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Read the following papers :—

No. 191. From the Rev. S. D. SCUDDER, M.D., Arcot, in charge of Raneepett Dispensary and Hospital, to the Right Honourable the Governor in Council, Fort Saint George, dated Arcot, 12th April 1870.

Kindly allow me to call your attention to a matter or two in reference to the Dispensary and Hospital under my charge.

I. In July 1866 a Government Order delivered over to me the Dispensary, with an allowance of Rupees 96-8-0 per mensem. In January or February 1868, through the recommendation of the Collector, J. D. Robinson, Esq., this allowance was doubled, to date from the time the Dispensary was given over, viz., August 15th, 1867, thus making the amount granted to the Dispensary Rupees 193 per mensem from the day it came into my hands. The extra sum of Rupees 96-8-0 per mensem for August 15th, 1867, to February 1868, was paid up, and I continued on drawing Rupees 193 each month. Early in 1869, however, I was notified, through the Collector's Department, that I had overdrawn the allowance; that instead of Rupees 193 I was entitled to but Rupees 172-4-0 per mensem; and that for the remaining months of the fiscal year I should be allowed to draw only Rupees 130-12-0 in order to make up the amount I had overdrawn each month.

No reason whatever was assigned for this reduction, and though I applied to the Head Assistant Collector and to the Tahsildar, I could ascertain no reason for it. When your Lordship visited the Dispensary last year, I asked Mr. Robinson why it had occurred. He replied "that unfortunately it had been necessary, but that it *certainly* should not occur again." From April 1869 I again began to draw the regular allowance of Rupees 193 per mensem and so continued to draw it without protest from any quarter until the beginning of March 1870, when I received a letter signed by the Collector declaring that I had again overdrawn; that the allowance from Government was only Rupees 172-4-0 per mensem; and that I must refund the sum of Rupees 59-1-0. There was no allowance, therefore, for March. My surprise was greater than I can tell. The loss to the Dispensary was Rupees 252-1-0, and I was unable to meet it. The money had been expended upon the faith of the Government Order, and I am so much in arrears in this matter.

II. Through your Lordship's most kind recommendation your Council passed certain orders, in July last, granting the Dispensary a supply of medicines, &c. Up to this date I have received no grant of medicines. According to the suggestion in the Government Order, I called to see the Principal Inspector-General of the Medical Department, and consulted with him in regard to the matter. He informed me that it would be of little use for me to send in indents for medicines; that the Medical Stores were exceedingly deficient; and that my indents must simply be refused. I, therefore, ~~felt it useless~~ to make application for supplies. I proposed to Dr. Mackenzie that I be allowed the sum of Rupees 50 per mensem in the place of medicines, and suggested that I should spend this in the purchase of *bazaar medicines*, not indenting upon Government at all. He promised to consult with you on the subject. When I again called to see him, he advised me to write to your Lordship. I have carried on the Dispensary and Hospital under the full belief that I should receive a grant of medicines to, at least, the amount of Rupees 50 per mensem, as this sum was mentioned in conversation with your Lordship and the

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Chief Secretary during your visit last year to the Dispensary. I have spent the money, but received nothing, and the Dispensary is in debt to the full amount expected in medicines, as well as the amount in the reduction of the monthly allowance. Our Mission is not able to aid me. We have, as a Mission, overrun Rupees 5000, and know not how to pay it. Our Board at Home is largely in debt, and cannot help us. It would be sad indeed should I be obliged to retrench in my medical work; indeed I cannot see how it would be possible. Patients are often brought from places 50 to 100 miles distant; poor creatures, unable often to raise an hand in saluation. How can we refuse such? I could very soon have an Hospital of from 60 to 100 in-patients. Want of funds forces me to admit only twenty-five or thirty. My heart daily bleeds as I refuse them admittance, but I cannot help it. I lay the matter before your Lordship. I earnestly entreat your sympathy and your aid. I am thus importunate, because I love my work, and truly trust that I love these, our poor unfortunate fellow-creatures, so needy, not only of physical, but, alas, so very needy also of spiritual aid. I know that your heart is large, and that you take a great interest in the medical work in this country. One day's witness, my dear Lord, would be sufficient to show you the very great importance of the work in this large, thickly-populated district. Counting both out and in-patients, that is, the daily attendance, we average about 150 patients each day. We have room for many more in-patients. Want of funds is, therefore, our only obstacle. Yet it seems that they are trying to take from us even the little that we have!

