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Read the following papers:—

No. 144. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 30th April 1867,
No. 2,636.

From the Acting Collector of South Canara, to the Secretary to the Board of
Revenue, dated Mangalore, 13th April 1867, No. 64.

1. I have the honour to forward, herewith, copies of letters which have passed between the Inspector General, Medical Department, and myself, on the subject of first Dresser A. Lazarus, at present attached to the Collector's Establishment of this district, and to request the orders of the Board thereon.

2. Before making over charge of the district to me, Mr. Cadell told me that when he first joined the district he found this Dresser to be perfectly useless by reason of his excessive corpulence and the apathy he displayed in the discharge of his duty. In consequence of this Mr. Cadell never took him out into the district on any of his tours, and in no way made use of the man, who lived in Mangalore doing little or nothing, and latterly had been attending at the Civil Dispensary under Doctor King's orders. He also added that Mr. G. L. Morris had fully shared in the opinion he entertained of the Dresser's incapability for active duty.

3. I was here for nearly three weeks without having seen the Dresser, and then had occasion to send for him up to my house, when he told me in a very impertinent manner that he had obeyed my summons "with very great personal inconvenience." I did not consider him by any means the man that should be in attendance on a Collector's establishment, and I, therefore, requested the Inspector General, Medical Department, to transfer Dresser Lazarus permanently to the Civil Dispensary where the post of Dresser was vacant, and to appoint some younger, more active and intelligent Dresser in his place.

4. The Inspector General, Medical Department, has now, as you will observe, declined to do this on the ground that he is satisfied, from the periodical reports that have been sent him, that Dresser Lazarus is quite fit for the duties of the appointment to which he is attached.

5. As a commentary on this letter I may mention that, at the commencement of this week, I warned the Dresser in person that I should expect him to travel with my Cutcherry on the Jummahbundy tour about to commence, and the very next day the Dresser complained to the Acting Zillah Surgeon of pains in his back which prevented him from moving about; and this afternoon before receiving the letter from the Inspector General, Medical Department, I sent for Dresser Lazarus to my Office, and desired him to proceed to Beltangady, a place thirty-five miles distant in the Uppinangady talook, where on the 17th I hope to hold Jummahbundy, and to bring with him a proper supply of lymph, in order to vaccinate such of the assembled ryots who might be desirous of submitting to the operation. The Dresser at once flatly declined to obey my orders, said that he was feeling unwell and quite unfit to travel, and added that it was "with great difficulty to his breathing" that he had then come to my Cutcherry to receive my instructions.

6. This conversation, I think, only shews how utterly unfit Lazarus is for the post of Dresser on the Collector's establishment. The Inspector General assures me that the man is fit for active duty, while the Dresser himself declares that he is not, and refuses to travel with my Office.

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7. As the Dresser declines to obey my orders, for reasons which, I am convinced, are only promoted by a malingering desire to evade his duty, I am now obliged to take the Cutcherry Establishment out into the district, where fever is universally prevalent, without any Medical subordinate.

8. I venture to hope that the Board will be pleased to take steps for the immediate removal of the useless individual who is at present attached to my Office. If the exigencies of the Medical Department are such that no other Dresser is available for duty in his place, I have only to state that I would infinitely prefer in that case to be without any Dresser at all.

From the Acting Collector of South Canara, to the Principal Inspector General, Medical Department, dated Mangalore, 30th March 1867, No. 270.

1. I have the honour to request that you will be so good as to give orders for the appointment of another Dresser to do duty under my orders, and with my establishment, in the room of First Dresser Lazarus, who at present holds that appointment.

2. Dresser Lazarus has been employed in the public service since 1842, and has held his present post since 1864.

3. The Collector of this district, Mr. Cadell (for whom I am now acting) has, during the two years he has been in South Canara, found this Dresser incapacitated by his corpulence, as well as other causes, for the efficient discharge of his duties, and whenever he has been on circuit in the district with his Office, he has never on any one occasion had the Dresser out with him. He has latterly been doing duty at the Civil Dispensary in Mangalore under the orders of Dr. King, the Zillah Surgeon, with the consent of Mr. Cadell, and possibly for that sedentary occupation he is well fitted.

4. I am a stranger to this district, and have come without medicines of any kind, and the time has arrived for me to go out into the district with my office establishment for some time, and it is necessary that I should there have the services of some Dresser.

5. It happens that just at present the post of Dresser in the Mangalore Dispensary is permanently vacant, and this being so, I beg to suggest that Dresser Lazarus be now transferred to that appointment, and some other younger and more active man nominated in his place.

6. I may add that fever is reported to be unusually prevalent this year throughout the district, and as my tour must commence very shortly, I shall feel much obliged by your passing early orders with regard to this reference. I need hardly remind you that, during the lengthened tours which Collectors have to make in their districts, the Dresser attached to their establishments are necessarily for months together without any direct supervision from Officers of Medical Department, and it is, therefore, most desirable that the individuals selected for such comparatively independent position should be men of active habits and respectable steady characters, who will win the confidence of the people amongst whom they are employed, and take an interest in their work, instead of falling into the sluggish perfunctory mode of discharging their duties that is unfortunately too often to be observed.

From the Secretary to the Inspector General, Medical Department, to the Acting Collector of South Canara, dated Fort Saint George, 9th April 1867, No. 1,335.

I have the honour, by order of the Inspector General, Medical Department, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 270, of the 30th ultimo, and to inform you that he sees no necessity for removing First Dresser A. Lazarus, as, from the various annual reports, he is quite fit for the duties of the appointment to which he is attached. The removal you desire could not be carried out at the present time, there being a scarcity of subordinates for duty.

Submitted for the orders of Government, with the Board's recommendation that instructions be issued to the Medical Department to attach a more active

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medical subordinate to the Collector's Office in South Canara. It is absolutely necessary that Officers visiting feverish localities should have medical aid at hand.

Referred to the Inspector General, Medical Department, for his remarks.

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,

Secretary to Government.

1st May 1867.

No. 145. From the Inspector General, Medical Department, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Fort Saint George, 14th May 1867, No. 189.

1. Adverting to Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 2,636, dated 30th ultimo, referred by you for my remarks, I have the honour to state that on the receipt of letter, No. 270, from Mr. Whiteside, Acting Collector, relative to Dresser Lazarus attached to his Office, I called for the annual report upon the Medical subordinate, which bore such satisfactory testimony to his efficiency that I did not feel justified in putting the individual, or the public service, to inconvenience by complying with the Acting Collector's request.

2. I have now, with reference to paragraphs 5 and 6 of Mr. Whiteside's letter, No. 64, called upon the Acting Zillah Surgeon to furnish a special report upon the Dresser, and I shall again address you on receipt of that Officer's report.

No. 146. From the Inspector General, Indian Medical Department, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Fort Saint George, 5th June 1867, No. 210.

In returning the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, referred with your docket of the 1st ultimo, I have the honour to state, for the information of Government, that having called for report as to the present state of First Dresser Lazarus, No. 204, the Zillah Surgeon of Mangalore gives it as his opinion that the Dresser, from his corpulence, is more fitted for duty with the Civil Dispensary than with the Collector's establishment; I have accordingly removed the Dresser from his present post, and appointed a more active man to the establishment of the Collector.

No. 147.

ORDER THEREON, 10th June 1867, No. 1,308.

Ordered that the Inspector General's letter be communicated to the Revenue Board, with reference to their Proceedings of 30th April, No. 2,636.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

the Inspector General, Medical Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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