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Medical.

No. 32. Read the following letter from Surgeon-General G. SMITH, M.D., Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Fort St. George, 13th November 1876, No. 599:—

I have the honor to submit, for the consideration and sanction of His Grace the Governor in Council, the following scheme for affording medical relief to the laborers about to be employed on Relief Works in the District of Nellore.

2. As it will be necessary to have a Commissioned Officer to organize and superintend the scheme while the works are in progress, I recommend that Surgeon Ratton, M.D., be recalled from the special duty on which he has been employed and detailed for this purpose. In anticipation of the sanction of Government Dr. Ratton has been instructed by telegram to report himself to me forthwith for orders.

3. In addition to a Commissioned Officer it will also be necessary to provide Mr. Apothecary Leonard to proceed forthwith to Relief Works with a supply of medicines. Ratton, and Mr. Apothecary Leonard has accordingly received instructions to proceed in advance with a supply of medicines, and will leave this evening for Nellore along with the detachment of Sappers and Miners.

4. As I understand that the Relief Works will extend over some eighty miles of country, and that about fifty or sixty thousand laborers may be employed on them, I would propose to erect thatched shed hospitals, in the proportion of one shed for every ten miles of country, and so arranged that the farthest distance which any laborer will have to travel for medical aid will be five miles. Dr. Ratton and Mr. Leonard will be free to move up and down the line of works, but each shed hospital will be under the fixed charge of a Hospital Assistant. The number of hospitals to be established will of course be dependent on the number of coolies employed; and it is intended that they shall be increased as necessity arises, until they reach the maximum number of eight, viz., one for each ten miles. In the event of widespread sickness occurring additional accommodation and medical aid will be required.

5. As regards hospital accommodation it is proposed that each shed hospital shall be capable of containing thirty patients, having separate compartments for men and for women and children; Local authorities to be directed to erect sheds as required and to furnish necessaries of local supply. and it is requested that the Civil authorities on the spot be instructed to have these hospitals erected as required, and furnished with such articles of local supply

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as may be necessary. At a convenient point on the line of works it is proposed to establish, under the superintendence of Dr. Ratton, a Depôt of medicines, hospital comforts, &c. Hospital servants and daily supplies will be provided by the Civil authorities on the spot, and sanction is requested for the purchase in Madras, and for the transmission up country, of the necessary articles of hospital equipment, such as tables, chairs, &c.

To have a Central Depôt for Medical stores and comforts, and local authorities to provide hospital servants and daily supplies.

Sanction requested for furniture, &c., not procurable locally, to be purchased in Madras and sent to Relief Works Hospitals.

6. It is very difficult, under existing circumstances, to furnish the necessary number of Hospital Assistants for this duty. The Director of Revenue Settlement has kindly placed at my disposal three subordinates attached to the establishments of his Deputies, and I have now the honor to request that I may be authorized to withdraw, as required, the medical subordinates attached to certain Head Assistant and Deputy Collectors, as specified in my letter, No. 595, of the 10th instant.

7. Minor details, professional and sanitary, can be arranged personally with Surgeon Ratton, in whose zeal, energy, and discretion I have every confidence. Should any point require the special sanction requested to withdraw certain Hospital Assistants attached to Head Assistant and Deputy Collectors.

8. During the employment on this duty I have the honor to recommend that the several officers engaged may draw the monthly pay and allowances noted in the appendix.

Sanction requested for proposed scale of pay for officers engaged on duties specified.

Surgeon Ratton.

Regimental Pay	Rs. 600	Dr. Ratton received these allowances while engaged on salt duty—vide G.O., No. 191, of 30th January 1872.
Staff Allowance	Rs. 150	
Travelling Allowance Rupees 5 per diem.		

Apothecary Leonard.

Grade Pay	Rs. 200
Employed Allowance	Rs. 30
House-rent	Rs. 45
Horse Allowance	Rs. 60
Total	Rs. 335

Hospital Assistants each.

Grade pay. Travelling allowance at the rate of Annas 12 or Annas 8 per diem, according to rank.

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No. 33. ORDER THEREON, 13th November 1876, No. 1256.

The Governor in Council approves of the arrangement proposed, and desires that they may be carried out as speedily as possible.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

the Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department.
" Board of Revenue.
" Revenue Department.
" Collector of Nellore.
" Accountant-General.

Exd. J. Wright.

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