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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

14th May 1877, No. 1,714-A.

Famine Relief.

Read the following papers :—

No. 266-A. Read the following letter from R. DAVIDSON, Esq., Acting Collector of Kurnool, to J. H. GARSTIN, Esq., Additional Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated 28th April 1877, No. 406.

I REGRET to be under the necessity of reporting Dr. Pedroza, head of the famine relief medical establishment in this district, absent from his duty without my permission under the following circumstances:—

2. On the 11th instant he reported, by letter, No. —, (copy enclosed), that he had had an attack of fever, and that he intended to avail himself of Mr. Mayer going to Madras to accompany him, and before he could hear from me he was gone.

3. I replied that he had better remove to his head-quarters at Nandial, where he could get medical aid and change of air, and be within a night's run of Kurnool if he required the Civil Surgeon's advice.

4. Dr. Pedroza has not left me his address, neither has he given me any idea of the length of his proposed absence, nor sent me the famine medical stores of which he had charge, and which are very urgently needed, as cholera, small-pox, and fever are prevalent throughout many parts of the district; and I have numerous applications for medicines, which neither the Civil Surgeon here, nor I can wholly supply.

5. While regretting that Dr. Pedroza should have had an attack of fever, I cannot but view with disfavor the example he has set of deserting his post in the time of danger, without waiting to be relieved, and without having either given me his address or sent the medicines to head-quarters for distribution on application.

6. Were many of the famine officers in the district who, with few exceptions, suffer from periodical attacks of fever, to follow his example, a very serious risk of a grave catastrophe might be the result.

7. I have, therefore, thought it right to bring the matter to the notice of Government.

P.S.—Since writing the above, a case of medical supplies has been received from the Medical Store-keeper, Madras.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From Surgeon F. H. PEDROZA, in Medical charge, Famine Relief-works, Kurnool District, to R. DAVIDSON, Esq., Acting Collector of Kurnool, dated Cumbum, 11th April 1877.

I HAVE the honor to request permission to take advantage of Mr. Mayer's going to Madras to go with him there.

2. I have been very ill, and am too weak to attempt a journey to Kurnool alone.

3. I cannot stay any longer at Cumbum owing to repeated attacks of fever.

No. 266-B. From Surgeon-General G. SMITH, M.D., Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated 4th May 1877, No. 281.

With reference to the Proceedings of Government, No. 1,560-A, of the 25th ultimo, I have the honor to forward, for submission to His Grace the Governor in Council, the accompanying letter from Surgeon Pedroza explaining the circumstances under which he quitted the Cumbum District after due communication with the Collector of Kurnool. Surgeon Pedroza is a young medical officer of a nervous temperament, and was much exhausted with continued duty in the Kurnool District before he left Cumbum. He was under the impression also that disease of the heart had set in. These facts help to explain why he left Cumbum without formal permission.

Revenue Department, 14th May 1877, No. 1,714-A.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From Surgeon F. H. PEDROZA, on Sanitary Inspection Duty, to the Secretary to the Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department, Fort St. George, dated 1st May 1877.

reference to your request, that I should explain why I left the Kurnool District without communicating with the Collector, I have the honor to inform you that I both wrote to the Collector informing him of my illness, and, in a subsequent letter, requested permission to leave the district.

2. After I had been ill about a week, I wrote to him informing him of the nature of my illness. Though feeling myself seriously ill, I expressed a hope to be able to resume my work soon, and were it possible I would assuredly have done so. Repeated attacks of fever, in addition to the other complaint, soon left me so weak that mere sitting up in bed induced palpitation and faintness.

3. The Dresser in attendance, Mr. Farmer, and Mr. Mayer, urged on me the folly of remaining any longer in Cumbum. The Dresser thought I could bear travelling by easy stages in a palanquin, and accordingly I wrote to the Collector asking permission to accompany Mr. Mayer to Madras. Stating also that I was too weak to attempt a journey to Kurnool alone. The next day I left for Cuddapah, the nearest town on the line of railway, where I saw the Civil Surgeon, was under his treatment for a few days, and obtained a sick certificate, which has been countersigned by the Surgeon, Northern District, Madras.

No. 266-C.

ORDER THEREON, 14th May 1877, No. 1,714-A.

Miscellaneous.

RECORDED.

2. The Government are not satisfied with Dr. Pedroza's explanation.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. H. GARSTIN,

Additional Secretary to Government.

To the Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department.
" the Collector of Kurnool.
" the Board of Revenue.
" the Financial Department.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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V Coimbatore 11th April 1877

From,

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Surgeon F. H. Pedroya
In Medical Charge
Famine Relief Works
Kurnool District

To,

The Acting Collector of
Kurnool

Sir,

I have the honor to request per-
mission to take advantage of Mr.
Mayer's going to Madras to go with
him there.

I have been very ill and am
too weak to attempt a journey to Kurnool
alone.

I cannot stay any longer at Coimbatore
owing to repeated attacks of fever.

I have &c
(100) F. H. Pedroya.
Surgeon.

(True Copy)

A. Sandron
Acting Collector

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Govt. of (1877) Madras.

REVENUE.

THE SURGEON-GENERAL, INDIAN
MEDICAL DEPARTMENT,

Secy, Ac, &c.

