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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
9th April 1870.*

Read the following papers:—

No. 70. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 8th February 1870, No. 902.

Read the following letter from H. E. SULLIVAN, Esq., Acting Collector of Coimbatore, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 13th December 1869, No. 232.

I have just learnt that the first-class Hospital Assistant, Ramasawmy Naidoo, who has for many years been in medical charge of the Collector's establishment, has been ordered to do duty at the Dispensary at Ootacamund, and a third-class Hospital Assistant has been directed to take his place.

2. It is, I think, to be regretted that a man who is well-acquainted with the district, and who has won the confidence of all classes, should be removed, except under a pressing emergency, but of course it rests with the Head of the Medical Department to determine where his subordinates are to be employed. I do, however, protest against his place being supplied by an inexperienced youth. These lads do very well in Civil or Regimental Hospitals, where they merely have to carry out the instructions of a Medical Officer, but they are quite unfit to be in independent charge. The transfer at this time of year, just as the settlement of the district is about to be commenced, is most inconvenient. The Government recently decided what districts were to have Apothecaries, and what districts were to have dressers attached to them; but I do not suppose it was ever contemplated that the Collector's establishment in this district, which, when on circuit is often far removed from medical help, should be consigned to the tender mercies of a youth whose professional knowledge is limited to making up prescriptions and spreading plasters. The Collector of the adjoining district (Salem) has an Apothecary attached to his office on account of the unhealthiness of some of his taluqs. The whole of the northern portion of this Collectorate, comprising taluqs of Colligal, Bhowany, and Suttimungalum can, I regret to say, vie with the worst parts of Salem.

3. If the removal of the present medical subordinate is absolutely necessary, I trust that the Government will see fit to direct that his place be supplied by one of equal standing and experience. There is always more or less cholera in the district during the cold weather, and it has already made its appearance in the Caroor and Pulladum Taluqs.

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Submitted for the orders of Government.

2. The Board consider that the unhealthy character of many parts of the district render the appointment of an Officer of experience and superior acquirements indispensable. Considering how seriously at stake are the interests of the Officer to whom these subordinates are attached, and how much harm may be done to the spread of European medical treatment in a district by the sudden withdrawal of a dresser who has secured general confidence, the Board would suggest that, where possible, these changes should not be made till after the District Officer has been consulted.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) A. MACGREGOR,

Acting Secretary.

To the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
9th April 1870.

Referred to the Inspector-General of the Indian Medical Department for his remarks.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
24th February 1870.

(Signed) J. I. MINCHIN,
Acting Chief Secretary.

No. 71. From the Inspector-General of the Indian Medical Department, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Fort Saint George, 7th March 1870, No. 62.

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your Docket Memorandum of the 24th ultimo, enclosing and calling for remarks on the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 902, of the 8th February.

2. The Proceedings contain a letter from the Acting Collector of Coimbatore complaining of the removal of first-class Hospital Assistant Ramasawmy from the medical charge of his establishment, and the substitution of a third-class Hospital Assistant.

3. The first-class Hospital Assistant was removed from Coimbatore under a misapprehension of his own wishes, and he has accordingly been re-posted to the charge of the Collector's establishment there.

4. With reference to the remarks in paragraph 2 of the Acting Collector's letter, regarding the professional qualifications of the third-class Hospital Assistant, Madaranoyagum, I have to observe that the subordinate in question passed through the usual course of instruction in the Medical College and wards of the General Hospital. Since leaving College he has had nearly five years' practical experience, and was for some time in independent charge of the Civil Dispensary and Head Assistant Collector's establishment Mayaveram, the duties of which he conducted very satisfactorily.

5. In their remarks on Mr. Sullivan's letter, the Board of Revenue suggest "that, where possible, these changes should not be made till after the District Officer has been consulted." The adoption of such a course would be productive of great inconvenience and delay, and incompatible with the efficient management of the subordinate establishment. It is besides unnecessary, as the greatest care is always exercised in selecting subordinates for such appointments.

No. 72. ORDER THEREON, 9th April 1870, No. 422.

To be recorded.

(True Extract.)

R. S. ELLIS,
Chief Secretary.

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APRIL.
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Receiving papers regarding the removal of first-class Hospital Assistant Ramaswamy from the medical charge of the Collector's establishment at Combarne, to which station he has since been posted.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 8th February 1870.

Read the following letter from H. E. SULLIVAN, Esq., Acting Collector of Coimbatore, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 13th December 1869, No. 282:—

I HAVE just learnt that the 1st Class Hospital Assistant, Ramasawmy Naidoo, who has for many years been in Medical charge of the Collector's establishment, has been ordered to do duty at the Dispensary at Ootacamund, and a 3rd Class Hospital Assistant has been directed to take his place.

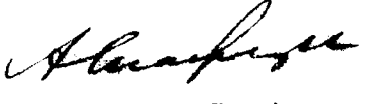
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3. If the removal of the present Medical Subordinate is absolutely necessary, I trust that the Government will see fit to direct that his place be supplied by one of equal standing and experience. There is always more or less Cholera in the district during the cold weather, and it has already made its appearance in the Caroor and Pulladum Talooks.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government.

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(A true Copy and Extract.)


Acting Secretary

To the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Copy to the Acting Collector of Coimbatore.

Exd. G. A. Turton.

No. 62

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL, INDIAN MEDICAL DEPARTMENT,

Fort Saint George,

7 March 1870.

The Inspector General, Indian Medical Department,

Fort Saint George,

The Secretary to Government, Public Dept.
Fort Saint George.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your docket memo of the 24th ultimo, enclosing and calling for remarks on the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue No. 902 of the 8th February.

The Proceedings contain a letter from the acting Collector of Coimbatore complaining of the removal of 1st Class Hospital Assistant Madamany from the Medical charge of his establishment, and the substitution of a 3rd Class Hospital Assistant.

The 1st Class Hospital Assistant was removed from Coimbatore under a misapprehension of his own wishes, and he has accordingly been restored to the charge of the Collector's Establishment there.

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Board of Revenue,

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PROCEEDINGS, 8TH FEBRUARY 1870, No. 902.

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No. 902.

First class Hospital Assistant in Medical charge of Coimbatore Collector's establishment, - Letter from Collector bringing to notice removal of, to Overland, and appointment of a 3rd Class Hospital Assistant in his stead, and protesting against appointment of latter officer or any other of his grade, submitted for orders of Government, with remarks.

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I have the honor to be
Sir

Yours most Obedt Servt

J. Mac Leerie Esq.

Inspector General

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Indian Medical Department,
Fort Saint George.

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The Secretary to Government,
Public Department,
Fort Saint George.

Dated 7 March

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According papers regarding
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the Collector's Establishment
at Ponnambetore, to which
station he has since been
re-posted.