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G.O., No. 442

DATED 1st June 1895

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[Despatch Abstract.]

VICTORIA CASTE AND GOSHA HOSPITAL.

Recording, with remarks, letter from the Secretary to the
Governors of the---furnishing information regarding the respectability
or otherwise of the patients suffering from venereal diseases who
were admitted into the hospital during 1894.

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 the Dufferin Fund.

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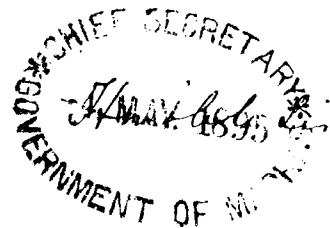
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Old College
Madras 11 March 1895.

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The Honble J. F. Price.

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Immediately on receipt of your D. O. N. 322 of the 27th Ultimo, I wrote and asked Miss Wells, the lady Superintendent of the Victoria Caste and Gocha Hospital to furnish some explanation of the figures respecting the class of patients who, suffering from Venereal diseases, were admitted as in-patients and treated in the Hospital, intended, as it is, exclusively for the benefit of those respectable caste and Gocha women who cannot afford to pay for medical attendance at their own houses. The enclosed is the reply of the Superintendent, Miss Wells, to say that she has been referring women of doubtful repute to the Voluntary Venereal Hospitals.

On looking over the Register of admissions I have not found a single case of the kind admitted a second time, and as to admissions for the first time, it is unavoidable as there could be no consultation or treatment before first entering the names of patients in the Hospital Day Book. It is ~~not~~ neither possible nor necessary now to go into the

the increase in this country generally or not which is rather a large question; but so far as my enquiry has gone, it is a delicate matter to enquire into, and the Lady Doctor cannot go minutely into details. Neither she nor the Eurasian Matron goes out of the Hospital often, nor have they the means of knowing the inner life of the hulk of Mussalman or Hindu Patients that resort to the Hospital, and much less can they trace the history of the disease in the families of the caste and Gorkha women so resorting for treatment. In such cases a humane Doctor would pause and be reluctant to refuse medical relief to poor innocent women who though ^{chaste} themselves have inherited the disease from their indiscreet parents or caught it from their diseased husbands, to say nothing of the poor children of caste and Gorkha women sometimes brought up with such diseases for treatment.

I have only to add the expression of a hope on the part of the Governors of the Hospital that the present enquiry will lead to more caution in the admission, in future, of in-patients of the class in question.

I remain
Yours truly

Your most Obedt Servt

K. Krishnamoorthy
Hony. Secy. to the Governors
of the C. & G. Hospital.

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DEPARTMENT.

From

Majors the Hon. Mr. R. J. Lawley
Cotacamed.

No.

Dated 5th May 1895

Received 6th May 1895

Recd 7th May 1895
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SUBJECT.

Re the Report on the
Subject of Venereal in the
Castle & Gorkha Hospital

Cotacamed
14th May 1895

My dear Lawley,

With reference to your No. of the 5th regarding the treatment of venereal cases in the Castle and Gorkha Hospital I send for your perusal and return of C 322 of 27th volume in which will be found the draft of my letter to Krishnamoorthy Chariar & Co No. 1432 which is his reply. Will you kindly let me know whether, as Hon. Secretary to the Suffering Fund, you wish to add anything to the latter before I submit it to the Hon. Members and His Excellency.

Yours Sincerely
(29) J. J. Price

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CHIEF SECRETARY
6. MAY. 1895
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

I gather - your 322

From

Major the Honble R. J. Laule Public of 27th - that there
Ootacamund has been some correspondence
between Krishama Charier
yourself on the subject of
Funeral in the past paper.

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Dated 18th May 1895
Received 20th _____
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SUBJECT.

Returning the papers on
funeral cases in the Castle
and Goshu Hospital.

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M. R. R. V. Krishnamma Ch
Rao.



Dear Sir

With reference to your letter of the 29th ultimo, regarding the question of diseases treated in this Hospital year 1894. I beg to state that all treated for the above complaint, best of my judgement & belief & bona fide Caste & Moslem women of the 51 cases treated in this Hospital - the rest make. I have always made the strict into their characters before admission & when the respectability was doubtful they were refused treatment.

I am
Yours
F. V.

Of course, if it is the case that these women have been diseased by their husbands, there is no more to be said. But a careful watch should be kept, & I think, for that improper characters are not admitted into the hospital. The Hon. Secy. begs to question whether the women who though innocent women who though sit themselves so - That is just question - are they innocent?

25/5/95

From what I can ascertain, a great many, if not all, are innocent. Their husbands though are not, and are most promiscuous in their amours. All the same, care should be taken as to admissions of these particular cases.

W
28 May

Public Dept

Treatment of Venereal Cases in the C. M. Hosp.

Reply from the Hon. Secy to the Governor and Secy to the Hon. Secy of the Suffering Fund are submitted for perusal.

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CHIEF SECRETARY
6 MAY 1895
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

My dear Sir

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Public of 27th - that there
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between Krishnam Chari
yourself on the subject of
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themselves for treatment;
prostitutes would come but
little, whether they went to
the V.V. Hospital or the
last of the.

Yours sincerely
H. D. Lawley