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No. 237. Read the following letter from Surgeon-General G. SMITH, M.D., Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department, to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Fort St. George, 18th December 1876, No. 672 :—

With advertence to G.O., No. 1,949, dated 7th December 1876, in which I

No. 104, dated 13th April 1876. an required by Government to give my
No. 110, dated 15th April 1876, from Surgeon-Major Furnell, to the Deputy Surgeon-General, herewith returned. opinion as to how far Surgeon-Major Furnell, in the letters marginally noted, has succeeded in exculpating himself from the censure passed on him by Government, I have the honor to report as follows.

2. The incidents which occurred previous to the receipt of the Surgeon-General's docket, No. 7,628, dated 24th September 1875, addressed to the Deputy Surgeon-General, may be explained on the ground of unintentional oversight on the part of Surgeon-Major Furnell.

3. On the receipt, however, of that official communication*—seeing that in

* From the Secretary to Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department, to the Deputy Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department, Presidency and Northern District, dated 24th September 1875, No. 7,628.

Reference.—This office letter, No. 3,986, of 26th June 1874.

Subject.—The above letter intimated that the Principal Medical Storekeeper was instructed to forward a quantity of calcic quino-vinate to certain Medical Officers for trial in fever and dysentery and report at the end of six months.

The Storekeeper has reported he sent to the Senior Medical Officer, General Hospital, twelve ounces of the drug on or about the 12th January 1875.

More than six months have elapsed, but no report has been received. Favor of early report is requested for submission to Government.

(By Order.)

(Signed) W. S. FOX, Surgeon,
Ag. Secy., Surgeon-General, I.M.D.

importance of the duty entrusted to him by the Surgeon-General.

4. I am further of opinion that the report submitted, under date the 16th January 1876, was an unsatisfactory one, meriting the observation made by the Deputy Surgeon-General (No. 495, dated 17th January 1876) to the effect that "the experiment should have been performed on in-patients under observation of the Physician, General Hospital," as well as the remark of the Surgeon-General "that the trial as conducted was not of a nature to elicit any reliable facts as to the therapeutical value of the drug."

5. On these grounds I am with regret led to the conclusion that Surgeon-Major Furnell has not succeeded in exculpating himself as regards the points indicated in this letter. In mitigation of this conclusion, however, I would point to that officer's reference to his multifarious duties which, at the time of the

occurrence of the matters under reference, were and are still at this date, what the Committee in 1874 pronounced them to be "more than Government should exact from a Medical Officer."

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From Surgeon-Major M. C. FURNELL, F.R.C.S., Senior Medical Officer, General Hospital, to Deputy Surgeon-General W. J. VANSOMEREN, M.D., Deputy Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department, Presidency, dated Madras, 17th April 1876, No. 110A.

I HAVE the honor to forward a letter, No. 110 addressed to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, in continuation of my letter No. 104, with a request you will be kind enough to forward it as soon as possible.

No. 3,292.

WHEN the calcic quinovalate was received, if the Senior Medical Officer of the General Hospital was not aware of the purpose for which it was sent, he should have inquired if there had been any previous instructions regarding it, when former correspondence would have been produced. Or he might have applied for instructions on the matter to the Surgeon-General through the prescribed channel.

2. But Surgeon-Major Furnell has overlooked the Surgeon-General's Memorandum, No. 7,628, of 24th September 1875, in which he is reminded of the time that has elapsed since the alkaloid was sent, and requested to forward "an early report for submission to Government." It was *after* this that the drug was given to be used by the out-patients; and the memorandum now quoted specially refers to the Surgeon-General's office letter, No. 3,986, of 26th June 1874.

(Signed) W. J. VANSOMEREN, M.D.,
Deputy Surgeon-General, I.M.D.,
Presidency and Northern Districts.