Secy to Govt.

Secy to Govt.

G.O. 14th May 1877. No. 1714-A.

MAY

No. 206-A-208-C

FAMINE RELIEF, NO. 1131-A

Dr. Pedroya, Head of Famine Relief Medical
Establishment in Coimbatore. Informing that the
Government are not entitled with the explanation
of — for having quitted his charge without permis-
sion.

No 281.

Office of Surgeon General Ind
San Francisco 1st May 1877.

From

Surgeon General Ind
No 3358. 1877. May
1st May 1877
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From Surgeon General Ind

To The Secretary
Surgeon Genl. Ind.
San Francisco

Sir
With reference to your request
that I should explain why I left the
Kernow District without communication
with the Collector I have the honor
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the Collector informally here of my illness
and in a subsequent letter requested
permission to leave the District.

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myself seriously ill I expressed a hope
to be able to resume my work soon, I
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so. Repetitive attacks of fever, in addition
to the other complaint, soon left me so
weak that I was sitting up in bed
incessant palpitation & faintness.

Respectfully
May 2nd 1877

I have the honor to be

Your obedient servant

Robt. H. Ind

Enclosure to letter to
S. G. Ind 1877 from
the Secretary of the
to Ind.

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No 281.

Office of Surgeon General Smith
Fort St George 4th May 1877.

From

Surgeon General George Smith D.D.
Surgeon General M.D.

To

The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department.

Sir

With reference to the Proceedings of
Government No 1568 A of the 25th ultimo, I
have the honor to forward for submission to
His Grace the Governor in Council, the
accompanying letter from Surgeon Pedroza
explaining the circumstances under which
he quitted the Cumbum District after due
communication with the Collector of Surmool.
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a nervous temperament and was much exhausted
with continued duty in the Surmool District
before he left Cumbum. He was under the impression
also that disease of the heart had set in. These
facts help to explain why he left Cumbum
without formal permission.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your obedient servant

W. Smith D.D.
Surgeon General M.D.

The Surgeon in attendance at the
Surmool District, I would be glad to
have the opportunity of seeing the
Collector, taking also that I was
sent to attend a journey to Surmool
District. The day I left for Cuddalore
the nearest town in the line of railway
I saw the Civil Surgeon, now under
his command for some days, & thought
a visit might be made to him. I
agreed to the Surgeon and District Officer.

Please the honor to be
Sir

The best advice I can
give is to the Surgeon
W. Smith D.D.
Surgeon General M.D.

To Govt

Surmool District

No. 406

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Munnool Collector's Office
28th April 1877

From, The Acting Collector
Munnool

To, J. H. Carstin Esquire
Additional Secretary
to Government
Madras.

Sir,

I regret to be under the necessity of reporting D^r Pedroza, Head of the Famine Relief Medical Establishment in this District, absent from his duty without my permission under the following circumstances.

2. On the 11th Instant he reported by letter N^o - Copy enclosed that he had had an attack of fever and that he intended to avail himself of Mr. Inger's going to Madras to accompany him, and before he could hear from me he was gone.

3. I replied that he had better remove

28th April 1877
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From
J. H. Carstin Esquire
Additional Secretary
to Government
Madras.

Recorded on 11th May
8th 4th May
Recd 5th May

No 381

Subject.

Forwarded letter from
J. H. Carstin Esquire
Additional Secretary
to Government
Madras.

Recorded

Recorded on 11th May
2nd for consideration D^r Pedroza's explanation
16th May 1877

Recd Copy of Madras General Medical Officer's letter
on 27th 31st May
6th the Collector's Office
3rd the Board of Revenue
5th the Financial Dept

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remove to his Head Quarters at Nandial; where he could get Medical aid and change of air and be within a night's run of Kurnool if he required the Civil Surgeon's advice.

4. Dr. Pedroza has not left me his address, neither has he given me any idea of the length of his proposed absence, nor sent me the Famine Medical Stores of which he had charge and which are very urgently needed, as Cholera, small-pox and fever are prevalent throughout many parts of the District, and I have numerous applications for Medicines which neither the Civil Surgeon here nor I can wholly supply.

5. While regretting that Dr. Pedroza should have had an attack of fever, I cannot but view with disfavour the example he has set, of deserting his post in the time of danger, without waiting to be relieved, and without having either

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either given me his address or sent the medicines to Head Quarters for distribution on application.

6. Were many of the Famine officers in the District who with few exceptions suffer from periodical attacks of fever, to follow his example a very serious risk of a grave catastrophe might be the result.

7. I have therefore thought it right to bring the matter to the notice of Government.

I have the honour to be
Sir

Your most Obedt Servt

J. Sanderson

Acting Collector

P.S. Since writing the above a case of Medical supplies has been received from the Medical Store Keeper Madras.

J. Sanderson

Acting Collector

Dec. 1877. 24th
from 7th 3/64

Mr. J. B. Botsch
Huron

The Correspondent

Good
with Wings

Dated 28th April 1897

Depth 30'

Recd 9/5/75 No 406

Five Doors - 1

Repelling that Dr.
 DeGroot Head of the
 Janine Bell-Medical
 establishment in the
 District is about from
 his study, that out his
 presence
 with order