I again beg your kind and earnest consideration; and I feel fully content to leave the matter in your hands.

P.S.—The estimates for a well; for changing the skittle-alley into apartments for high-caste patients; for inserting a proper skylight into the roof of the operating room; for repairing the arrack godown, building a wall, planting an hedge about it, &c., have all been sent in. We greatly feel the need of these improvements and repairs, especially the well, the skylight, and the changing the skittle-alley into caste-houses. Cholera has broken out at Old Arcot, and a number of deaths have occurred in Raneepett. We cannot receive cholera patients into our general hospital, as all our patients would decamp at once. Your Lordship will, therefore, see how very important it is that the decisions of your Council should be speedily carried into effect.

Your Lordship spoke of the education of young men for Medical Service, and that you were rather committed to Mr. Chester, &c. I did not intend to be abrupt in saying that I would rather not undertake such work. I ought to have explained that I have a class of four young men under instruction, who have been studying for two years, and whom we hope to soon send out as medical agents into districts of our Mission, far removed from medical aid. My time is fully occupied, therefore, and I could not attempt extra work of such a description.

I would add that the Chief Secretary, when here with your Lordship, expressed his opinion that this Dispensary ought to receive all needed medicines free from the Government. The Vellore Dispensary, though treating scarcely one-fourth the number of patients treated here, receives a much larger allowance in money than we do, besides free medicines.

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Referred to the Inspector-General of the Indian Medical Department for explanation of the delay which has occurred in the supply of medicines to the Raneepett Dispensary.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
22nd April 1870.

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Under Secy. to Govt.

No. 192. From the Inspector-General of the Indian Medical Department, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Fort Saint George, 23rd April 1870, No. 99.

I have the honour, with reference to the Under Secretary's Memorandum on Docket, No. 595, of 22nd April 1870, to offer the following explanation as to the delay which has occurred in furnishing medicines to the Raneepett Dispensary.

2. When the supply was sanctioned, I explained, in conversation with Dr. Scudder, that the stock in the Presidency Medical Stores was then so low, that it would be unnecessary for him to submit an indent until the arrival of fresh supplies from England. From apparently some misunderstanding Dr. Scudder has not submitted any indent.

3. I have now, therefore, instructed the Principal Medical Storekeeper to place himself in communication with Dr. Scudder, and when his indent is received it will be complied with as far as the state of the stores will admit.

No. 193. ORDER THEREON, 28th April 1870, No. 523.

From the correspondence above recorded, it would appear that the Raneepett Dispensary has not received the supply of medicines sanctioned by the Government in the G. O., 17th July 1869, and that the institution has incurred debt in supplying the medicines required for daily use. Under these circumstances the Government sanction a grant of fifty rupees per mensem from July 1869 up to the date when the Inspector-General is able to supply the sanctioned indent. The Accountant-General will report how this expenditure can be met.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Inspector-General of the Indian Medical Department.

„ Rev. S. D. Scudder, M.D.

„ Accountant-General.

23rd April - 1880.

Fort Saint George,

P. H.

~~Good Friday~~

My dear Mr. Allen,
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your kindly letter
of the 1st inst.
and am glad to hear
that you are well.
I hope you will
be able to visit us
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Obt. of 1870; address.

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THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF THE
INDIAN MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.
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Dated April, 28th.

Recd.

Encl.

G. O., 28th April 1870, No. 523.

APRIL

Nos. 191-193.

Sanctioning a grant of Rupees 50 per mensem in consequence of a delay in the supply of medicines to the Raneypett Dispensary.



23rd April 1880.

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Fort Saint George,

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the case. We have
had no money. But
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find something
for the physical.

Fort Saint George, 23rd April 1870.

From

The Inspector General, Indian Medical Department,

Fort Saint George,

To

The Chief Secretary to Government, *Public* Dept.

Fort Saint George.

Sir,

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I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obedt Servt

H. MacKenzie Esq.

Inspector General

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No.
From
The Inspector General,
Indian Medical Department,
Fort Saint George.

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

Dated *23rd April*
Received *25*

No. *99*

No 6022

Explains the cause of
delay in the supply of
medicines to the Fort's
apothecary dispensary

with an order

Forward with report how this expenditure can be met

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that the accounts discharging has not arrived the money

and that the expenditure has in amount still in arrears
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