

Revenue Department

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Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 1st April 1859.

No. 106. Read the following letter from W. M. CADELL, Esq., Collector of Tanjore; to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Combaconum, 10th March 1859, No. 159.

SIR,

1. With reference to the 2nd paragraph of Extract Minutes of Consultation under date the 19th January last, No. 82; I have the honor herewith to submit a statement shewing the number of patients treated at the Lungerkhanah at Negapatam on each day of the month of December 1858.

2. The register of cases kept by the Assistant Apothecary was, I presume, intended to be forwarded to me through the Civil Surgeon but as the document in question has not yet reached me and as the statement now submitted would appear to contain the desired information I have not thought it necessary to make any further delay in replying to the order of Government.

Statement shewing the number of Paupers treated daily at the Lungerkhana for the month of December 1858.

		Disease.																
Date.	Number treated daily.	Anemia.	Cataract.	Colic.	Diarrhæa.	Dysentery.	Dyspepsia.	Elephantiasis.	Fever.	Itch.	Leprosy.	Lumbago.	Paralysis.	Rheumatism.	Syphilis.	Ulcer.	Total.	Remarks.
1st December.	16	1	1	1	1	...	1	1	...	2	...	1	2	1	3	1	16	
2d do. ...	15	1	1	1	1	...	1	1	...	2	...	1	1	1	3	1	15	
3d do. ...	15	1	1	1	1	...	1	1	...	2	...	1	1	1	3	1	15	
4th do. ...	15	1	1	1	1	...	1	1	...	2	...	1	1	1	3	1	15	
5th do. ...	14	1	1	1	1	...	1	1	...	2	...	1	1	1	3	1	14	
6th do. ...	12	...	1	1	1	...	1	1	...	1	...	1	1	1	3	1	12	
7th do. ...	14	...	1	1	1	1	1	1	...	1	...	1	1	1	3	1	14	
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9th do. ...	12	...	1	1	1	1	1	1	...	1	...	1	1	...	2	1	12	
10th do. ...	12	...	1	1	1	1	1	1	...	1	...	1	1	...	2	1	12	
11th do. ...	12	...	1	1	1	1	1	1	...	1	...	1	1	1	1	1	12	
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13th do. ...	15	...	1	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	...	1	1	1	1	1	15	
14th do. ...	13	...	1	1	1	2	1	...	2	1	...	1	1	1	1	...	13	
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18th do. ...	13	...	1	1	1	2	1	...	1	1	...	1	2	1	1	...	13	
19th do. ...	12	...	1	1	1	1	1	...	1	1	...	1	2	1	1	...	12	
20th do. ...	12	...	1	1	1	1	1	...	1	1	...	1	2	1	1	...	12	
21st do. ...	12	...	1	1	1	1	1	...	1	1	...	1	2	1	1	...	12	
22d do. ...	11	...	1	1	1	1	1	...	...	1	...	1	2	1	1	...	11	
23d do. ...	11	...	1	1	1	1	1	...	...	1	...	1	2	1	1	...	11	
24th do. ...	11	...	1	1	1	1	1	...	...	1	...	1	2	1	1	...	11	
25th do. ...	11	...	1	1	1	1	1	...	...	1	...	1	2	1	1	...	11	
26th do. ...	11	...	1	1	1	1	1	...	...	1	...	1	2	1	1	...	11	
27th do. ...	11	...	1	1	1	1	1	...	...	1	...	1	2	1	1	...	11	
28th do. ...	11	...	1	1	1	...	1	...	...	1	...	1	2	1	1	...	11	
29th do. ...	11	...	1	1	1	...	1	...	...	1	...	1	2	1	1	...	11	
30th do. ...	11	...	1	1	1	...	1	...	...	1	...	1	2	1	1	...	11	
31st do. ...	11	...	1	1	1	...	1	...	...	1	...	1	2	1	1	...	11	

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11th February 1859. }

(Signed) G. SHUNKER, Assistant Apothecary,
In Medical Charge.

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No. 107. From A. N. MAGRATH, Esq., Director General, Medical Department; to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George; dated 21st February 1859, No. 34.

