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Public DEPARTMENT.

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Dated	30-5-	19-1871

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
30th May 1871.

No. 143. Read the following letter from Deputy Inspector-General EDWARD G. BALFOUR, Acting Inspector-General, Indian Medical Department, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Fort St. George, 19th May 1871, No. 160 :—

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of G. O., No. 617, of 10th May 1871, and, with reference to paragraph 2, I beg to report that it is highly desirable that supplies of disinfectants should be furnished to Collectors and the principal Revenue Officers in the Districts for use at Festivals and during outbreaks of Cholera.

2. The disinfectant, which seems best suited for such purposes, is Carbolic Acid, as it is cheap, efficient, and very portable, and does not deteriorate if kept in a well-corked bottle. There are several qualities of the acid, but the one most in favour, for disinfecting on the large scale, in English towns, is that known as Calvert's No. 5, or an article of similar quality. The retail price of the No. 5 Acid in London is one shilling and sixpence per pound, and this quantity; added to ten gallons of water, gives a most efficient disinfecting fluid for purifying drains, court-yards, latrines, urinals, &c. The clothing of Cholera or Small-pox patients may also be thoroughly disinfected by first soaking the articles for some time in such a solution, and then boiling them for several hours.

3. I am of opinion that about 100 lbs. per annum of Carbolic Acid would be required for each Collectorate, making, for the twenty Districts in the Presidency, a total of lbs. 2,000, and would suggest that an indent for that quantity be forwarded to the Home Government.

4. At present the stock of Carbolic Acid in the Presidency Store Depôt is very low, but a supply of lbs. 1,500 is expected in July, and, pending the receipt of the Civil supply, moderate quantities of that in store can be issued to District Officers. In the meantime, should any urgent demands arise, small purchases might be made in the local market for re-issue.

No. 144. ORDER THEREON, 30th May 1871, No. 730.

Ordered that copies of Mr. Balfour's letter be forwarded to the several Collectors and Magistrates in the Provinces, and that he be directed to submit an Indent for 2,000 lbs. of Carbolic Acid.

2. The issue of moderate quantities of the acid in store to the districts where it may be urgently required is approved.

3. And, pending the receipt of the supply of 1,500 lbs. expected from England in July next, sanction is granted for the purchase, in the local market, of such small quantities as may be urgently required, and which cannot be conveniently spared from the present stock in the Medical Stores.

(True Extract.)

W. HUDLESTON,
Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Collector and Magistrate of

„ Revenue Department.

„ Inspector-General, Indian Medical Department.

„ Accountant-General.

Exd. J. Wright.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL, INDIAN MEDICAL DEPARTMENT,

Fort Saint George, 19th May 1871

From

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

To

The Chief Secretary to Government
Public Department
Fort Saint George.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of G. O. No 617 of 10th May 1871 and with reference to para. 2 I beg to report that it is highly desirable that supplies of Disinfectants should be furnished to Collectors and the principal revenue Officers in the districts for use at Festivals and during outbreaks of Cholera.

2 The disinfectant which seems best suited for such purposes, is Carbolic Acid, as it is cheap, efficient, and very portable, and does not deteriorate if kept in a well-corked bottle. There are several qualities of the acid, but the one most in favor for disinfecting on the large scale in English towns is that known as Calvert's No 5, or an article of similar quality. The retail price of the No 5 acid in London is

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To

THE COLLECTORS AND MAGISTRATES
OF THE SEVERAL DISTRICTS,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated May, 30th.

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G. O., 30th May 1871, No. 730.

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Nos. 143-144.

Forwarding copies of a letter from Acting Inspector-General, Indian Medical Department, on the subject of the proposed issue of disinfectants to Collectors, &c., for use at Festivals and during outbreaks of Cholera, and directing Mr. Balfour to submit an indent for 2,000 lbs. of Carbolic Acid.

is one shilling and six pence per pound, and this quantity added to ten gallons of water gives a most efficient disinfecting fluid for purifying drains, court yards, latrines, urinals &c. The clothing of cholera or small pox patients may also be thoroughly disinfected by first soaking the articles for some time in such a solution, and then boiling them for several hours.

3 I am of opinion that about one hundred lbs per annum of Carbolic acid would be required for each Collectorate, making for the 20 districts in the Presidency a total of £2,000. and would suggest that an indent for that quantity be forwarded to the Home Government.

4 At present the stock of Carbolic acid in the Presidency Store Depot is very low, but a supply of £1500 is expected in July, and pending the receipt of the Civil supply, moderate quantities of that in store can be issued to district Officers. In the meantime should

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should any urgent demands arise, small purchases might be made in the local market for reissue.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient servant

C. W. M. M. M.

Acting Inspector General
Indian Medical Department

C. W. M.

Public Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MARDAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from

the Inspector General Indian
Medical Department, dated
19th May 1871. No 160.

Order thereon 30th May 1871 No 730.

Ordered that copies of
Mr. Balfour's letter be for-
warded to the several Col-
lectors and Magistrates
in the Provinces, and that
he be directed to submit an
indent for 2000 lbs of Car-
bolic Acid.

2. The issue of moderate
quantities of the Acid in
store to the districts where
it may be urgently re-
quired

Order of the Mardas Government

To Inspector General 30th May 1871

Indian Medical Department,
Fort Saint George,

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Dated 19th May 1871

No. 160

Remarks on the
proposal to give
acid to the
Col. for use
at Fort George &
during outbreaks
of Cholera

required, is approved.

3. And pending the receipt of the supply of 1500 lbs expected from England in July next, sanction is granted for the purchase in the local market of such small quantities as may be urgently required, and which cannot be conveniently spared from the present stock in the Medical Stores.

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To

The Collector & Magistrate of ~~the~~
Several Districts

Revenue Department

Inspector General Indian
Medical Dept.

Accountant General

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To

*The City & County of the
Several Districts.*

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Dated May. 30.

Recd.

1871, No. 730.

Nos. 143. 144.

*Transmitting copy of a letter
from the Board of Health, dated
May 30th on the subject
of the proposed issue of
"Certificates" to persons
who for me at particular &
during outbreaks of
Cholera & diphtheria, &
Typhoid fever, and
measles for 2500 lbs of
Carbolic Acid.*

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