MADRAS,
18th April 1876.
To the Secretary, Surgeon-General, I.M.D.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

From Surgeon-Major M. C. FURNELL, F.R.C.S., Senior Medical Officer, General Hospital, to Deputy Surgeon-General W. J. VANSOMEREN, M.D., Deputy Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department, Presidency, dated Madras, 29th April 1876, No. 133.

I HAVE the honor, with reference to your Memorandum, No. 3,559, giving cover to a Memorandum, No. 3,017, dated 24th April 1876, of the Surgeon-General, and two letters of mine addressed to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, now re-forwarded, respectfully to remark that—

1st.—The Surgeon-General having, by a misrepresentation of facts, unintentional I have no doubt, caused a censure to be passed upon me, I felt it due to myself to address the Secretary to Government in the Revenue Department direct in self-defence, pointing out clearly where the discrepancy lay. A letter addressed to you need not necessarily be forwarded to the Surgeon-General much less to the Secretary to Government, so that my explanation, which seems to me on two points perfectly unanswered, might, from not being equally evident to the Surgeon-General, never reach the Government at all. Only lately, *vide* Proceedings of Government, dated 9th March 1876, No. 90, Educational Department, a letter from the Director of Public Instruction of the utmost importance to my welfare and comfort during the past session, which might indeed have obviated this very miscarriage of experiments, was held back in the Surgeon-General's office and never reached Government until too late; for this reason, therefore, I deemed it better to address Government direct, forwarding the same through the Surgeon-General for his information and remarks, and I beg respectfully to adhere to my resolution.

2nd.—That I think I may in common faith the greatest possible respect for the allowed, perhaps, to remark it is no General Hospital and Principal of most ordinary attention on what seen dated 13th and 15th April 1876, and stand the memorandum of the Surgeon-General, although I ask, for a very obvious reason they are detained at the office of the Surgeon-General, then returned to me. I think there is a want of ordinary courtesy towards one holding the same rank or grade, as yourself so marked, that I may well, and I do so with all respect, with some explanation of its cause, serving beneath me with courtesy, the rank I hold, unreasonable in

to be heard in self-defence. I have of the Surgeon-General, yet I may be tant from that of the Physician of the Medical College as to deny the latter the same an important point; my letters are forwarded on by you, if I correctly understand, on the 17th and 18th instant, and I have them sent on as quickly as possible, on the 24th (one week) and his treatment a want of ordinary courtesy to an Officer, as yourself so marked, that I explain of it, and request I may be furnished with a certificate, if I have never seen any difficulty in treating those who think I am not, considering the offices and equal courtesy being extended to me.

2. I have, in conclusion, the honor to request that I may be informed as soon as possible if the Surgeon-General will forward on my explanation for being about to leave India on medical certificate, it will become necessary for me to take such steps as may be open to me to vindicate my conduct to Government.

No. 3,708.

I CANNOT approve of the tone of this letter, but nevertheless forward it on to the Surgeon-General, as Surgeon-Major Furnell will shortly be leaving India, and, evidently in the prospect of doing so, urges the speedy transmission of his accompanying letters, which he still persists in addressing to the Secretary to Government in the Revenue Department, notwithstanding the Surgeon-General's having called his attention to the irregularity.

2. It is, however, necessary to point out that though Surgeon-Major Furnell's first letter to the Secretary to Government's dated the 13th April, it was sent with one to my address dated 15th April, which was Sunday, succeeding Good Friday. The two letters were forwarded by me to the Surgeon-General's Office on Monday the 17th instant with my Memorandum No. 3,292. Then the second letter to the Secretary to Government, though dated the 15th April, was forwarded with one to me dated 17th April, and these were despatched to the Surgeon-General's Office on the 18th April with my Memorandum No. 3,293. As you have the covering letters, Nos. 108 and 110A, to my address, kindly examine them with a view to testing the correctness of the dates given above, which were taken from my registers. These figures prove that there was no unnecessary delay in my office.