SIR,

With reference to Minutes of Consultation No. 82 dated 19th January 1859, and the order of Government thereon, I have the honor to forward
From Superintending Surgeon Lovell, copies of correspondence as per margin, in explanation
and Assistant Surgeon H. Nott. of the duties of the Assistant Apothecary at Negapatam in connection with the Lungerkhana at that Station.

2. In the first para. of the order above referred to, I am requested to explain how the Assistant Apothecary is "put to considerable expense in the way of carriage hire." In reply I beg to request the attention of Government, to the Assistant Apothecary's explanation, of the nature of his duties, and the distance he resides from the Lungerkhana, as stated in his letter to the Civil Surgeon Tranquebar No. 9, 5th February 1859, and which statement is confirmed by the Civil Surgeon in letter No. 34 dated 6th Instant, to the Superintending Surgeon Southern Division.

3. It appears from the correspondence that the duties devolving on the Assistant Apothecary at Negapatam, are not so "trifling" as the Collector of Tanjore has, without any apparent grounds for assertion, stated in his letter to Government 31st December No. 1083.

4. It further appears, that a *native doctor* has been employed by the Collector subsequent to the correspondence on the subject contained in the printed Extract Minutes Consultation under reply; at a salary of Rupees seven per mensem, to perform the duties, which a qualified Apothecary, was expected to do without any remuneration.

5. I am of opinion, that the Assistant Apothecary's duties, as set forth in the explanatory letters on the subject, are already sufficiently heavy, and that if he is to visit the Lungerkhana daily, the very moderate remuneration * sanctioned in Minutes of Consultation 18th December 1858 should be granted him.

* 12 Rupees a month.

From Acting Superintending Surgeon J. LOVELL, Sourthern Division; to Assistant Surgeon H. NOTT, Civil Surgeon of Tranquebar; dated Trichinopoly 12th January 1859, No. 18.

SIR,

I have the honor to forward for your information and communication to the Assistant Apothecary at Negapatam the accompanying Extract from the Minutes of Consultation of Government in the Revenue Department No. 1677, of the 18th December 1858 (and requested to be returned) transmitted with Official Memo. No. 35, of the 8th Instant from the Secretary to the Director General.

With reference to the concluding part of last paragraph of the first mentioned document, I beg you will favor me with any suggestions which your local experience may enable you to make for communication to the Director General who will doubtless be pleased to receive any information from you which will enable him to comply with the wishes of Government as expressed on this subject.

Assistant Apothecary Leonard in his communication to you of date 2nd September 1858 and concluding part of the last paragraph after asking for remuneration for the extra duty imposed on an expected of him that of proceeding to visit the inmates of the Lungerkhana requests that authority may be granted him for applying for extra Medicines, that will in that case be required in means by this probably only a more liberal supply from your Dispensary for his use or disposal, there should any more extensive demand be considered expedient it will be necessary in order properly to check. Indents on the stores for Medicines &c. that the number of sick applicants at the Institution and ordinary character of their ailments should be fully stated, the designation of the Institution being that of Asylum or house for the lame and I presume supported by or through the Collector's means under the authority of Government I have the honor

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to request that you will on this subject afford me such information as may be in your power, and at the same time to furnish me with a list of such remedies as in your opinion, the Assistant Apothecary might reasonably be allowed to apply or indent for if beyond yourself and beg you will give me the information in such convenient form that it may, if necessary, be forwarded for the consideration and orders of the Director General, should the demand a novel one be made direct or through you on the Division Stores.

From Civil Surgeon H. NOTT; to the Superintending Surgeon of the Southern Division;
dated Tranquebar, 27th January 1859, No. 29.

SIR,

In reply to your letter No. 18, dated 12th January 1859, I have the honor to return as directed the accompanying Extract from the Minutes of Consultation and to apologise for the apparent delay in giving the information desired, in consequence of my having been unable to obtain authentic information at an earlier period.

It appears that the Lunkerhana (which you must understand is at Negapatam and not at Tranquebar as set forth in the Minutes of Consultation) is an asylum for the infirm, lame, and blind, and those whose ailments are for the most part of a chronic nature. It is supported by a rent from some lands granted by Government which amounts to Rupees 50 per mensem, the Native Doctor receives 7 Rupees per mensem, another person who acts as Superintendent, receives $3\frac{1}{2}$ Rupees, and a caste woman for cooking $2\frac{1}{2}$ Rupees per mensem.

