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Public DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
10th May 1871.*

Read the following papers:—

No. 43. From the Assistant Engineer in charge of No. 7 Range, Chingleput District, to the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, dated Chembrumbaukum Tank, 18th March 1871, No. 212:—

I have the honour to report the occurrence of an accident on the works in connexion with the enlargement of the Chembrumbaukum Tank on the evening of the 16th instant, by which a man, while placing a blasting charge in a rock requiring to be removed, was much injured by the powder igniting and the whole charge being blown out in his face. Fortunately there was no clay rammed down over the powder, otherwise not only this man but another who was assisting him would probably have been killed.

2. It would appear that the powder must have been ignited by the hammer, with which the charge was being tamped, slipping from the brass tamping bar and hitting the rock, where there must have been some loose powder lying. This I suppose (for I cannot learn anything certain about the matter) produced a spark which fired the charge.

3. I fear the injured man (Subaroy Naick by name) will lose one, if not both, of his eyes. It appears he had some powder in one of his hands at the same time; this also exploded, shattering his hand a good deal, but not, I think, so as to permanently injure it.

4. Subaroy Naick is a quarryman, and has been employed by me as such for the last two years, during which time he has done all the blasting required on these works, so that the accident cannot be attributed in any way to his want of knowledge of what he was about.

5. I forwarded the wounded man as soon as a bandy could be procured to the St. Thomas' Mount Dispensary, with a request, in writing, to the Medical Officer in charge to attend to him. I learn to-day that this officer refused to admit the man to the Mount Dispensary, and he had to be taken to the Madras General Hospital yesterday in the heat of the sun. I fear the delay consequent on this refusal will deprive the poor fellow of any chance there might otherwise have been of his eyesight being saved.

No. 5304.

Submitted to Government for information.

2. I would suggest that the Medical authorities located nearest to the scene of accidents be directed to take charge of hereafter and treat such cases as that under notice.

3. A further report is awaited from the Assistant Engineer regarding the case and the result of its treatment at the General Hospital. It will be forwarded as soon as it is received.

MADRAS,
29th March 1871.

(Signed) C. V. WILKIESON, Colonel, R. E.,
Sup'g. Engr., 4th Division.

To the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department.

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10th May 1871.

Referred to the Public Department with a view to its being considered in that Department whether cases of accidents similar to those mentioned in this letter should not be admitted for immediate treatment into the nearest Dispensary.

FORT SAINT GEORGE, (Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
3rd April 1871. Secy. to Govt., P. W. D.

Referred to the Inspector-General, Indian Medical Department, with a request that he will ascertain and report on the refusal of the Medical Officer to admit the wounded man into the Hospital at St. Thomas' Mount.

FORT SAINT GEORGE, (Signed) R. S. ELLIS,
12th April 1871. Chief Secretary.

No. 44. From the Acting Inspector-General, Indian Medical Department, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Fort Saint George, 3rd May 1871, No. 138.

In returning the letter of the Assistant Engineer in charge of No. 7 Range, referred with your endorsement of the 12th ultimo, I have the honour to forward, for submission to Government, the correspondence noted in the margin, explanatory of the refusal of the Medical Officer at the Mount to admit a patient into the Detail Hospital of that station.

2. I am of opinion, considering the severity of the accident, that the Medical Officer might have made provision for the admission and relief of the patient, and I have informed the Medical Officer accordingly.

From the Deputy Inspector-General, Indian Medical Department, Presidency Division and Northern Districts, to the Secretary to the Inspector-General, Indian Medical Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 26th April 1871, No. 1999.

With reference to your Docket Memorandum, No. 1669, of 15th current, enclosing the correspondence as per margin, I have the honour to forward, for submission to the Inspector-General, Indian Medical Department, letter No. 39, dated 24th current, from Assistant Surgeon Archdall, in medical charge of the Detail Hospital, St. Thomas' Mount.

2. Dr. Archdall calls to my recollection the fact that when he was in my office a few days after the occurrence he informed me of the course he had taken and that I approved of it. I did approve of what he had done, as I knew that the burned man would be much better accommodated in the General Hospital than in the crowded ward of the Hospital at the Mount; but I see now that the case should have been sent to the Triplicane Hospital, which is two miles nearer to the Mount.

From Assistant Surgeon H. G. ARCHDALL, in medical charge Native Details, to the Deputy Inspector-General, Indian Medical Department, Presidency Division, Madras, dated St. Thomas' Mount, 24th April 1871, No. 39.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Memorandum, No. 1657, dated 17th instant, requesting explanation of my refusal to admit a man sent by the Assistant Engineer in charge No. 7 Range, Chingleput District, into the Detail Hospital.

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10th May 1871.