3. If I may venture on a suggestion, I would presume to recommend the immediate transmission of Surgeon-Major Furnell's letters to Government.

(Signed) W. J. VANSOMEREN, M.D.,
Deputy Surgeon-General, I.M.D.,
Presidency and Northern Districts.

MADRAS,
29th April 1876.

ENCLOSURE No. 3.

From Surgeon-Major M. C. FURNELL, F.R.C.S., Senior Medical Officer, General Hospital, to Deputy Surgeon-General W. J. VANSOMEREN, M.D., Deputy Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department, Presidency, dated Madras, 15th April 1876, No. 108.

I HAVE the honor to enclose a letter, No. 104, addressed to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, touching the severe and, as it seems to me, unmerited censure passed upon me in the Order of Government, dated 4th April 1876, No. 474, with a request you will be kind enough to forward on the same as soon as possible.

ENCLOSURE No. 4.

From Surgeon-Major M. C. FURNELL, F.R.C.S., Senior Medical Officer, General Hospital, to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 13th April 1876, No. 104.

I HAVE the honor, with reference to the Proceedings of Government, Revenue Department, dated 4th April 1876, and Order thereon, dated 4th April 1876, No. 474, respectfully to point out.

1. That the G.O. of 24th April 1874, No. 504, wherein it was directed by the Secretary of State "that other and careful experiments should be instituted," was never communicated to me, but to my predecessor (Dr. G. Smith) who had charge of the hospital in June 1874. So that I was not aware that the trials called for were specially demanded by the Secretary of State. I was not even aware of the existence of the G.O. or despatch alluded to, a circumstance which the Surgeon-General no doubt overlooked.

2. That the remark of the Surgeon-General "that it will now be impossible to institute any further experiments with calcic quinovalate as there are no supplies of the drug available," is not in accordance with the fact nor, I respectfully submit, a fair deduction from my report. By far the greater portion of the drug is still available; the medicine not having been found efficacious, and a prior report to this effect being on record, it was not deemed necessary to continue its trial.

3. That the medicine having been thus sent to me in the busiest period of the session without any special recommendation for its trial (indeed it will be seen that the orders of Government giving cover to the Secretary of State's despatch were circulated in June 1874 to one officer (Dr. G. Smith), and the medicine itself delivered six months after to another officer without the despatch or orders, was for a time overlooked, and subsequently not tested in a way to meet with approval I admit; and whilst deeply regretting the occurrence of this oversight, I sincerely hope that, under the circumstances mentioned above, His Grace the Governor in Council will have the kindness to withhold the expression of his great dissatisfaction which I have thus unwittingly called down upon myself, whilst I institute a series of careful experiments with the rest of the drug and report accordingly.

ENCLOSURE No. 5.

From Surgeon-Major M. C. FURNELL, F.R.C.S., Senior Medical Officer, General Hospital, to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 15th April 1876, No. 110.

In continuation of my letter to your address, No. 104, dated 13th instant, I have the honor, with reference to the following remark which occurs in the Surgeon-General's letter, "As this quantity was too small for more than one series of experiments, the entire quantity was sent to the Senior Medical Officer, General Hospital, with a request that careful experiments should be made with it in cases of fever and dysentery," to attach an exact copy of the memorandum which did accompany the medicine.

ENCLOSURE No. 6.

From Surgeon-Major C. COOPER, M.D., Acting Principal Medical Storekeeper, to Surgeon-Major M. C. FURNELL, F.R.C.S., Senior Medical Officer, General Hospital, dated Madras, 13th January 1875, No. 2441.

Reference.—The Surgeon-General's docket, No. 352, dated yesterday.

Subject.—Under instructions conveyed by the docket above quoted, has the honor herewith to forward twelve ounces of calcic quinovalate received from the Government Quinologist on the 9th instant, and to request a receipt for the same in duplicate.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) M. C. FURNELL, Surgn.-Major, F.R.C.S.,
Senior Medical Officer, General Hospital.