Of course the attendance of the Assistant Apothecary attached to the Station of Negapatam will render the service of the Native Doctor no longer requisite, and I must here inform you that a Native Doctor was appointed to the Institution subsequent to the application of Mr. Leonard for remuneration for the performance of the duty, in consequence of the Collector considering that Mr. Leonard the Assistant Apothecary did not attend the Lunkerhana regularly, and the Assistant Apothecary pointed out that he was unable to do this unless some allowance was made him for the purpose of keeping a conveyance as the distance was 2 miles from the Hospital, but this the Collector refused, I think that the Apothecary could be easily paid out of the funds of the Institution particularly if he acts in the double capacity of Superintendent and Medical Attendant as in that case both the Native Doctor and present Superintendent could be dispensed with, and their aggregate salaries amount to $10\frac{1}{2}$ Rupees per mensem, leaving only a balance of $1\frac{1}{2}$ Rupee to complete the amount of salary at present sanctioned for the Assistant Apothecary.

As regards the supply of medicines the inmates of Lunkerhana are as few that I think there will be no occasion to make separate indents for them on the Medical Store Keeper of the division as I shall be enabled to supply a sufficiency in conjunction with those allowed for the Civil Station of Negapatam, more especially since it appears from a recent Circular from your Office that the full amount of medicines permitted to be indented for, will in future be supplied in order to prevent extra Indents.

From Civil Surgeon H. NOTT; to the Superintending Surgeon Southern Division; dated
Tranquebar, 6th February 1859, No. 32.

SIR,

In reply to "memo." No. 137 dated 25th January 1859 from the Secretary to the Director General of the Medical Department, I have the honor to offer the following remarks, in reply to paras. 2 and 3 of the orders of Government (regarding the Lunkerhana at Negapatam) No. 82 dated 19th January 1859.

In September 1858 it appears that the Collector of Tanjore signified his desire that Assistant Apothecary Leonard should discontinue his attendance at the Lunkerhana, in consequence of the irregularity of his visits, and a Native Doctor was *again* appointed on a salary of 7 Rupees per mensem but which the Collector had refused to allow Assistant Apothecary Leonard. The present Assistant Apothecary Mr. Shunker is unable to afford the desired information regarding the number of inmates of the Lunkerhana whether sick or healthy, for the month of December 1858 as he has not been in attendance during that month. But he has forwarded me

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a copy of the list of Paupers treated in the above Institution taken from the records kept there by the Native Doctor which I herewith enclose.

In reply to para. 3 I beg most respectfully to explain that when I supported the application of Assistant Apothecary Leonard for remuneration for his attendance at the Lungerkhana I did not consider it necessary to trouble the Government with the previous correspondence between the Collector of Tanjore and myself on the subject, as when I made the application for the remuneration for the Assistant Apothecary, I imagined that it was competent for Mr. Phillips to give the allowance heretofore, and *still* drawn by the Native Doctor without reference to Government, and the refusal of Mr. Phillips to permit the above salary to be drawn by the Assistant Apothecary appeared so manifestly unjust that I did not consider it would have any weight with Government in the matter.

From Civil Surgeon H. NOTT; to the Superintending Surgeon Southern Division; dated 6th February 1859, No. 34.

SIR,

I have just received from the Assistant Apothecary at Negapatam the accompanying copy of the Register kept at the Lungerkhana of Negapatam of sick Paupers treated by the Native Doctor, as the Assistant Apothecary did not afford Medical aid to the Institution for the month in question, by order of the Collector, consequently I am unable to give a Register of cases kept by the Assistant Apothecary and countersigned by the Collector as called for in para. 2 Minutes of Consultation No. 82 dated 19th January 1859.

I also beg to forward the letter of the Assistant Apothecary at Negapatam regarding the nature of his duties at that station and to remark that he has correctly defined them, and when you consider that in addition to these he has to prepare his reports, keep his Hospital Books, and compound the medicines, you will readily acknowledge that his time must be fully occupied, and that the charge he holds is of a highly responsible and onerous nature, and that the duties appertaining to it are any thing but of a trifling character as set forth by the Collector of Tanjore.

From Assistant Apothecary G. SHUNKER; to H. NOTT, Esq., Civil Surgeon Tranquebar, dated Negapatam 5th February 1859, No. 9.

