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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
7th September 1871.*

No. 26. Read the following letter from the Inspector-General of Police, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 31st August 1871, No. 5653 (General):—

With reference to G. O., No. 957, dated 3rd July 1871, Public Department, I have the honour to forward a report from the Superintendent of Police, Chingleput District, regarding the measures adopted in the matter of registration of prostitutes at Palaveram and the Mount.

From Major R. H. CUNLIFFE, Superintendent of Police, Chingleput District, to the Inspector-General of Police, dated Saint Thomas' Mount, 29th July 1871, No. 410.

With reference to Official Memorandum, No. 4320, dated 8th July 1871, from the Assistant Inspector-General of Police, I have the honour to report that, since the registration of prostitutes was ordered at Palaveram, ten women have been registered, of whom four have at different times been struck off by order of the Cantonment Magistrate, for different reasons, and two by me. During the practice time women also come up from Madras and other places to ply their trade. At Saint Thomas' Mount, sixty-three women have been registered since the end of 1868, of whom twenty-five have been struck off for death, departure from station, desertion, &c. Besides these women, there are in the station many others of doubtful character, but these have all employment, such as service under Non-Commissioned Officers; and, though their conduct has been watched, no actual proof of their prostitution has been obtained. Kept women who are not known to go with others than their keepers are not registered.

2. That registration has been of service to the Troops, and has been pretty effective, is, I think, shown by the information I have obtained from the Senior Medical Officer here, viz., that from January to June 1868, or previous to registration, there were forty-three admissions into the Artillery Hospital with Primary Syphilis and twenty-one with Gonorrhœa.

In the six months ending December 1870,

28 with Prim. Syphilis,
20 with Gonorrhœa.

In the six months ending June 1871,

4 with Prim. Syphilis,
9 with Gonorrhœa ;

and I do not suppose that all these cases are due to Mount women, as soldiers have frequent outings in Madras.

3. That disease is bandied about pretty freely between males and females is shown by the very frequent entries into the Lock Hospital of many of the prostitutes, women turned out cured returning within a very short period.

I give the Lock Hospital history of some of these parties :—

Admissions.			
No. 4.	5 Prim. Syphilis	...	...
	11 Gonorrhœa	...	...
	} Between October 1868 and June 1871.		
" 6.	1 Prim. Syphilis	...	...
	12 Gonorrhœa	...	...
	} Do. do.		
" 7.	1 Prim. Syphilis	...	...
	15 Gonorrhœa	...	...
	} Do. do.		
" 9.	6 Prim. Syphilis	...	...
	9 Gonorrhœa	...	...
	} Do. do.		
" 12.	5 Prim. Syphilis	...	...
	5 Gonorrhœa	...	...
	} Between October 1868 and April 1870.		
" 14.	4 Prim. Syphilis	...	...
	12 Gonorrhœa	...	...
	} Between October 1868 and November 1870.		
" 16.	3 Prim. Syphilis	...	...
	19 Gonorrhœa	...	...
	} Between October 1868 and May 1871, died.		

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No. 17.	4 Prim. Syphilis	...	...	Between October 1868 and June 1871.
	10 Gonorrhœa	...	...	
.. 21.	6 Prim. Syphilis	...	...	Do. do.
	9 Gonorrhœa	...	...	
.. 29.	9 Prim. Syphilis	...	...	Do. do.
	8 Gonorrhœa	...	...	
.. 30.	7 Prim. Syphilis	...	...	Do. do.
	13 Gonorrhœa	...	...	
.. 32.	12 Prim. Syphilis	...	...	Do. do.
	10 Gonorrhœa	...	...	
.. 41.	4 Prim. Syphilis	...	...	Do. do.
	19 Gonorrhœa	...	...	

4. At Poonamallee prostitutes are not registered, and this is six miles from the Mount and four miles from Palaveram across country, or two miles to a rendezvous.

They number 10 I was under the impression that soldiers there might be found to contract disease to a large amount, but from information I have received from the Commanding Officer I find that there have been very few cases.