2. In reference to the above I beg to state that on the morning the man was brought to Hospital all the beds were already occupied, and besides there were two patients lying on the floor. On ascertaining the above fact I directed that he should be taken *at once* to the General Hospital for treatment. (If you remember, the last day I was at your office I mentioned the subject to you, and you said I had adopted the proper course under the circumstances).

3. As regards his being exposed to the heat of the sun, if it is the case, it must have been owing to neglect on the part of those sent in charge of him, as I can assert most positively that he was left the Detail Hospital between 10 A. M. the same morning; of course, they may have delayed by the way.

4. You will see by the Assistant Engineer's letter that he is under the impression that the Hospital here is a Civil, not a Military one, an error very common amongst the various officials in different parts of the district. If it is to be considered the former as well as a Detail Hospital, increased accommodation will be necessary, thereby entailing increased expenditure. At present, as you are aware, the Hospital consists of only one ward, which is barely sufficient for its legitimate purposes.

5. I may add, whenever I can do so, I always admit or otherwise attend to any case of accidents that may be brought to the Hospital.

6. I herewith return the Assistant Engineer's letter with the Memorandums attached.

No. 45. ORDER THEREON, 10th May 1871, No. 615.

The Government desire to be informed whether Dr. Archdall examined the injured man on his arrival at the Detail Hospital, and afforded such immediate relief as he was able to do, and satisfied himself that removal to the General Hospital would not materially impair the patient's chance of recovery.

(True Extract.)

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Inspector-General, Indian Medical Department.

Exd. A. S. Rodgers.

No. 1999

OFFICE OF DEPUTY INSPECTOR GENERAL,
INDIAN MEDICAL DEPARTMENT,
PRESIDENCY DIVN. & NORTHERN DISTRICT.
Madras 26th April 1871

From

The Deputy Inspector General, Indian Medical Department,
Presidency Division and Northern District.

To

The Secretary to the Inspector General, Indian Medical Department,
Fort Saint George.

SIR,

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I have the honor to be
Sir,

Yours Most Obedt. Servant.
R. D. Blacklock,
By Inspector General,
Indian Medical Department.

Letter No. 39, dated 24th current, from Assistant Surgeon Archdall, in Medical charge of the Detail Hospital, Saint Thomas Mount, to the Inspector General, Indian Medical Department, enclosing the correspondence as per margin.

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THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL,
INDIAN MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.

Oct. 11 1871.

Encl.

Oct. 11 1871, No. 615.

MAY.
Nos. 43-45.

Collected from the collection of the Inspector General, Indian Medical Department, Fort Saint George, Madras, 26th April 1871. The collection is now in the possession of the Secretary to the Inspector General, Indian Medical Department, Fort Saint George, Madras.

Referred to the Inspector
General Indian Medical
Department, with a request
that he will ascertain and
report on the refusal of the
Medical Officer to admit
the wounded man into
the Hospital at Saint Thomas
Mount.

Wk

Fort St. George.
12 April 1871.

Chief Secretary
To The Inspector General Indian
Medical Department.

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From

The Deputy Inspector General,
Indian Medical Department,
Presidency Divn. & Northern Dist.

To

The Secy. to the Insp. Genl.,
Indian Medical Department,
Fort Saint George.

Dated 26th April
Despatched
Received } 1871

No. 1499
Enclosures 2

Subject.

Forward letter
of 19th from the Inspr Genl.
in charge, dated October 1
last. The Inspr Genl. is respectfully
to your despatch from the
16th of 15th last with
remarks.

From

no 39
217
Assistant Surgeon H. G. Archdall
In Medical Charge.
Native Detail.

To

The Deputy Inspector General
Indian Medical Department
Presidency Division
Madras.

Sir

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In reference to the above I beg to state that on the morning the man was brought to hospital all the beds were already occupied and besides there were two patients lying on the floor. On ascertaining the above fact I directed that he should be taken at once to the General Hospital for treatment (if you remember, the last day I was at your office I mentioned the subject to you and you said I had adopted the proper course under the circumstances).

As regards his being exposed to the heat of the sun, if it is the case, it must have been owing to neglect on the part of those sent in charge of him as I can assert most positively the bandy in which he was, left the Detail for the General Hospital between 7 and 7 1/2 am. The same morning of course they may have delayed by the way - You will see by the Assistant Engineer's letter that he is under the impression that the Hospital here is a Civil, not a military one. An error very common amongst the various officials in different parts of the district, if it is to be considered the former as well as a Detail Hospital increased accommodation will be necessary thereby entailing increased expenditure, at present.

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otherwise attend to any case of accident that may be
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Herewith return the Assistant Engineer's letter with
the Memorandums attached.

I am the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedt Servant

H. G. Ambrose
Assistant Surgeon
In Medical Charge
Native Detach.

1344
 18th March 1871.
 (Humboldt Bay) San R.