SIR,

In replying to your memorandum of date the 1st February 1859, I beg in the first instance to submit an authenticated copy of Paupers admitted and treated in the Lungerakhana for December 1858, as called for by Government in their Minutes of Consultation para. 2. dated 19th January 1859, giving in detail their age, sex, disease, &c. as entered in the registry kept at the above place.

Glancing at this copy you will have no difficulty to perceive that though the number of inmates for December is 28 yet the great majority of 25 have received medical treatment, which fact is in itself contradictory of the statement made by the Collector to have entered the institution being one forth in excess of the number he stated including sick and healthy, viz. 20.

In continuation of the request contained in the "Memo." from the office of the Director General I beg to detail an amount of the duties devolving on me as Assistant Apothecary of the station which are as follow.

Detachment of 63 men that are always present at the station exclusive of the drafts at Cusbahs. Jail consisting of 85 convicts, sick transfers for the most part from Combaconum, Sepoys and occasionally European Soldiers on sick leave, Commanding Officer, Head Assistant Magistrate and family, District Moonsiff and family, their servants and several Establishments, Telegraph Department about 40. European Assistant Engineer, Overseers, Lascars with their families belonging to the Department of Public Works, Railway Establishment, Cutwalls Establishment of Nagore. Tahsildar's Cutcherry, Police cases requiring treatments, Sea Customs Establishment, accidents to shipping, Government Schools, camp followers auditing the arrival and departure of Corps, and the Dutch Resident of Negapatam.

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I am just now living at Codambaddy as you are aware and the distance from this place to the Lungerkana is better than a mile or even turning a corner to make the poor house as Mr. Phillips observes on the road leading from town where my predecessor lived to the residence of the native Guard, Jail, &c. I should say it is fairly good half a mile over extremely rough ground.

Regarding the remarks made by the Collector on the nature of my duty I leave entirely to you to estimate whether the amount of work is of so trifling a kind as that described by him in his letter to Government; for apart from the injustice done me, it must be quite impossible for a non-professional Gentleman to entertain opinions on this score, much has forming any definite or correct conclusion, especially when he is situate so distant and any from the scene of my duties. In para. 4 the Collector is inclined to think that my visits to Town are of a lucrative kind, little reflecting that the residents of the place are entitled to Medical aid as a part of the charge assigned me by G. O. C. C.

Lieutenant Whitehead is an eyewitness to the duties I have had to perform within the last fortnight, making two, three and sometimes even four visits to town, a distance of 2 miles without being allowed any Horse allowance to meet the exigency. I am sometimes summoned to inspect bodies severely beaten in an affray and which cant be removed to the Hospital, under such circumstances I have to furnish my own conveyance also.

In conclusion I beg respectfully to call your particular attention to this and other items preceding it, with a view, that though unfairly as the matter has been depicked, you may have them fully represented and obtain for me the requisite sanction of Government should you deem me worthy of the same.

Nominal list of Paupers treated in the Lungerakhana for December 1858 including those that remained on the 30th November 1858.

