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No. 20. Read the following letter from Surgeon-General E. G. BALFOUR, Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department, to the Honorable D. F. CARMICHAEL, Officiating Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Fort St. George, 1st November 1875, No. 552:—

I think it desirable that the Atisine discovered by Mr. Broughton, as in G.O., Revenue Department, No. 1367, of 8th December 1873, should be brought to the notice of the Government of India. The Atees was first brought to my notice by the Right Hon. Sir Bartle Frere, G.C.S.I., when he was Commissioner of Sind, he having then sent to me a sample of it while I was in charge of the Government Central Museum. There are, however, in the bazaars of India at least four substances sold by the druggists under this name, *viz.*, the powders of the Asparagus Sarmentosus, Linseed, and Betula *species*, and that of the Aconitum hetereophyllum, the drug useful in fever. I have seen bazaar-bought Atees given to fever patients in great doses without the slightest effect, but I think that the Atisine from the Aconitum will be found to be a useful drug. The plant does not grow in any part of the South of India, but has its habitat in the mountains of the Himalaya, and when Mr. Broughton expressed a wish to examine the plant, I obtained a quantity of it through the Surgeon-General of Bengal. Mr. Broughton's labors resulted in his discovery of Atisine, and I would suggest that 50 lbs. of it be prepared and tried in the different hospitals of the country.

No. 21. ORDER THEREON, 9th November 1875, No. 1337.

The Government observe that Mr. Broughton's report on Atisine has already been communicated to the Government of India, and Secretary of State.

2. Dr. B[illegible]our is at liberty to have 50 lbs. of the drug prepared for trial in the hospita[illegible]

3. It is presumed he is aware that Mr. Broughton is no longer in the service of Government.

(True Extract.)

Officiating Chief Secretary.

To the Revenue Department.
,, Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department.
,, Accountant-General.
,, Examiner of Medical Accounts.

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