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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
10th December 1863.

No. 162. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department:—

Communicating a report from the Controller of Military Finance, regarding the mode of distributing Medicines from Military Stores to Civil Departments. } (Here enter 3rd December 1863, No. 3,854.)

No. 163. ORDER THEREON, 10th December 1863, No. 2,245.

Communicated to the undermentioned authorities for information and guidance:—

Board of Revenue.
Director of Revenue Settlement.
Superintendent of Revenue Survey.
Inám Commissioner.
Officiating Conservator of Forests.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue,
" Director of Revenue Settlement,
" Superintendent of Revenue Survey,
" Inám Commissioner,
" Officiating Conservator of Forests,
} with Proceedings Military Department, No. 3,854.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers :—

From the Principal Inspector General Medical Department, Fort Saint George, 6th November 1863, No. 247 ; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

I have the honor to address Government on the subject of a reference regarding the mode of distributing Medicines from Military Stores to Civil Departments.

2. By a late order the system of Cash payments between Departments was abolished, but the Controller of Military Finance still considers that Civil Departments should bear the cost of the *carriage* of Medicines from the Store Depôts to their destination.

3. The Commissary General has ordered his Department not to supply Commissariat Coolies for this purpose in future.

4. I beg to point out that there are grave objections to the proposed practice.

5. Medical Stores, until they have been received by the Civil Department, are not in the custody of Civil Medical Officers, and they cannot therefore be held responsible for things they have never received. I may mention that the receipted invoice is the Store-keeper's only voucher for the issue, and that until it can be produced, the Store-keeper is held responsible for the articles which may have been supplied on Indent.

6. It is not at all unlikely that if the conveyance of Stores be entrusted to irresponsible persons, great and serious loss of property may occur, for which, under the proposed system, no body will be able to give an account. Public Military Stores are, so far as I am aware, never taken about the country unless under some protection. The Commissariat Department has hitherto supplied the requisite protection and guarantee, as regards Medical Stores, and I would deprecate any change in the practice.

7. The cost I may observe will be just the same to Government whether the Commissariat Department supplies Coolies or the Medical Store-keeper entertains them. I look upon the Stores as belonging to the Military Department until they have been handed over to the Civil indenting Officer, and consequently advocate their being duly protected while in transit.

Referred for the consideration and report of the Controller of Military Finance.

9th November 1863.

Report from Major J. G. Touch, conducting the duties of the Office of Controller of Military Finance, Fort Saint George, 20th November 1863, *E.*

Dated 6th November 1863, *No.* 247.

I have the honor to return the letter of the Principal Inspector General Medical Department, referred to this Office for report on the 9th November 1863.

2. The Principal Inspector General takes exception to the ruling of this Office that the Civil Department should bear the cost of carriage of Medicines from the Store Depôts to their destination ; urging that the system of Cash payments between Departments has been abolished.

3. Cash payments for Stores which have already been paid for by Government are to cease, but when one Department requires another to execute a service which involves an outlay of Cash, the latter is to be put in funds by a Transfer Receipt.

4. There is no objection to the Commissariat Department supplying the carriage for Medical Stores at the expense of the Civil Department concerned, and under that arrangement the inconvenience and risk referred to by the Principal Inspector General will be obviated.

ORDER, No. 3854, *3rd December* 1863.

Ordered that the foregoing Report from the Controller of Military Finance, in which the Governor in Council concurs, be communicated to the Principal Inspector General Medical Department and Departments concerned, for information and guidance.

(True Extract.)

Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Principal Inspector General Medical Department.
„ Controller of Military Finance.
„ Examiner of Medical Accounts.
„ Commissary General.
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Fort St George
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