therefore, the field of selection will be practically limited to the junior ranks of the department.

4. In illustration of this, I may mention that the Officer who has, in fact, been selected as best qualified for the appointment here, (a "Surgeon," at present employed on other duty,) would, even if in charge of a Native Infantry Regiment, draw Rupees 800 a month, with not half the work or responsibility attaching to the charge of the Asylum, for which he would receive only Rupees 750.

5. I may further mention that an Officer in medical charge of a civil station is usually also in charge of a jail, for which he draws an extra allowance; and that he has opportunities of adding to his income by private practice, from which the Superintendent of the Lunatic Asylum at Madras is debarred.

6. For these reasons, I would respectfully urge on Government the adoption of the arrangement originally proposed, viz., that the Asylum here should be placed on the same footing as that at Bombay, for the superintendence of which a salary equivalent to that of a Medical Officer in charge of a *first* class civil station is sanctioned in G. O. G. C., No. 370 of 1867.

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7 I have ascertained,— in communication with the Inspector General Indian Medical Department Bombay,— that the new Asylum in Crook's Gardens here will be quite as large an establishment as that at Colaba.

I have the honor to be Sir

Your most obedt servt

H. Mackenzie

Inspector General
Indian Medical Department

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30th April 1869

From Government of

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Requesting that the Superintendent of the Lunatic Asylum at Madras may be placed on the same footing, as regards salary, as the Officer holding a similar charge at Bombay, and receive the pay of a Medical Officer in charge of a first class Civil Station.

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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL, INDIAN MEDICAL DEPARTMENT,

Fort Saint George, 24th March 1869.

From

The Inspector General, Indian Medical Department,

Fort Saint George,

To

The Chief Secretary to Government, Public Dept.

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With reference to the order of the Government of India No. 1010 of 17th February 1869, sanctioning the appointment of a Medical Officer to the sole charge of the Madras Lunatic Asylum on a salary equivalent to that of a Medical Officer in charge of a 2nd class Civil Station, I beg most respectfully to submit for consideration the following remarks.

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Fort Saint George.

To

The Secretary to Government,

Public Department,

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W. M. Joyce
8 April /69

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