5. In the six months ending June 1871, there were eleven cases of Primary Syphilis admitted; out of these, only two were contracted in Poonamallee, the rest having been transferred from other Hospitals, and none were traced to Palaveram. I don't know whether this apparent immunity is due to the frequent changes among the men, their sickly state, or what; but I should imagine a period embracing the arrival of recruits might show a difference.

6. The registration of prostitutes in surrounding villages may be defective, but our Police strength is small and fully occupied. A European Deputy is kept at Palaveram solely on account of the Europeans, and I beg to represent that, if the Military Authorities themselves would assist, the difficulty of preventing disease would be much lessened.

7. The six cases alluded to by Doctor Stanbrough, and credited by him to Palaveram, may have been contracted from one woman, and, if intimation had been given to the Police at first, some might have been prevented.

8. No communication was made to me about the disease in the 45th Detachment till the Proceedings of Government, dated 27th June 1871, came, on the receipt of which, I applied for the Government Order referred to, No. 1289, of 17th April 1871. Previous to this, beyond a paragraph in the papers, and a chance conversation with the Cantonment Magistrate of Palaveram in April or May, I had no knowledge of the matter. I would strongly suggest that all cases of primary venereal disease be communicated to the Police in Cantonments, and, as far as possible, assistance given in obtaining the name of the diseased prostitute from the soldiers.

No. 27. ORDER THEREON, 7th September 1871, No. 1377.

Communicated to the Military Department, with a view to orders being issued, should His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief approve, for supplying to the Superintendent of Police (Chingleput District) the information described in the concluding paragraph of Major Cunliffe's letter.

(True Extract.)

Captain, R. E.

Under Secretary, P. W. D.,
for Chief Secretary.

To the Military Department.

.. Inspector-General of Police.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

No. 410

Chingleput District Police Office
Saint Thomas Mount

3¹/₂ 4 July 1871.
To
The Superintendent of Police
Chingleput District

To
The Inspector General
of Police
Madras.

Sir,

With reference to Official
Memo. No. 1320 dated 8th July
1871 from the Assistant Inspector
General of Police. I have the honor
to report, that, since the registration
of prostitutes was ordered at Palaveram
10 women have been registered, of whom
2 have at different times been struck
off by order of the Cantonment Magistrate
for different reasons & 2 by me.
During the practice time, women also
come up from Madras & other places
to ply their trade. At Saint Thomas's
Mount 63 women have been registered
since end of 1868, of whom 25 have been
struck off, for death, departure from station,
desertion &c. Besides these women,
there are in the station many others of
doubtful character, but these have all
employment such as service under
commissioned officers, & though their
conduct has been watched no actual proof

4 were placed
before the Mag.
& warned.

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THE MILITARY DEPARTMENT,
&c., &c.

Dated September, 7th.

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of their prostitution has been obtained. ~~These~~
 women who are not known to go with others
 than their keepers, are not registered.

That registration has been of service
 to the troops & has been pretty effective, &
 is I think shown by the information I have
 obtained from the Senior Medical Officer
 here, viz. that from January to June 1868
 or previous to registration, there were 103
 admissions into the Military Hospital with
 Prim Syphilis & 91 with Gonorrhoea.

In the 6 months ending December 1870
 20 with Prim Syphilis
 20 with Gonorrhoea

In the 6 months ending June 1871
 10 with Prim Syphilis
 9 with Gonorrhoea

And I do not suppose that all these cases
 are due to Mount women, as soldiers
 have frequent outings in Madras.

That disease is carried about pretty
 freely between Males & females, is shown
 by the very frequent entries into the
 Hospital of many of the prostitutes. Women
 have been observed returning within a
 very short period.

I give the Local Hospital History
 of some of these parties.

(Admissions)

No. 10. 5 Prim Syphilis between October 1868
 12 Gonorrhoea & June 1871
 " 6. 1 Prim Syphilis
 12 Gonorrhoea Do. Do.

