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[Despatch Abstract.]

*Papers on the sub.
ject of the treatment
of leprosy by the Je-
suit priests at Man-
galore forwarded
to the Govt of India
Home Dept.*

General Branch
Reg. No. 4396
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Mauritius
Colonial Secretary's Office
26th June 1891.

To

The Secretary to the Government of India.

Sir,

I am directed by Governor Sir Charles Cameron Lees to transmit to you the accompanying copy of a Mauritius daily newspaper which contains an article on the subject of the alleged successful treatment of Leprosy by the Jesuit Priests in Mangalore, and to request that you will kindly favour His Excellency with any particulars on the subject which can be supplied.

2. I am also to ask you, if the treatment of Leprosy by the Jesuit Priests in Mangalore, has proved successful, to be good enough to procure and forward to Mauritius a supply of the medicines used.

3. The cost of these medicines, and of forwarding them to this Colony, will be at once refunded on hearing from you the amount which you have expended on behalf of this Government.

(True Copy).

I have, &c.,
(Sd.) E. D. Sweetworth
Asst. Colonial Secretary

C. S. Sampson
Registrar Home Department.

(Enclosure 1: 1 letter 21: 4049)

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From

J. G. Melitus, Esq.,
Under Secretary to the Govt of India,

To

The Chief Secretary to the Government
of Madras.

Home Department.
(Medical).

Simla, the 19th August 1891.

Sir,

I am directed to forward the accompanying copy
of a letter from the Colonial Secretary Mauritius, No. 4376,
dated the 26th ultimo, together with its enclosure, and to
request that, with the permission of His Excellency the
Governor in Council, the Government of India may be
furnished with any information that may be available regarding
the alleged successful treatment of Leprosy by the Jesuit
Priests in Mangalore.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

J. G. Melitus

Under Secretary to the Govt of India.

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(To be returned).

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From Govt
Home Dept

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Referred to the Collector
of South Canara for
early report as to
whether he or the
District Surgeon
has anything further
to add to what is
contained in their
letters embodied in
G.O. dt 7.4.91, No 272.

Redrick
Chief Secretary

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No 3605

Forwarded to the District Surgeon
with the request that he will let the
District Surgeon know whether he
has anything further to add to what is
contained in the letters embodied in
G.O. dt 7.4.91, No 272.

Mangalore 10-9-91
Munawar
Collector

Requesting information
reg the alleged successful
treatment of leprosy
by Jesuit Priests in
Mangalore

No 1416

(Enclosure 2 of 1416)

Office of the District Medical
and Sanitary Officer, South Canara
Mangalore, 5th October 1891.

From

The District Medical and Sanitary Officer,
South Canara.

To

The Ag. Collector,
South Canara.

Sir,

Enclosures 3.

With reference to your endorsement
No 3605
10.9.91 communicating a request for
information from the Governor of Mauritius
regarding the alleged successful treatment
of leprosy by Jesuit priests in Mangalore,
and enquiring if I have anything further
to add to what is contained in my letters
embodied in G.O. dated 7th April 1891, No
272 Public Department, I have the honor to
report that I recently examined the inmates
of the Leprosy Asylum under the management
of the Jesuits.

2. The result of my examination, in
the

the Cases previously seen by me in February 1891, was as follows:—

Disease advanced (Fresh manifestations)...	16
Disease stationary (No fresh manifestations)...	8
Dismissed or Left ...	9
Died ...	1
<u>Total</u> ...	<u>34</u>

3. No cures have been effected; and the Rev. Mr. Müller informed me that he does not profess to cure leprosy by the "Mattei" preparations, (contrary to what has been alleged in various publications and in the Press) but only hopes to ameliorate the physical condition of the lepers by their exhibition.

I have &c.

(Signed) W. A. Dee

District Surgeon,
South Canara.

(True Copy)

W. A. Dee
Ag. Collector.

Compd. *W. A. Dee*

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No 4049

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SOUTH CANARA COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,

Camp. George,
10 October 1891.

From

W. A. Brodie Esquire,

Ag. Collector of

South Canara.

To

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

Public Department,

Fort St. George.

Sir,

In reply to your endorsement of the 3rd ultims, No 2514, Public, I have the honor to forward herewith a copy of letter No 1416, dated the 5th instant, to my address, of the District Medical and Sanitary Officer reporting the Mattei medicines and system of treatment a failure as a cure for leprosy.

2. At the same time I have no doubt that Father Muller does not for a moment admit Dr. Dee's finding that of 24 lepers examined by him in February last 16 are now worse, 8 in the same state and none one whit the better to be correct for, when in August last I endeavoured to make a thorough inspection of the asylum in company with Fathers Muller and Alchin (after about

20 minutes I had to beat a hasty retreat as I could stand the sights no longer), both stated that there had been marked improvement since admission in the case of nearly every inmate I examined, and I carefully examined about 20 pointing out the scars of dried up ulcers in corroboration of their assertions and stating that swellings and spots still existing had greatly diminished and were nothing like what they were.

Their assertions to me were certainly very different to Dr. Lee's for, in nearly every case Father Muller claimed to have effected improvement, in no case that I can remember did he admit deterioration, and in the case of one boy who certainly did not seem to have much the matter with him Father Muller said he believed him cured though he intended keeping him in the asylum some months longer in order to make sure.

3. Father Muller has never professed to me to be able to cure leprosy, but he certainly

certainly does say that he has by his treatment been able to greatly ameliorate the condition of many of these unfortunate creatures, and though he has signally failed to convince Dr. Lee he seems to have been able to persuade the authorities of his own church and many others that he can do so, whilst the lepers themselves that I examined one and all professed themselves to have derived much benefit from his services, and considering their miserable lot seemed wonderfully happy and contented. As to which is right I can of course express no opinion.

4. The papers forwarded with your reference are herewith re-submitted.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Vernanados
Ag. Collector.

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From,
The *Ag* Collector of
South Canara.

To,
The *Chief* Secretary to Government,
Public Department,
Fort St. George.

Dated 10 October
1891.

1891.

No. 4049
ENCLOSURES

Subject: *TC No 2514 ut 2.*

Reporting with reference to G.O.
noted within on the treatment with
Mattei medicines of leprosy by the
Jesuit Priests at Mangalore, and
enclosing a copy of the letter
addressed to him by the District
Surgeon on the subject.

Public Dept.

Currents 2514 & 3058

Letter. *1900*
18 26 Oct 91 -

To the Secy to the
Govt. of India

Home Dept.
*with 46 No 27/91
with C No 3058 with 46
and newspaper ad*

Sir,

In compliance with
the request conveyed in
your letter No. 514-A of
the 19th August last, I
am directed to forward
copies of the papers noted
in the margin on the
subject of the treat-
ment of leprosy by
the priests at Mangalore.

22 Oct

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*Copy of papers sent to
the Secy to the Govt. of India*

*18
24 Oct*

G.O. of 7.4.91, No. 272.
(a complete copy).
Letter from the *Ag* Collector
of S. Canara of 10.10.91,
No. 4049, and of its
enclosure.

READ-AGAIN ORDER OF GOVERNMENT, DATED
18, No. , MISCELLANEOUS.

ENCLOSURES.

CURRENT No.

STATEMENT WITH DITTO.

ORDER OF GOVERNMENT.

LETTER OF GOVERNMENT.

Mr. C. N. 3058 & 16. Encls

STATEMENT WITH DITTO.

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