No. 3,292.

WHEN Surgeon-Major Furnell received the calcic quinovalate in January 1875 he should have called for the previous correspondence regarding it and certified himself of all that was required of him in connection with the proposed experiment.

2. The drug was sent for trial by the Surgeon-General direct, and even though unaware that the Secretary of State originated the inquiry the Senior Medical Officer would have done well to have given the calcic quinovalate the trial required by the Surgeon-General.

3. This is the first intimation given by Surgeon-Major Furnell that he has still some—nay the greater part—of the alkaloid in question! Why he has not mentioned this before I am at a loss to understand. Nor has he explained why he contented himself with not, during the last two months, bringing this fact to notice, and not at once giving the drug the better trial he now expresses himself ready to do.

4. Twelve ounces of the alkaloid, acknowledgedly a small quantity, were sent for trial. Surgeon-Major Furnell has deemed it right to draw a condemnatory conclusion after the use of less than six ounces, and that use among out-patients, on whom reliable observations of the action of the drug were simply impracticable.

5. It is strange that in this unfavorable report of the drug's utility the Senior Medical Officer did not specify that he had still more than six ounces remaining.

(Signed) W. J. VANSOMEREN, M.D.,
Deputy Surgeon-General, I.M.D.,
Presidency and Northern District.

17th April 1876.

No. 278.

ORDER THEREON, 9th February 1877, No. 571.

Miscellaneous.

In their Order of 4th April last, No. 474, the Government had occasion to record their great dissatisfaction at the want of care exhibited by Dr. Furnell, Senior Medical Officer, General Hospital, in neglecting to make the "further and careful experiments" desired by the Secretary of State in his despatch marginally noted, regarding the therapeutic action of calcic quinovalate in the treatment of fever and dysentery.

No. 2, dated 19th March 1874.—Vide G.O.,
24th April 1874, No. 504.

2. Dr. Furnell tendered an explanation which, after some delay arising from his having improperly addressed the Government directly, was furnished to the present Surgeon-General for report. Dr. Smith is of opinion that Dr. Furnell has not succeeded in exculpating himself, but calls attention to the multifarious duties of the Senior Medical Officer at the General Hospital, in mitigation of this conclusion.

3. The correspondence will be furnished to Her Majesty's Government together with the other papers pertaining to the reference.

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Secretary to Government.

To the Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department.

Ed. F. R. Bantleman.

No. 110 A

GENERAL HOSPITAL,
Madras, 14 April 1876.

From

The Senior Medical Officer
General Hospital,

To

The Surgeon General
S. H. O. Madras

SIR,

I have the honor to
forward a letter addressed to
the Secretary to Govt. Revenue
Deptt., in continuation of my
letter No 104, with a request you
will be kind enough to forward
it as soon as possible.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

M. C. Samuel Esq.

Surgeon-Major,

General Hospital.

When the taluk Quinquinate was
occurred, if the Senior Medical Officer
of the General Hospital was not aware
of the purpose for which it was sent
he should have inquired if there had
been any previous instructions regarding
it, when former correspondence would
have been produced. As he might have
applied for instructions in the matter

REVENUE.

THE SURGEON GENERAL,
INDIAN MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.

2nd February, 9th.

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190, 9th February, 1876.

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No. 237-238.

Order Quinquinate. - Relating to forward to
the Home Government correspondence relating
to the request to make careful experiments
regarding the therapeutic action of - in the
treatment of fever and dysentery.

matter to the Surgeon General, that
the forwarded document
"2. But Surgeon General Hindle has
overruled the decision of the Board
No 7625 of 26th September 1875, in which
he is convinced of the time that has
elapsed since the withdrawal was made
and requested to forward "an early
report for submission to Government."
It was after this that the drug was
given to be used by the out-patients,
and the Surgeon General is quoted specially
refers to the Surgeon General's office
Date 1875 of 26th June 1876

H. J. Sanderman Esq
Secretary to the
S. G. O., P. & M. B. H.

Madras 19. 4. 76

To
The Secy. to the
S. G. O.

