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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
2nd October 1868.*

No. 51. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 24th September 1868 :—

Read the following papers from the Collector of South Canara :—

Abstract Statement of Births and Deaths for April 1868.

Do.	do.	do.	May	„
Do.	do.	do.	June	„
Do.	do.	do.	July	„

Read also the following letter from the Acting Collector of South Canara, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Mangalore, 7th September 1868, No. 829.

1. With reference to the Board's Official Memorandum No. 936, of the 26th ultimo, I have the honor to report that I have been long watching the increasing mortality from fever, but learning from my Dresser, whom I sent out for the purpose, that the new cases were few, and the mortality chiefly among those who had the seeds of fever left in them from last year, together with an enlarged liver and affected spleen, and who succumbed rather from extreme debility than disease, and for whom the best medicines was a more liberal diet than they were able to afford, or I to supply, I could not see my way to being of any real service to the suffering poor. Moreover, the monsoon was unusually heavy, and there was reason to hope it would carry off the fever.

2. In deference to the Board's wishes, I have now sent out, as I did last year, medicines made up into ordinary doses for free distribution among the sick poor; quinine in bottles for sale to the rich; my own Dresser to itinerate in one direction; while the only other Dresser the Zillah Surgeon can spare me, will itinerate in another.

* 1 Dresser for Jail Hospital.
1 Do. Civil Dispensary.
1 Do. Police Hospital.
1 Do. Military do.
1 Regimental Apothecary (absent).

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† Board's Procs., 17th June 1868, No. 4,501.
To Board, 14th July 1868, No. 661.

3. But the Medical staff* allowed is very inadequate to the requirements of a district annually visited with fever, and I would take this opportunity to urge that this district may be amongst the first supplied with the extra Dressers proposed,† and that an additional one be granted, if possible, solely for itineracy in the more unhealthy parts.

4. The Superintendent General of Vaccine has lately intimated to me that he has organized a regular Vaccine establishment for this district, headed by a third class Hospital Assistant. It has suggested itself that they might be made useful in the treatment of fever during its prevalency, and I am addressing him in order to learn his views.

From the Acting Collector of South Canara, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Mangalore, 17th September 1868, No. 875.

So definitively were the services of the Dresser, alluded to in paragraph 2 of my letter, dated the 7th instant, No. 829, promised, that I had even arranged for the

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localities he was to visit, and had no doubt, when I wrote the above letter, that he would have been on his way before the letter. On my return from camp, however, I find that circumstances have prevented the Zillah Surgeon being able to supply him. I have, therefore, thought proper to report the matter, simply that I might not leave the Board under a misconception. I do not think it necessary to apply elsewhere for an extra Dresser immediately, as by late reports the fever seems to be abating. The cold land-winds are setting in.

1. Resolved that the above papers be submitted to Government, with the Board's recommendation that the subject be referred to the Inspector General, Medical Department, for immediate consideration.

2. The Board having observed from the usual Monthly Returns of Births and Deaths, recently furnished from South Canara, that the rate of mortality (especially from fever) was very high and steadily and rapidly increasing, requested the Acting Collector to report whether any fever medicines were being distributed to the people, in view to checking the disease, and his reply is above recorded.

3. The following is an abstract of the District Monthly Returns for April, May, June, and July:—

Months for which the Return has been furnished.	Population, last Census.	Total number of Births	Total number of Deaths.	CAUSES OF DEATH.						Ratio of deaths per 1,000 from all causes.	Ditto from fever alone.
				Fever.	Cholera.	Small-pox.	Other diseases.	Old age.	Accident, Suicide, Hanging, and Murder.		
April ...	836,019	1,015	1,170	464	7	37	525	114	23	1.39	.55
May ...		1,110	1,337	580	4	15	583	118	37	1.59	.69
June ...		1,371	1,579	742	9	23	611	147	47	1.88	.89
July ...		1,520	2,018	991	8	23	780	174	42	2.43	1.18
Total ...	...	5,016	6,104	2,777	28	98	2,499	553	149	7.29	3.31

4. From Mr. Thomas' last letter it seems that the fever is still abating; but that the services of one of the two Dressers on whom he relied are not available.

5. During the four months the deaths exceeded the births by more than 1,000.

6. The Board consider that this serious loss of life calls for special attention, and they therefore submit the papers to Government, with a recommendation that the matter be referred to the Inspector General, Medical Department.

No. 52. ORDER THEREON, 2nd October 1868, No. 2,541.

Miscellaneous.

1. Resolved that the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue above recorded be referred to the Inspector General, Indian Medical Department, for immediate notice.

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2. It can hardly be necessary that the Civil Dispensary and the Police Hospital should be supplied with separate Dressers at a time when their services in other parts of the district are so much required. The average number of the Police patients ought to be small, and the two establishments might probably be placed under one Dresser temporarily.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,

Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Inspector General, Indian Medical Department.
„ the Public Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 3062

From *Pro: of the Board of Revenue*Dated 24th September 1868.

FOR ORDERS.

Adverting to the condition, consequent on last year's fever, of those who have recently fallen victims to the new disease of this year - and to the statement made by the Acting Collector that the fever is abating, I doubt whether there is much to be feared & referring the Commissioner to the P.D.G. Med. Dept. but I doubt whether it is being sent to him. - If there is a scarcity of Drapers, I would call the Commission to keep the Civil Dispensary & the Police Hospital under separate Drapers? The average Police patients ought to be small I would suggest the temporary union of the two establishments in order to secure the services of one of the 2 Drapers for fever work in the district. W.D.N.

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To

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THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

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Dated October, 2nd.

Recd.

C.O. 2nd October 1868, No. 2,541.

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MCS. 21-53.

Medical Staff in South Canara.—Board's Proceedings regarding its inadequacy during the prevalence of fever referred to Inspector General Medical Department, for immediate notice.

I would send the papers of the
Inspector General with the
suggestion made by Mr. Phillips

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Proceedings of the Madras Court
under date the 2^d Octr 1868-

Read the fol-
lowing Pro: of the Bd of
Revenue -

Submitting to Court
letters from Colls of South
Canara on the subject of
inadequacy of Medl staff
of the St during prevalence
of fever -

(Hil. 24th Sept 1868,
No -)

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S. J. [Signature]

