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Government of Madras.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
21st July 1871.*

No. 197. Read the following letter from the Acting Inspector-General, Indian Medical Department, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Fort St. George, 11th July 1871, No. 231 :—

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of the order in the Proceedings of Government, No. 893, of 21st June, in paragraph 7 of which my attention is requested to the remarks of the Civil Surgeon of Malabar, in which Surgeon Roberts deprecates the despatch of certain drugs to localities infected with cholera, on the grounds that the despatched drugs are believed, by the best writers on cholera, to be ill-suited for the treatment of the disease, and that the despatched drugs could ill be spared from Hospitals ill-supplied.

2. This paragraph formed part of Surgeon Roberts' annual report for the year 1870. That report was of quite an unusual character, alike in tone and matter. Its tone was unusual; he stated that Hospitals are ill-supplied, and he departed from the narrative form of an annual report to enter into a discussion of the values of cholera medicines, which remarks should have been in the form of correspondence. I asked him, therefore, to separate the two subjects and returned the annual report through the usual channel, but sent him, direct, a private form note, copy of which is subjoined.

3. I adopted this mode because I had before me recent correspondence in which Inspector-General Mackenzie had very unfavourably noticed Surgeon Roberts for want of care of his Hospital, of its inmates, and of its stores; and I desired, with reference to the feelings aroused, and which seemed to be shown in the report, to set the past at rest. Subsequently, also, on the 8th June, on receipt of a further explanation, I expressed myself satisfied with it, bid him, as per copy attached, indent for whatever instruments are needed and for every needed medicine. I regret to mention, that, up to this date, though fifty days have passed by, and the reconstruction of the annual report could have been completed in three days, it has not come to hand. It has again been called for, and I trust it may come to hand with a satisfactory explanation as to the delay, and as to why a medical report returned by this office should have been presented to a non-medical Municipality.

4. I hope also to receive at the same time, in letters, the full expression of Surgeon Roberts' views as to the cholera medicines to which he alluded in his report, and which are contained in the paragraph under notice. Because, though he states that much valuable medicine, in the shape of cholera pills and stimulating and astringent mixtures is expended, ill-suited for the treatment of the disease, the only drugs of which this office has ever ordered the issue have been Dr. Paterson's Cholera Pills which contain opium, and pills containing acetate of lead, calomel, camphor, and cantharides, but without opium.

5. On receipt of Surgeon Roberts' explanation, if the subjects demand, I will have the honour of again addressing Government regarding them.

No. 198. ORDER THEREON, 21st July 1871, No. 1125.

The Government will await the receipt of any further communication which the Acting Inspector-General, Indian Medical Department, may submit on the subject referred to in this letter.

(True Extract.)

To the Acting Inspector-General, Indian Medical Department.
Edw. J. Wright.

Chief Secretary.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL, INDIAN MEDICAL DEPARTMENT,

Fort Saint George, 22nd December 1870.

From

The Secretary, Inspector General, Indian Medical Department,

Fort Saint George,

To

The Deputy Inspector General, Madras District.

Sir,

I have the honor, by order, to state that the Inspector General has read with considerable displeasure the remarks in paras 8, 9, and 11 of your Inspection Report on the Civil Dispensary Calicut, dated 31st October 1870.

2 He considers that the state of the compound as to weeds and low jungle, the dirty state of the wards and out-houses, and the extremely destitute state of the cots as to bedding are discreditable to Medical Officer and Subordinate Staff of the institution.

3 Should any similar laxity on the part of Dr Roberts be brought to notice hereafter, the Inspector General will feel it a duty to take more serious notice of the offence, and in

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To THE ACTING INSPECTOR-GENERAL,
INDIAN MEDICAL DEPARTMENT,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated July, 21st.

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G. O., 21st July 1871, No. 1125.

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Nos. 197-198.

Awaiting the further communication which the Acting Inspector-General, Indian Medical Department, may submit on the subject of the cholera medicines which Dr. Roberts, the Civil Surgeon of Malabar, regards as ill-suited for the treatment of the disease.

the meantime you will be good enough
to direct him to submit until further
orders a weekly report, certifying that
he has examined the dispensary and
compound throughout, and is satisfied
as to everything being in a clean and
satisfactory condition.

I have the honor to be &c
/Sigs/ Dr. Bidie M. D. Surgeon
Secretary Inspector General
Indian Medical Department

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Bidie M. Surgeon

Secretary Inspector General
Indian Medical Department



Private.

No 25

22nd May 1871

My Dear Dr. Bidie

In your 1870-71 Annual Report
you have entered two forms of complaint
the one narrative the other a list of
I have sent the B. I. to the
Lack and can see your
narrative of the year
as per sheet 12 per 12 page
122 of the old Code.

The other parts of the narrative
which you have sent to the
Office in letter
I have forwarded to you
in separate parts
I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours, Sir, very respectfully,
Sigs/ Dr. Bidie M. Surgeon

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From

Inspector General,
Indian Medical Department,
Fort Saint George,

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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL, INDIAN MEDICAL DEPARTMENT,

Fort Saint George, 11. July 1877

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Fort Saint George,

To

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Public Department
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This paragraph forms part of Surgeon Roberts Annual Report for the year 1876. The Report was of quite an unusual character in tone and matter. The tone was unusual, he stated that hospitals are ill supplied, and he departed from the narrative form of an Annual Report to enter into a discussion of the values of Cholera

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Sir
Your most Obedt Servant
C. W. Hallam
Acting Inspector General
Indian Medical Department

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The H. Secy. Genl. Secy. Secy. Secy.
for

Dated July 21. }

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G. O. 21 July 1871, No. 1025

Nos. 197. 198.

Awaiting the further Comm.
which the H. Secy. Genl. Secy.
has sent me for submission on
the subject of the Cholera
machines which Dr. Roberts
the Civil Surgeon of Madras
regards as indispensable for the
treatment of the disease.