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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
25th July 1872.*

No. 213. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 3rd July 1872, No. 1,184:—

Read the following letters from Collectors, submitting report on the Quinine supplied to districts and means adopted for its distribution among the poorer classes:—

From the Collector of Ganjam,	dated 3rd April 1872, No. 438.
" " of Vizagapatam,	" 18th March " " 178.
" " of " "	" 25th May " " 512.
" " of Godavery Dist.	" 12th April " " 85.
" " of Salem,	" 16th April " " 94.
" " of Malabar,	" 14th June " " 145.
" " of North Arcot,	" 16th April " " 143.

Read also letter from the Collector of Nellore, dated 27th May 1872, No. 1,101, requesting to be informed whether he can reduce the price of Quinine or distribute any of it gratuitously.

In the Review of the Board's Sanitary Report for Fasli 1280, the Government desired to be informed whether the Collectors of the most fever-stricken districts adopted any special means for placing fever medicines within the reach of the poorer classes; and the Collectors noted in the margin were called on to report on the point. The letters above recorded are replies to this requisition. The Collector of Cuddapah who has not reported should do so without further delay.

2. In Ganjam 80 oz. of quinine had been distributed to five stations and 50½ oz. sold. The Collector proposes to distribute a further supply indented for to five more stations. In Vizagapatam, the supply was distributed to Divisional Officers and four Sub-Magistrates. Of 46 oz. of quinine 16½ were sold and 7½ oz. distributed gratis, and of 10 lbs. of amorphous quinine, 1 lb. was sold and 3½ lbs. distributed gratis. In Godavery, the supply of quinine was distributed to the Tahsildars, with orders to furnish supplies to villages when fever broke out; and the orders and instructions for its use seem to imply that the supplies were made *gratis*. In Salem, the quinine was sent to Divisional Officers, Tahsildars, and Deputy-Tahsildars for sale only at Rupees 3-1-7 per ounce, the cost price; but small quantities are given *gratis* to poor people applying for it. In Malabar, 31¾ oz. (27½ in Wynaad) were sold out of 49 oz. distributed among the Divisional Officers. No gratuitous distribution seems to have been made. In North Arcot, the supply was asked for, for gratuitous distribution; but immediately after its receipt, such distribution was stopped in consequence of the ruling of the Inspector-General, Indian Medical Department, with reference to G. O., 23rd October 1869, No. 2,827, that the medicine was intended not for gratuitous distribution, but for sale only.

Vide Board's Proceedings, 16th July 1870, No. 4,901.

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4. The Board resolve to request Government to decide with reference to the orders cited by the Inspector-General, whether the gratuitous distribution of quinine is to be allowed. If it be, the stocks in the districts can easily be utilized; if not, the Board fear that the high price will be prohibitive.

No. 214.

ORDER THEREON, 25th July 1872, No. 1,116.

Miscellaneous.

THE Governor in Council cannot give any general authority for the gratuitous distribution of quinine

wherever it may be supplied in feverish districts, but he empowers the Collectors to use their discretion in the matter, where circumstances may seem to warrant the privilege. The Governor in Council presumes that it is available to the public for purchase in small quantities, and not only by the ounce.

2. The Inspector-General should endeavour to spread the use of the Amorphous Quinine as much as possible, as its cost will place it within the reach of all.

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

„ the Inspector-General, Indian Medical Department.

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(A true Extract.)

H. E. Stokes

Acting Sub-Secretary.

To the Chief Secretary to Government, R. D.,

with Collectors' original letters and enclosures, to be returned.

„ the Collector of Cuddapah.

Copy to the Collector of Ganjam.

„ to the Collector of Vizagapatam.

„ to the Collector of Godavery District.

„ to the Collector of Salem.

„ to the Collector of Malabar.

„ to the Collector of North Arcot.

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Exd. T. Cartledge.

10 July 1872

J. O. S.

The quinine shall be distributed in small quantities not in one or two large quantities.

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