From

The Assistant Engineer
 In Charge (No. 1 Range)
 (Humboldt Bay District)
 To
 The Superintending Engineer
 At the Mission

Sir,

I have the honor to report the occurrence of an accident on the works in connection with the enlargement of the (Humboldt Bay) San R, on the evening of the 16th instant, by which a man while placing a blasting charge in a rock requiring to be removed was injured by the hammer striking and the whole charge being blown out in his face, fortunately there was no clay rammed down ~~over~~ the powder otherwise not only this man but another who was assisting him would probably have been killed.

It would appear that the powder must have been ignited by the hammer, with which the charge was being tamped, slipping from the brass tamping bar and hitting the rock where there must have been some loose powder lying this

I enclose

From

San R.

San R.

Checking Mr. Stoddard
 in hull charge
 at the Mission

Mr. Stoddard
 in hull charge
 at the Mission

San R.
 18th March 1871

Enclosure.

Subject

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I suppose (for I cannot learn anything certain about the matter) produced a spark which fired the charge.

I fear the injured man (Subaray Naik by name) will lose one if not both of his eyes, it appears he had some powder in one of his hands at the same time, this also exploded shattering his hand a good deal but not I think so as to permanently injure it.

Subaray Naik is a quarry man and, has been employed by me as such for the last two years, during which time he has done all the blasting required on these works, so that the accident cannot be attributed in any way to ^{his} want of knowledge of what he was about.

I forwarded the wounded man as soon as a bandy could be procured to the Saint Thomas's Mount Dispensary with a request in writing to the medical officer in charge to attend to him, I learn to day that this officer refused to admit the man to the mount dispensary and he had to be taken to the Madras General Hospital

hospital yesterday in the heat of the sun. I fear the delay consequent on this refusal will deprive the poor fellow of any chance there might otherwise have been of his eyes being saved.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most Obedient
R. S. S. S.
Officer to the
In Ch. Mr. R. S. S.

Public Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT;

Read the following letter.

From the Asst. Supt. in charge of the St. J. Range } here enter 13: March 1871. A-262.
Ching's sub. Dist.
 " Supt. General Indian Res. Dist. " " 2: May " " 108.

Order thereon May 1871. R.

The Government!

I would first wish
Explicitly to tell
Dr. A. Examined
the wound & advised
such relief as he
could. & satisfied
himself that re-
-moral Water pro-
Hospital would not
materially impair
his chance of recovery.

The Insuff. Genl. Indian Miss. Dept. -
P. W. Depart.
Ed: With Excuseably

Referred to the Public
Department with a view
to its being considered in
that Department whether
cases of accidents similar
to those mentioned in this
letter should not be ad-
mitted for immediate
treatment into the
nearest Dispensary.

Mar. 27.

3^d April 1871.
 Dear to Genl. P. R. S.
 Col. R. S.
 The Public Department
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Report the occurrence
of an accident on the
works in connection with
the enlargement of the
steam drum tank on tank
No. 22107. *W. H. C.*
Referred to
W. H. C.

Submitted to Government
for information.

2 I should suggest that the Medical
authorities located nearest to the scene
of accident be directed to take charge
of hereafter, and treat such cases as
that under notice.

3 A further report is awaited from
the Assistant Engineer regarding the
case and the result of his testimony
at the General Hospital. It will be
forwarded as soon as it is received.

Comm'n

Capt & Capt Messrs Dr } *Capt & Capt Dr*

March 29th March 1871

To the Secretary, Government

Jackson, Mississippi

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL, INDIAN MEDICAL DEPARTMENT,

Fort Saint George, 3^d May

1871.

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

The Chief Secretary to Government
Public Department

In returning the letter of the
Assistant Engineer in charge of No 7 Range,
referred with your endorsement of the 12th ultimo,
I have the honour to forward for submission

Letter from the Dept. to Government, the correspondence noted in
Inspector General's Memo. The margin, explanatory of the refusal of the
Presy. Northern Dist. Medical Officer at the Mount to admit a patient
No 1999 of 26th April 1871 and one enclosure.
into the Detail Hospital of that Station.

2. I am of opinion, considering
the severity of the accident, that the
Medical Officer might have made
provision for the admission and
relief of the patient, and I have informed

The Medical Officer accordingly
 have the honor to be

Sir,
 Your first obedient servant
 Wm W. Haynes M.D.

Acting Inspector General
 Indian Medical Department

Cable 1871 Report.

1871.

From
 Inspector General,
 Indian Medical Department,
 Fort Saint George,

To

Dated

Feb 4th 1871

No. 138

Enclosure 4

Submits explanation
 of the Medical Officer
 at the point relative
 to the refusal to admit
 a patient into the Out
 Hospital at that station
 with an order.

Recd letter from Asst Surgeon General
 dated 1871 - 1871 - No 212
 - May 1871 - 1871 - No 212
 - May 1871 - 1871 - No 212
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 improve the patient's chance of recovery. J.D.

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