

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Dated	June	19 1862

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Subluxation

O. B. Irwin Esq. at 26 years 2 months
Head of the Collector. Coimbatore
Residence in India - 5 years 2 months
Temperament - Lymphatic
Habits - Temperate

Summary of Case & Treatment

A case of severe sprain followed by weakness and relaxation of the ligaments of the ankle joint.
Treatment - Cold lotions, cold douche, bandaging, strapping, counter-irritation by blisters and fracture of bone.

Recommended leave to Europe on sick Certificate.

12 June 1862. As Mr. Irwin has not been actually on the sick report since July 1860, and has been in the district the greater part of the time since I assumed medical charge of this station, I can give only a brief statement of his case. In November 1860 Mr. Irwin met with an accident which laid the foundation of his present symptoms. While driving in a dog cart his horse bolted, and he was thrown on the ground with great violence spraining both ankles. The left ankle was well in a few days, but for the injury to the right he was under treatment at Coimbatore for about two months. The treatment adopted was cold lotions, cold douche, bandaging, &c. From that time the ankle continued well till October 1861, when by accident it suddenly "came out" when he was standing quietly talking to a lady in her verandah. He walked home though suffering great pain, and next day his ankle was much swollen and very tender. The acute symptoms were subdued under appropriate treatment but he began to walk and to pay rackets while the joint was still weak. It was at this time I have no doubt that the mischief was done which threatens to be so serious in its results. It was then also that I saw him for the first time.

At my recommendation he gave up playing rackets, and took to wearing an elastic stocking to give support to the joint. There was then nothing abnormal to be seen or felt about the joint no swelling or heat or tenderness on pressure. He complained merely of a feeling of weakness in the ankle, and inability to take sufficient exercise in consequence. The cold douche twice a day, careful bandaging and rest were enjoined and carried out till he went into the district. On his return he informed me that he had again "put out" his ankle. There were then signs of subacute inflammation, slight swelling and considerable tenderness on pressure on the outer aspect of the joint, especially over the anterior portion of the external lateral ligament. A blister was applied to the foot by which the tenderness was removed. Afterwards strapping, bandaging and counter irritation with Compound tincture of Iodine were tried. Under these measures all signs of inflammation disappeared, but he still complained of weakness in the joint. In order to save the ankle as much as possible he took to crutches and had a self-wheeling chair made. During the last two months Mr. Irvine has been in the district and I have seen him only occasionally, but he has I am aware been following the treatment recommended and I am sorry to say with no apparent improvement. Although there are no signs of disease about the joint beyond slight puffiness & tenderness. Owing to its outer aspect, from the persistence & obstinacy of the symptoms I am persuaded that some structural mischief is taking place or has taken place in the joint and that prolonged and careful treatment with the use of mechanical appliances which cannot be obtained here will be

absolutely necessary. Under this impression I have several times suggested to Mr. Irvine the advisability of his returning to Europe on sick certificate but he was unwilling to return to England at present as it would be injurious to his prospects in the service to do so. Having however become convinced of the necessity of the step, and having consulted Surgeon Major Sanderson & Posterns who were both of opinion that he ought to proceed to Europe without delay, he returned yesterday to Coimbatore. Under these circumstances I have no hesitation in granting him the following certificate -

I George Stewart Watson
Reg. Civil Surgeon of Coimbatore
do hereby certify that Mr. A. B.
Irvine of the Civil Service is
in a bad state of health and
I solemnly & sincerely declare
that according to the best of my
judgment a change of air is
essentially necessary to his re-
covery and do therefore recom-
mend that he may be permitted
to proceed to Europe for the
space of fifteen months

Coimbatore
12th June 1882

G. S. Watson
Civil Surgeon

in No. 2561 of 1862

W. R. Cunningham

Certification of
J. B. Irvine Surgeon Major
of the 6th Regiment of Bombay
Lt. Col. M. B. M. A.
Civil Surgeon

I, George Stewart Watson Esq
Civil Surgeon of Bombay do hereby
by certify that Mr. O. B. Irvine of the
Civil Service is in a bad state of
health and I solemnly and sincerely
declare that according to the best of
my judgment a change of air is
essentially necessary to his recovery, and
do therefore recommend that he may
be permitted to proceed to Europe
for the space of fifteen months

Bombay
12th June 1862

J. B. Irvine M. B. M. A.
Civil Surgeon

I do hereby certify that according to the
best of my professional judgment after careful
personal examination of Mr. O. B. Irvine I consider
the state of health of Mr. O. B. Irvine to be such
as to render leave of absence to Europe for a
period of fifteen months absolutely necessary
for his recovery.

G. S. Watson Esq
16th June 1862

J. B. Irvine
Surgeon in charge
Office of the Surgeon General

I do hereby certify, that according
to the best of my professional judgment
after careful personal examination of this
case I consider the state of health
of D. B. Spruce liable to the such as to
render leave of absence for a period of
15 months highly desirable for his
recovery.

Edw. M. S.
Physician & Surgeon
New York

Office of Dr. M. S. Spruce
Fort St. George
19th June 1862.

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N. 1544 Memo.

Transmitted to the Offr
Civil Paymaster, with
reference to his Memo.
of the 18th instant.

By order

Wm. M. Misk

Secy to the Asst. Secy
of the Army

Office of the Asst. Secy
Fort Mifflin
19th June 1862.

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Memo

Submitted to
Govt. in continuation
of report from this
Office No. 31 dated
10th Instant.

20 June '02. *[Signature]*

[Signature] Civil Engineer

The Secretary

of Govt.

Rev. Dept.

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Coinbalore Head. Appt. and Collector.
Office - 12th June 1862.

From O. H. Home Esq.
Acting Head Appt. - Collector -
Coinbalore

To P. Grant Esq.
Collector
Coinbalore.

Sir I have the honor to request
that you will have the goodness
to obtain for me permission
to return to England on sick
certificate for fifteen months
by the last steamer of this
month from Madras, with
preparatory leave from the
20th instant.

2. I enclose the necessary
certificate from the Civil
Surgeon of this Station.

I have the honor to be

Sir
Your most obedient servant.

O. H. Home
Acting Head Appt. - Collector

Submitted through
the Civil Station, for
the favorable consideration
of Government.

2. The Medical Bureau
should have been
recommended by
the Secretary before
General Headquarters.

Respectfully,
Yours,
J. B. Clark

June 1862.

W. B. Clark
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