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16th June 1871.

Read the following papers:—

No. 108. From C. W. READE, Esq., Collector of South Arcot, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Punrooty, 24th April 1871, No. 29.

Referring to the observations of Government in their orders of the 15th March last, No. 322, Public Department, I have to state that, since the submission of the Annual Report of the Civil Dispensary at Cuddalore, a plan and estimate have been made and been approved by me for a Lying-in Hospital, and that the work will at once be proceeded with, the site and other preliminaries having already been decided on. The funds in my hands are ample for the construction of the Hospital and for making a start, and I maintain my opinion that there will be no lack of means for its support so soon as the building is completed.

2. The Government observe in paragraph 4 that "the small amount of contributions for the Dispensary itself is discouraging" I may observe that my surprise is that the contributions are so large, considering that nothing is ever to be had in the shape of medicines of the most ordinary kind, even castor-oil, and complaints are both loud and general. The public do not expect to be furnished with expensive or patent medicines, but, for upwards of one year, I have not been able to get a pint of castor-oil from the Dispensary, and so with others; and every one, I fancy, supplies himself from Madras; and, while this parsimony and unsatisfactory state of things continues, it is not likely that the District Dispensary will gain in public favour, or that contributions will increase. After paying 5 Rupees monthly for some years, I lately discontinued my subscription, reducing it to 2 Rupees, and others have, I believe, done the same as the monthly subscription books of the institution will show.

Referred to the Inspector-General, Indian Medical Department, for his remarks.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
13th May 1871.

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Acting Chief Secretary.

No. 109. 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, 27th May 1871, No. 177.

I have the honour to re-enclose the letter marginally noted, sent for my remarks under your memorandum of the 13th instant, and to state that an examination of the indents for the current and two previous years shows that the annual supplies of medicines for the Cuddalore Dispensary have been furnished according to the custom of the service, viz., the previous expenditure in the institution; and, as no demands have been made during these years for extra supplies, it is presumed that the quantities have been found sufficient by the medical officer. Instructions have, however, been given for inquiry to be made as to whether any articles are now wanting, and, if so, that an indent be submitted for any further requirements.

2. As special mention is made of the want of castor-oil, I beg to remark that in the year 1869-70 lbs. 120 of it were supplied, and, as the sick were about 8,000, that quantity would have afforded a dose to every second patient.

Letter, No. 29, dated 24th April, from
Collector, South Arcot, to Chief
Secretary to Government.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,

16th June 1871.

3. In 1870-71, although there were only lbs. 1-10 of the article remaining in the Dispensary, at the time of indenting, none was asked for and none was supplied. The reason of the omission is not very clear, but it appears to have been intentional, as the indent bears marks of having been prepared with great care. For the current year an ample supply has been sent out.

No. 110. ORDER THEREON, 16th June 1871, No. 847.

The Government are glad to learn that there is so fair a prospect of the opening of a Lying-in Hospital at Cuddalore. More details should have been given, but the matter, as well as the subject of the supply of medicines, is now for the consideration of the Municipality or Local Fund Board as the case may be, to which, under the operation of Acts III. and IV. of 1871, the Dispensaries may be transferred. Hereafter the indents for medicines and medical stores will be prepared by that body. Dr. Balfour's letter shows that no blame attaches to the medical supplying authorities for the state of things described in Mr. Reade's letter.

(True Extract.)

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Collector of South Arcot.

„ Inspector-General, Indian Medical Department.

No. 177

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL, INDIAN MEDICAL DEPARTMENT,

Fort Saint George, 27 May 1871.

From

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

To

The Chief Secretary to Government
Public Department

SIR,

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Letter No. 29 dated 18th April from
Collector South Arcot to Chief Secretary to Government
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To
THE COLLECTOR OF SOUTH ARCOT,
&c., &c.,

Dated June, 1871.

Recd.

Encl.

G. O., 16th June 1871, No. 847.

JUNE.
Nos. 108-110.

Passing orders with reference to the arrange-
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Edwin M. A. M. D. C. M. D.

Acting Inspector General
Indian Medical Department

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Inspector General,
Indian Medical Department,
Fort Saint George.

Dated 27 May 71.

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Records on the Annual
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Your most Obedt Servt

Chandra Sheela

Collector

South Arcot
Collis office
Sumbatty
24 April 1871

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