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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 12th May 1874.

Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated 13th March 1874, No. 288, Public Department:—

ABSTRACT.—*Medical.*—Letters from Surgeon-General reporting on the supply of medical subordinates for Revenue Establishments referred to the Board of Revenue for any observations they may desire to make, and that officer authorized to provide the Head Assistant Collector of South Canara with a medical subordinate of the Hospital Assistant grade.

THE Surgeon-General reports that in June or July he will be able to assign medical subordinates to all the offices for which it is proposed to provide separate medical aid, but deprecates the employment of men in that way, and says: "It would be preferable to utilize the services of all available medical men by opening further civil dispensaries in such parts of their districts as would bring the revenue camps always near to medical aid." This would not meet the requirements of the case, until the number of dispensaries have been as greatly increased and the means of the Local Fund Circles are too limited for this to be effected at all events for a very long time. When there is a dispensary in each small taluq, and two in each large one, the Revenue-officers may dispense with personal medical attendants, but not until then. They most require a medical attendant when visiting remote parts of the district, which are often feverish and generally distant from other medical aid; and great good is often done to the people on such occasions by the presence of a medical officer amongst them.

2. In paragraph 7, Surgeon-General Balfour suggests that, during sickly seasons and in times of periodical epidemics, Revenue-officers should have an attendant from one of the dispensaries or from the general establishment. No doubt a medical attendant will be required on such occasions, but they are just the times when none can be spared.

3. Experience shows that, if a Revenue-officer is to have a medical attendant when he wants one he must have him always at his disposal. When the Revenue-officer is at head-quarters a special medical subordinate is often unnecessary; but they may be made very useful by directing them either to assist at fixed dispensaries when at leisure or to set up a travelling dispensary in some suburb of the town wherein the officer resides. They should always be available to proceed to any place in their division where sickness prevails.

(A true Extract.)

J. Grose

Secretary.

To the Chief Secretary to Government, Public Department.

Copy to the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

" to the Collector of South Canara, with G. O., 13th March 1874, No. 288.

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Medical Subordinates for Revenue Establishments.—Report submitted to Government adverse to proposal of Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department, that in preference to present system of attaching a medical attendant to each Revenue Establishment services of all available medical men should be utilized by opening further civil dispensaries in such parts of districts as would bring revenue camps always near to medical aid.