1876.
No 2876 (876)

From
The Senior Med. Off.
General Hospital,
To
The Asst. Surg. General
S. G. O. Dept.
Presidency

Dated 17
Recd. April 1876.

No. 110 A.
SUBJECT.

Forwarding letter
to the Secy. to Govt.
Rev. Dept. in continuation
of letter No 104 dated the
13th instant.

No 133.

General Hospital, 29 April 1876.

From
The Senior Medical Officer
General Hospital, Madras,
To
The Deputy Surgeon General
Indian Med. Department,
Presidency.

Sir,
I have the honor, with reference
to your Memo. No 3559, giving cover to
a Memo. of the Surgeon General, and two
letters of mine addressed to the Secretary
to Government, Revenue Department, now
referred, respectfully to remark that, -
1st - The Surgeon General having by a
misrepresentation of facts, unintentional
I have no doubt, caused a censure
to be passed upon me. I felt it due
to myself to address the Secretary to
Government in the Revenue Department,
direct in self defence, pointing out
clearly where the discrepancy lay. A
letter addressed to you need not
necessarily

No 3017 of 24 April 76.

necessarily be forwarded to the Surgeon
General much less to the Secretary to
Government, so that my explanation,
which seems to me on two points
perfectly unanswered, might from
not being equally evident to the Surgeon
General, never reach the Government
at all. Only lately, vide Proceedings
of Court dated 9th March 1876, de go. Educ. Dept.,
a letter from the Director of Public
Instruction of the utmost importance
to my welfare and comfort during
the past Session, which might indeed
have obviated this very miscarriage
of experiments, was held back in the
Surgeon General's Office and never reached
Government until too late; for this
reason, therefore, I deemed it better to
address Government direct, forwarding
the same through the Surgeon General
for his information and remarks.

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and I beg respectfully to adhere to
my resolution.

2nd. - That I think I may in common
fairness ask to be heard in self-
defence. I have the greatest possible
respect for the Office of the Surgeon
General, yet, I may be allowed perhaps
to remark it is not so distant from
that of the Physician of the General
Hospital, and Principal of the Medical
College, as to deny the latter the
most ordinary attention on what
seems to him an important point;
my letters are dated 13th and 15th April
1876 and are forwarded on by you,
if I correctly understand the Memo. of the Surgeon General,
on the 17th and 18th instant, and although
I ask, for a very obvious reason,
to have them sent on as quickly as
possible, they are detained at the Office
of the Surgeon General until the 26th,
one week and then returned to me.

Not
absolutely
not in view
to his taking
the usual
Channel.

I think there is in this treatment
a want of ordinary courtesy towards
one.

one holding the same rank, of field
Officer, as yourself so marked that
I may well, and I do so with
all respect, complain of it, and
request I may be furnished with
some explanation of its cause. I
have never seen any difficulty in
treating those serving beneath me
with courtesy, and I think I am
not, considering the offices and
the rank I hold, unreasonable in
expecting equal courtesy being
extended to me.

2. I have, in conclusion,
the honor to request that I may
be informed as soon as possible
if the Surgeon General will forward
on my explanation, for being
about to leave India on Medical
Certificate

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Certificate, it will become necessary
for me to take such steps as
may be open to me to vindicate
my conduct to Government.

I have the honor to be
Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

No 3408.

M. C. Sumell.

F. H. C. S.

1. I cannot approve of the tone of this
letter, but nevertheless forwarded it on to the
Surgeon General, as Surgeon Major Sumell
will shortly be leaving India, and, evidently
in the prospect of doing so, urges the speedy
transmission of this letter, which he still
persisted in addressing to the Surgeon General
in the Revenue Department, notwithstanding the Surgeon General having called his
attention to the irregularity.

