No. 73. Read the following letter from the Acting Inspector-General, Indian Medical Department :—

Submits opinion on the Medical Certificate granted to the Rajah of Venkatagiri relative o his son's health } (Here enter 25th August 1871.)

No. 74. ORDER THEREON, 6th September 1871, No. 1,543.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government consider that, regard being had to their very limited observation of the case of the Venkatagiri Rajah's son in point of time, Drs. Stanbrough and Duff acted in an indiscreet manner in granting such a certificate as they did, especially as to the specified period of time during which they warned his parents that it would be inadvisable he should be permitted to leave his present home, and that, in citing his strong affection for his family as an additional argument to support their view, they adduced a motive of which, under the circumstances, it was beyond their competence to judge.

2. The Acting Inspector-General will communicate these remarks to the officers concerned.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Acting Inspector-General, Indian Medical Department.

Ed. F. R. Bantleman.

At the request of Rajah Valoogatee Cooma Yatchama Naidu Bahadur C.S.I., Rajah of Vencataghery, that we the undersigned should report upon the state of health of his third son Rungama Naroo Kistiah Gara, aged 9 years, who it appears has lately been adopted by the Rance of Bobbi and who is desirous that the boy should proceed at once to her Jamendaree, we this day proceeded to Vencataghery; and very carefully examined into the state of health of the boy.

He is of a very delicate appearance, and is evidently recovering from recent attacks of Chicken pox, and Dysentery which have left him emaciated and debilitated. From enquiries it is found that he suffers from very frequent attacks of indigestion fever, and diarrhoea; food of the bland discription often disagreeing with him. He is besides of a very timid disposition.

In consequence of his present condition, he is in our opinion quite incapable of undertaking any long land journey, such as that to Bobli, of about 600 miles, or of safely living in that jungly and insalubrious country - His nervous system is in so depressed a condition and his affection for his family is so strong, that we cannot too pointedly caution the parents in to the inadvisability of permitting the youth of such tender years and susceptibilities, to leave his present home for at least 18 months or 2 years -

We are further of opinion that his being sent away now on such a journey might very possibly be attended with serious consequences -

H. Cameron
Health Officer

J. Murray Duff Med
Surgeon Major

Vincent Asylum
31st July 1871.

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6th Sept/71

From Af Insp Gen
Indian Med. Dept.

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