No. 7. 1 Prim Syphilis between Oct 68
 15 Gonorrhoea & June 1871
 " 9. 6 Prim Syphilis
 4 Gonorrhoea Do. Do.
 " 12. 5 Prim Syphilis between Oct 68
 5 Gonorrhoea & April 1870
 " 11. 1 Prim Syphilis between Oct 68
 12 Gonorrhoea & November 1870
 " 10. 3 Prim Syphilis between Oct 68
 10 Gonorrhoea & died May 1871
 " 17. 4 Prim Syphilis between Oct 68
 10 Gonorrhoea & June 1871
 " 21. 6 Prim Syphilis
 4 Gonorrhoea Do. Do.
 " 24. 4 Prim Syphilis
 8 Gonorrhoea Do. Do.
 " 30. 7 Prim Syphilis
 13 Gonorrhoea Do. Do.
 " 32. 12 Prim Syphilis
 10 Gonorrhoea Do. Do.
 " 1st. 4 Prim Syphilis
 14 Gonorrhoea Do. Do.

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 registered & this is 6 miles from
 Mount & 14 miles from Palamuru
 across country or 2 miles to a ferry-
 road. I was under the impression
 that soldiers there might be found to
 contract disease to a large amount
 but from information I have received
 from the Commanding Officer I find that
 there have been very few cases.

of the 6 months ending June 1871
there were 11 cases of Prin Syphilis admitted,
than out of these, only 2 were contracted in
Ponamallee the rest having been transported
to the from other Hospitals, & none were traced
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obtain apparent immunity is due to the frequent
changes among the men, their sickly state
here or what, but should imagine a period
of intermingling the arrival of recruits might
show a difference.

The registration of prostitutes in
surrounding villages may be defective,
but our Police strength is small &
fully occupied. A European (Deputy)
is kept at Palaveram solely on account
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that if the Military authorities themselves
would assist, the difficulty of preventing
and disease would be much lessened.

The 6 cases alluded to by Doctor
Stanborough & credited by him to
Palaveram, may have been contracted
from one woman if information
had been given to the Police at first,
the same might have been prevented.

No communication was made to
me about the disease in the 125th Detach-
ment till the Proceedings of Government
dated 27 June 1871 came, on the receipt
of which, I applied for the Government order
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Commandant Magistrate of Palaveram
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knowledge of the matter. I would
strongly suggest that all cases of Prin
disease be communicated to the
Police in Cantonments & as far as
possible assistance given in obtaining
the name of the diseased prostitute
from the Soldiers.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant
W. M. M. M. Major
Superintendent of Police
Chingapore District

Received

Chief Office of the Inspector General
of Police,

No. 567

Madras, 21st August 1871

From

The Inspector General of Police.

To

The Chief Secretary
to Government
Madras

Sir,

Enclosure One.

With reference to G. O. No. 957
dated 3rd July 1871 Public Department
I have the honor to forward a report
from the Superintendent of Police of
Chingleput District regarding the measures
adopted in the matter of regulation
of prostitutes at Palaveram and the
Mount.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedient servant

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Inspector General of Police.

12-7089 dated 27th
from 1871 relative to
the measures adopted
for the regulation of
prostitutes at Palaveram and
the Mount.

From
The Superintendent
of Police
Chingleput District
Dated 27th July 1871

12-710 dated 29th July 1871.
Referring to G. O. No. 957 dated
3rd July 1871 relative
to the measures adopted
for the regulation of
prostitutes at Palaveram
and the Mount.
Dated 17th July 1871
No. 567

Enclosure
Dated 21st August
1871 No. 5653.
From
The Superintendent
of Police
Chingleput

Gort. of 1871 Madras.

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The Military Dept.
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Dated Aug. 7.

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G. O. 4 Aug. 1871, No. 377.

Nos. 26. 27.

Comm. a letter from the
Dep. of Police, Chingleput
H. asking that the duly
authorities at Palaveram
might assist in the registration
of prostitutes.