2. It is however necessary to point out that though Surgeon Major Sumell's first
letter to the Secretariat Government is dated the 15 April, it was sent with one to my
address dated 16 April, which was Saturday, succeeding Good Friday. The
two letters were forwarded by me to the Surgeon General's Office on Monday
the 17 April with my Memo No 3292. Then the second letter to the Secy.
to Government, though dated the 15 April, was forwarded with one to me
dated 17 April, and these were despatched to the Surgeon General's Office on the
18 April with my Memo No 3293. As you have the Covering letter
No 108 + 110 A to my address, kindly examine them with a view to testing
the correctness of the dates given above which were taken from my Register.
These figures prove that there was no unnecessary delay on my Office.

3. If I may venture on a suggestion, I would respectfully recommend
the immediate transmission of Surgeon Major Sumell's letter to
Government.

R. J. Sandhu, M.D.

Madras 29. 4. 76.

Deputy Surgeon General

No 104.

General Hospital, 13th April 1876

From

Surgeon-Major Dr. G. Funnell, F.R.S.
Senior Med. Off. Genl. Hosp.

To,

The Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department,
Cotacamund.

Sir,

I have the honor, with reference to the Proceedings of Government Revenue Department, dated 4th April 1876 and Order thereon dated 4th April 1876 No 474 respectfully to point out.

1. That the G.O. of 24th April 1874 No 504 wherein it was directed by the Secretary of State "that other and careful experiments should be instituted" was never communicated to me, but to my predecessor (Dr. G. Smith) who had charge of the Hospital in June 1874. So that I was not aware that the trials called for were specially demanded by the Secretary of State.

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The Secy. to Govt. Off. Secy.

To

The Deputy Surgeon-Major
Dr. G. Funnell
Presiding

Order 29th April 1876
1876/10/1876

No 133
1876/10/1876

Regarding that
his explanation to
Govt may be forwarded
on as early as possible.

I was not even aware of the existence of the L. O. or Despatches alluded to, a circumstance which the Surgeon General no doubt over-looked.

2. That the remarks of the Surgeon General, "that it will now be impossible to institute any further experiments with Calcic Quinovinate", as there are no supplies of the drug available, is not in accordance with the fact now, I respectfully submit, a fair deduction from my report. By far the greater portion of the drug is still available; the medicine not having been found efficacious, and a prior report to this effect being on record, it was not deemed necessary to continue its trial.

3. That the medicine having been thus sent to me, in the busiest period of the session, without any special recommendation for its trial (indeed it will be seen that the Orders of Government giving cover to the Secretary of State's Despatches were circulated in June 1874, to one Officer (Dr. L. Smith) and

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and the medicine itself delivered six months after to another Officer without the Despatch or Orders) was for a time overlooked, and subsequently not tested in a way to meet with approval, I admit, and whilst deeply regretting the occurrence of this oversight I sincerely hope that, under the circumstances mentioned above, His Grace the Governor in Council will have the kindness to withhold the expression of his great dissatisfaction, which I have thus unwittingly called down upon myself, whilst I institute a series of careful experiments with the rest of the Drug and report accordingly.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

M. C. Sumell

F. M. L. S.

Senior Med. Off. L. Hosp.

No. 108

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GENERAL HOSPITAL,
Madras, 16 April 1876.

From

The Senior Medical Off. 4th.

To

The Deputy Surgeon General,
India. Ind. Dept. Presd.

SIR,

I have the honor to enclose
a letter addressed to the Secretary to
Government, Revenue Department, touching
the severe and as it seems to me
unmerited censure passed upon me
in the Order of Government dated 4th
April 1876 No. 474, with a request you
will be kind enough to forward
on the same as soon as possible.

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1. When Surgeon Major Sumell received the
Calcutta Enquiry in January 1875, he should
have called for the previous correspondence regarding
it and satisfied himself of all that was required
of him in connection with the proper and efficient.

