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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,

2nd October 1871.

No. 1. 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, 26th September 1871, No. 316 :—

At the request of the President of the Municipal Commission, Madras, I have the honour to submit to the Right Honourable the Governor in Council the communications marginally noted, reporting that, in the opinion of the official visitors, one Lock Hospital will afford sufficient accommodation for patients in Madras; that there is no necessity for a second institution; and that, with the view of affording additional accommodation in the one that is retained, some chronic cases might be transferred to other hospitals in the town.

2. As my views on these subjects have been expressed in my letter, No. 218, dated 3rd July, it does not appear necessary to offer any remarks on the subject of the present enclosures.

From the Officiating President of the Municipal Commission, Madras, to the Acting Inspector-General, Indian Medical Department, dated Madras, 16th September 1871, No. 294-G.

I have the honour to forward, herewith, a memorandum received from two of the official visitors of the Lock Hospitals, and shall be obliged by your laying it before Government with such observations as you may consider necessary.

M E M O R A N D U M .

The undersigned official visitors of the Lock Hospitals desire to call the attention of the Officiating President of the Municipal Commission, with a view to his bringing the matter before Government, to the fact that the number of inmates in the two buildings has diminished so much that all the patients in both could now be accommodated comfortably in the one hospital in Black Town. There would appear to be no reason to suppose that any necessity for a second Lock Hospital will again arise, and the undersigned are confirmed in this opinion by the fact that several of the present inmates, suffering from chronic disease and consequently unfit patients for these institutions, might with propriety be drafted into some of the other hospitals in town, so that their beds would become available for any extraordinary run upon the Lock Hospital by the prostitutes of this town.

MADRAS, (Signed) JOHN C. LOCH.
15th September 1871. („) W. J. VANSOMEREN, M.D.

No. 2. ORDER THEREON, 2nd October 1871, No. 1495.

The Government will defer issuing orders on the proposed reduction of the Lock Hospitals in Madras, pending the receipt of an answer to a letter addressed to the Government of India on the subject of amending the Contagious Diseases' Act. Should the system of registration be altered, a large increase in the number of common prostitutes brought under control may be anticipated, and a corresponding increase in the number of patients in the Lock Hospitals.

(True Extract.)

R. S. ELLIS,
Chief Secretary.

To the Inspector-General, Indian Medical Department.
„ Health Officer, Madras.
„ Officiating President of the Municipal Commission, Madras.

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To
THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL,
INDIAN MEDICAL DEPARTMENT,
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G. O., 2nd October 1871, No. 1495.

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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL, INDIAN MEDICAL DEPARTMENT,

Fort Saint George,

3rd July 1871.

From

The Acting Inspector General, Indian Medical Department,
Fort Saint George,

To

The Chief Secretary to Government
Public Department.

SIR,

In the Order of the 28th June No. 802 of 1870, His Excellency the Governor in Council requested that, after a further experience of the Lock Hospital Establishments at Madras.

2. The Lock Hospital at Vepery has accommodation for 70 natives, and I have the honour to mention, as my opinion, that the Vepery Lock Hospital may now be abolished, retaining that in Black Town, in which there is accommodation for 103 Natives and 15 Europeans.

3. I do not think that the changes

Average daily sick

	1868	1869	1870	1871	
January		166	117	107	I have been made before this. I give place on the margin, the average daily sick in the past 24 months, by which it will be seen that in the year 1869, the sick ranged from 72 to 166; in the year 1870, from 95 to 143; and in the past seven months from 99 to 104.
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4. In moving all of them into the Black Town Hospital, a re-arrangement of the European Wards will be needed, as accommodation was provided for 15 Europeans, but the highest number was 14 in January 1869; while, ever since June 1869, the Europeans have ranged from 2.75 to 6.75 and the further retention, for them, of so large an amount of allotted space is therefore unnecessary. In making this amalgamation, I think that there will not be any over-crowding, for the space hitherto apportioned for each of the Lock Hospital Sick is 60 superficial feet for natives, and 100 for Europeans, the last of which is the same as that allotted for European soldiers, and the patients could be placed nearer to each other than they now are. But, in abandoning the Vepery buildings, I would recommend that the materials of its pavilion be brought into, and erected on, the grounds of the Black Town Hospital, to be ready for any possible rush of numbers. I have ascertained that the charges for translating the Vepery pavilion will be about Rs. 400.

5. It will be observed from the marginal statement of Average Daily Sick, that in the past 2½ years, the decrease of inmates has been small, and as this might create a

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belief that the ^{Institutions} are not doing any good, they to explain that though the ailments received into this class of Hospitals are curable generally in about 30 days, cases, nevertheless, occur, in which the constitution becomes broken and remains so till released by death. As a consequence of this, the stay in the Lock Hospitals has gradually lengthened out, though decrease in the numbers of admissions has been continuous. The Matras Lock Hospitals, for example, have been 32 months in existence, and there were 1450 admissions in the first half of the period, but only 707 in the second half; nevertheless the average daily sick has only fallen from 26 to 10. Many of the earliest of the admissions are reported to have been women of broken constitutions, and it is the presence in hospital of a number of old incurable cases that keeps up the numbers and causes much of the expense.

6. A return recently furnished to me showed that one patient had been in hospital for 2 years and 2 months, and from a ~~return~~ return of the 13th May, out of 103 inmates, the greatest number of 57 had been there from three months to upwards of twelve months. But there are other causes for long detention which are receiving my attention, and it has been a constant subject of thought to guard against this danger.

hospitals being filled with hopeless cases
disease.

The State of discipline in the Vepery Lock Hospital is admirable, and I propose to use it ^{servants} to relieve the Establishment of the Black Town Lock, which will then be broken up.

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I have the honor to be

Sir

Yours most Obedient-Servant

Edward Howard Howard General

Acting Inspector General

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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL, INDIAN MEDICAL DEPARTMENT,

Fort Saint George, 26 September 1871.

From

The Acting Inspector General, Indian Medical Department,
Fort Saint George

Fort Saint George,

To

The Chief Secretary to Government
Public Department.

Public Department

SIR,

At the request of the President
of the Municipal Commission Madras
I have the honor to submit to the
Right Honorable the Governor in
Council, the communications margi-

Letter ²294 of 16 Sept from
Offg President Municipal
Commission Madras.
Enclosing a memo dated
15 Sept from Official visi-
tors of Lock Hospitals in
Madras.

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Sir

Your most obedient servant

Jawahar Lal Banerjee
Acting Inspector General
Indian Medical Department.

