

Recd
+ E 26/11
18-3-13 B.I

ORDINARY, MS.

Public DEPARTMENT.
G.O., DATED 12-1-92
No. 24

INDEXED.

When given for copying 12/1

[Despatch Abstract.]

Cong. to the Surgeon Gen. letter
for the Govt of India to the
Commissioner of Burma regarding
the inquiry whether medicine
for Govt institutions in Upper
Burma may be obtained di-
rect from firms in England
or be imported from the
Maiden Store.

desp

No. 809

FROM

J. P. HEWETT, Esq., C.I.E.,
Deputy Secretary to the Government of India.

TO

THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF BURMA.

Home Department.
Medical.

Calcutta, the ^{to} 20 December 1891.

SIR,

I AM now directed to reply to your letter No. 452—26 M., dated the 18th March last, inquiring with reference to paragraph 2 of Home Department letter No. 554, dated the 26th August 1890, whether it is to be understood that medicines for Government institutions such as the civil dispensaries and police hospitals in Upper Burma may be obtained direct from firms in England or must be indented for from the Medical stores.

2. I am to explain that the instruction in Mr. Lyall's letter of the 26th August 1890 to the effect that the whole of the drugs required for civil dispensaries in Burma should be procured together from some respectable firm in England was intended to have reference only to such institutions as were at liberty under standing orders to procure their supplies from private sources. It was overlooked, however, that the existing practice in Burma required all dispensaries in receipt of Government aid to obtain their supplies from the Rangoon Medical Store Depot or by indent on the Secretary of State, and to this extent the instruction in question was due to an oversight.

3. As it was understood from your letter of the 18th March last that you were desirous that the managers of charitable dispensaries should be allowed to make their own arrangements for their medical supplies, the Government of India consulted the Madras Government, which controls the Rangoon Depot, with a view to ascertain whether there was any objection to this suggestion being carried out and what would be a suitable date from which to introduce the new system. I am to forward, for your information, a copy of the

* Letter to the Government of Madras, No. 498, dated the 15th August 1891.

Letter from the Government of Madras, No. 924 (Public), dated the 2nd November 1891.

marginally noted correspondence * with that Government, and to say that the Government of India have no objection to allowing medical institutions generally in Burma other than those which are purely and entirely State institutions (maintained, controlled and managed by the State) to make their own arrangements for the supply of medical stores and instruments, but that this system should not be introduced till April 1893, as medicines and instruments for Burma have already been included in the Home indent of the Madras Government for 1892-93. Timely intimation should be given to the Madras Government of the institutions which will procure their supplies direct from England so as to admit of the necessary reductions being made in the indents for 1893-94.

4. I am at the same time to enclose a copy of a Circular * issued by the Deputy Surgeon General of the Central Provinces, and to suggest, for your consideration, whether it would not be desirable to introduce a similar scheme in Burma for the supply of medicines to civil medical institutions supported by District and Local Funds.

* No. 2, dated the 10th July 1890.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient Servant,

J. P. HEWETT,

Deputy Secretary to the Government of India.

No. 810.

COPY forwarded to the Government of Madras for information, with reference to the letter from that Government, No. 924 (Public), dated the 2nd ultimo.

By order.

J. P. Hewett

Deputy Secretary to the Government of India.

CURRENT NO. 47

Public Dept.

18/3/91
2/11/91 Dec 924

From
The Govt. of India,
Home Dept.

Huc.

Order 12 Jan'y 92 No 24

11/11/91
13/11/91
Cond. to the
Surgeon General
with refce to G.O. d
2.11.91, No 924.

No. 810

Dated 30th Dec^r 1891

Recd 5th January 1892
Req^d
Specie Copies 7

30B
6/1/92

J. J. J.

The Surgeon Genl

DESPATCHED
16 JAN 92
IN M.S.

Re: question of obtaining medicines
in Govt. institutions either direct
from firms in England or from the
Medical Stores.

WITH ORDER

C. 8/1
R. 12/1