2. The case was sent for trial by the Surgeon General
direct, and I am thankful to say that the
of State originated the enquiry, that the
would have done well to have given the Calcutta
Enquiry the trial required by the Surgeon General.

3. This is the first intimation given by Surgeon
Major Sumell that he has still done more than the
greater part of the Calcutta Enquiry.
Why he has not mentioned this before, and
at a loss to understand, why he has explained
why he should have contented himself
with not, during the last two months,

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

M. C. Sumell J. H. G. S.

Surgeon-Major,

General Hospital.

bringing

Recd 13 April 1876

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Surgeon Major
M. C. Sumell, J. H. G. S.
S. H. 3rd Off. to H. H. H.

He obey to H. H. H.
Revenue Dept.
Calcutta

Substantially
satisfaction upon the
points of Govt regarding
the improvement of Sumell
- made of 2nd time.

N^o 110.

General Hospital, 15th April 1876.

From,

Surgeon-Major M. C. Funnell, F.R.C.S.
Senior Med. Off. Genl. Hosp.

To,

The Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department,
Cotacmand.

Sir,

In continuation of my
letter to your address No. 104 dated 13th
instant, I have the honor, with
reference to the following remarks,
which occurs in the Surgeon General's
letter, "As this quantity was too
"small for more than one series of
"experiments, the entire quantity was
"sent to the Senior Medical Officer,
"General Hospital, with a request
"that careful experiments should be

made

In No 2876

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From

The Senior Med. Off.

General Hospital,

To

The

Surgeon-Major
M. C. Funnell

Dated 15

Reed.

April 1876.

No. 108

SUBJECT.

It is recommended
that the quantity of
the above be
sent to the Senior Med. Off.
and kept by him
it is not to be used.

"made with it in cases of fever and
"Dysentery", to attach an exact
copy of the Memo. which did
accompany the medicine.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

M. C. Funnell.

Senior Med. Off. G. H.

From,

The Principal
Medical Store-keeper, Madras.

To,

The Senior Med. Officer
General Hospital, Madras.

Dated 13th January 1875.

No. 2441.

Reference.

The Surgeon General's Pocket No. 352 dated
yesterday.

Subject.

Under instructions conveyed by the Pocket
above quoted, has the honor herewith
to forward 12 Oz. of Calcic Quinovinate
received from the Government Quinologist
on the 9th instant and to request a
receipt for the same in duplicate.

By C. Cooper, M. D.
Surgeon-Major.

At P. O. Med. Store-keeper.

(True copy)

M. C. Funnell.

G. H. S.

Senior Med. Off. G. H.

N^o 672.

Office of Surgeon General Ind
Fort Saint George 18th December 1876

From

Surgeon General George Smith M.D.
Surgeon General Ind. Med. Dept.

To

The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department.

Sir

With a reference to G.O. N^o 1949 dated
7th December 1876 in which I am required
by Government to give my opinion as
to how far Surgeon Major Funnell,
in the letters marginally noted,
has succeeded in exculpating
himself from the censure passed
on him by Government, I have

the honor to report as follows:-

2. The incidents which occurred previous
to the receipt of the Surgeon General's
docket N^o 628 dated 24th September
1875 addressed to the Deputy Surgeon
General may be explained on
the ground of unintentional over-
sight on the part of Surgeon Major
Funnell.

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From

Surgeon-Major

W. L. Funnell, M.D.

Senior Med. Off. L.S.

To
The Secy. to Govt.

Revenue Department,
Calcutta.

Dated 15th April 1876

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Forwarding, in
confirmation of letter
No 104 dated 18th inst, an
exact copy of Memo. which
did accompany Calcutta
Government for reference.