Remained in the Lungerakhana on the 30th November 1858.							
No.	Names.	Sex.	Age.	Disease.	Admission.	Discharge.	Remarks.
1	John.....	Male.	75	Cataract.	1st Decr.	.....	Remained 30th Nov.
2	Fakree Pendarum.	Do.	50	Ulcer.	Do.	14th Decr.	Do.
3	Poora thavan....	Do.	55	Paralysis.	Do.	1st do.	Do.
4	Chellum.....	Do.	30	Colic.	Do.	.....	Do.
5	Thylamay..	Female.	60	Dyspepsia.	Do.	.....	Do.
6	Alaghamay	Do.	80	Lumbago.	Do.	.....	Do.
7	Lutcheemee.....	Do.	70	Paralysis.	Do.	.....	Do.
8	Kareeyal.....	Do.	35	Elephantiasis.	Do.	14th Decr.	Do.
9	Meenachee.	Do.	50	Diarrhæa.	Do.	.....	Do.
10	Edembapillay	Male.	55	Syphilis.	Do.	5th Decr.	Do.
11	Theeyagaroyen....	Do.	50	Itch.	Do.	6th do.	Do.
12	Govindoo.....	Female.	4	Anæmia.	Do.	6th do.	Do.
13	Kathæe.....	Male.	22	Syphilis.	Do.	11th do.	Do.
14	Seevagamee.....	Female.	15	Itch.	Do.	9th do.	Do.
15	Mootheean.....	Male.	70	Rheumatism.	Do.	9th do.	Do.
16	Kathan.....	Do.	35	Syphilis.	Do.	.....	Do.
17	Mary Gaskill.....	Female.	35	No Ailment.	Do.	.....	Do.
18	Jno. Gaskill.....	Male.	11	Do.	Do.	.....	Do.
19	Geo. Gaskill.....	Do.	8	Do.	Do.	.....	Do.
20	Ramen.....	Do.	28	Syphilis.	7th Decr.	.....	
21	Kunnamal... ..	Female.	45	Dysentery.	Do.	19th Decr.	
22	Moothen	Male.	55	Rheumatism.	11th Decr.	.....	
23	Suhtheavoo.....	Female.	38	Dysentery.	13th Decr.	22d Decr.	
24	Vulleemay.....	Male.	25	Fever.	Do.	18th do.	
25	Moothoosawmy ...	Do.	10	Do.	Do.	22d do.	
26	Veeran... ..	Do.	40	Paralysis.	18th Decr.	.....	
27	Vustheean.....	Do.	25	Dysentery.	22d Decr.	28th Decr.	
28	Savanandy.....	Do.	45	Leprosy.	28th Decr.		

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4th February 1859. }

(Signed) G. SHUNKER,
Assistant Apothecary.

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From Civil Surgeon H. NOTT; to the Officer Commanding Negapatam; dated Tranquebar, 5th February 1859, No. 33.

SIR,

As you have now been nearly two years the Commanding Officer of Negapatam and have doubtless had good opportunities of observing what the duties of the Assistant Apothecary at that station consist of, I shall feel obliged if you will kindly inform me (judging from your previous knowledge of a Medical Subordinates duties) whether you consider those performed by the Assistant Apothecary at Negapatam to be of a responsible and onerous description or otherwise, and whether they are such as fully to occupy the time of the Medical Subordinate.

From Lieutenant G. WHITEHEAD, Commanding Negapatam; to the Civil Surgeon at Tranquebar; dated Negapatam, 7th February 1859, No. 20.

SIR,

No. 33 of 5th February 1859. In reply to your letter No. and date as per margin I have the honor to state that from my personal experience during 19 months I have commanded this station I consider the duties of the Assistant Apothecary Stationed here to be of a very responsible and onerous nature from his having so many different duties to attend to.

From Civil Surgeon H. NOTT; to the Superintending Surgeon Southern Division; dated Tranquebar, 9th February 1859, No. 35.

SIR,

I have the honor to forward the accompanying letters regarding the Lungerakhana at Negapatam that have passed between myself and the Officer Commanding that Station, in case you should be of opinion that it will be expedient to transmit them to the Director General for submission to the most noble the Governor in Council to shew that the views of Mr. Phillips the late Collector of Tanjore regarding the trifling nature of the duties of the Assistant Apothecary are by no means shared in by the Commanding Officer who has a daily opportunity of seeing what the duties performed by the Assistant Apothecary really are.

No. 108. ORDER THEREON, No. 444; dated 1st April 1859.

The information required in Extract Minutes Consultation 19th January 1859, as to the number of patients under treatment in the Lungerkhanah at Negapatam on each day of the month of December 1858, has not been furnished by the Director General Medical Department, but the omission has been supplied by the Collector of Tanjore, and the Government learn from it that the number of patients was at the highest sixteen one day only, the smaller number being eleven.

2. On the whole the work at the Lungerkhanah seems not to be heavy, either as respects actual employment within the institution, or getting to and from it. But the Government resolve to enquire from the Collector whether in his opinion the allowance of 7 Rupees per mensem now received by the Native Doctor may be most properly given to him or to the Apothecary. If it should be ultimately given to the latter, he should be clearly made to understand that he is to give his careful attention to the institution.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,
Secretary to Government.

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 1st ^{April} March 1859

Recd the follow-
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From the Director General

Med. Dep. Fort St. George

Here enter 21st February 1859
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The Collector of Langport
to give his opinion whether the
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