3. On the receipt, however, of that
 Official Communication see-
 ing that in it reference was ^{1875.} From
 made to a previous docket, to
 to a required trial of the
 therapeutic action of Calcei
 Quinovinate in the treatment
 of fever and dysentery; to
 a report expected at the end
 of Six Months and to a
 Complaint of delay in sub-
 mitting the said report - it was
 incumbent on Surgeon Major
 Funnell to have called for the
 necessary information, and to
 have made satisfactory and
 early arrangements for conduct-
 ing the experiments, giving at
 the same time such explana-
 tions touching his inability
 to prosecute the trial personally
 as would have obviated any
 future reference to that part
 of the question. In omitting
 to take these steps Surgeon Major Funnell, in
 my opinion, failed to realize fully the
 importance

Secretary to Surgeon General M.D.
 The Dy Surgeon General M.D.
 Presidency, North District
 12/6/26
 dated 24th September
 Reference
 This office letter 123956 of 26th June 1874
 Subject
 The above letter intimated that
 the Principal Medical Stockholder
 was instructed to forward a quantity
 of Calcei Quinovinate to certain
 Medical Officers for trial in fever and
 dysentery, and report at the end of 6 months.
 The Stockholder has reported he sent to
 the Senior Medical Officer General
 Hospital twelve ounces of the drug
 on or about the 12th January 1875.
 More than six months have
 elapsed, but no report has been
 received. Forward of early report
 is requested for submission to
 Government.
 By Order
 Signed W. L. Fry, Surgeon
 Dy. Secretary Surgeon General M.D.

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 importance of the duty entrusted to him by
 the Surgeon General.

4. I am further of opinion that the report
 submitted under date the 16th January 1876
 was an unsatisfactory one meriting the
 observation made by the Deputy Surgeon
 General Lt. 495 dated 17th January 1876 to the
 effect that "the experiment should have
 been performed on in-patients under
 observation of the Physician General Hospital,
 as well as the remark of the Surgeon General
 "that the trial as conducted was not
 of a nature to elicit any reliable facts
 as to the therapeutical value of the drug."

5. On these grounds I am with regret
 led to the conclusion that Surgeon Major
 Funnell has not succeeded in exculpating
 himself as regards the points indicated
 in this letter. In mitigation of this conclu-
 sion, however, I would point to that
 officer's reference to his multifarious duties
 which at the time of the occurrence of
 the matters under reference were and
 are still at this date what the Committee
 in 1874 pronounced them to be "more
 than Government should exact from
 a

a Medical Officer."

Have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient servant

Wm. Lusk

Surgeon General. M.D.

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No 571

21st February 1877

Read taken from Surgeon General J. M. D.

No 672 d/18-12-76.

In their Order of 4th April last No 674, the Govt. had occasion to record their great dissatisfaction at the want of care exhibited by Dr. Furnell, Senior Medical Officer, General Hospital, in neglecting to make the "further & careful experiments" desired by the Secy of State in his despatch marginally noted, regarding the therapeutic action of Calcei Linn. - vine in the treatment of fever & dysentery.

2. Dr. Furnell tendered an explanation which, after some delay, arising from his having improperly addressed the Govt. directly, was furnished to the present Surgeon Genl. for report. Dr. Furnell is of opinion that Dr. Furnell has not succeeded in exculpating himself, but calls attention to the multifarious duties of the Senior Medical Officer at the Genl. Hospital, in mitigation of this conclusion.

3. The correspondence will be furnished to Her Majesty's Govt. together with the above papers ~~subsequent papers~~ pertaining to the reference.

6 To Surgeon Genl. J. M. D. 23-2-77

21-12-76

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vide G.O. 24/4/74
No 504.

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Long-Grand Goodwin Rd
Surgeon Genl. J. M. D.

The Secy to Government
Colonial Dept.

Order 1876 Dec 18

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Substantive opinion as to how far drug therapy has succeeded in reaching the lining lining from the disease passed on from the Government is in connection with the correspondence of Calcei Linn. vine.

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Calcic Quinovinate

with letter to
Secy of State

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