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Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—again G.O., dated 3rd February 1888, Mis. No. 787, Revenue.

Read—the following letter from M. A. LAWSON, Esq., Government Botanist and Director of Cinchona Plantations, Nilgiris, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Ootacamund, 6th January 1888, No. 85 :—

With reference to G.O., No. 1168, dated the 19th December 1887, Revenue, I have the honor to say that I am unable to give, even approximately, the amount that is likely to be sold of either the solid or liquid febrifuge.

2. The Agency through which it should be sold is, I presume, the Medical Department; but how they will dispose of it to the people generally in the country, I do not know.

3. I would suggest that small packets or bottles of the febrifuge, varying perhaps in value from 1 anna to 1 rupee, should be sent to every Postmaster or other local official, who should be authorized to sell the drugs, retaining a small commission for his trouble, as for instance is done in the case of the sale of postage stamps.

4. It might be well to consider if the febrifuge could not be brought to the notice of the people in out-of-the-way parts, by distributing it also through the tahsildars and deputy tahsildars of the taluks, and through the headmen of villages.

Order—dated 3rd February 1888, Mis. No. 787, Revenue.

Communicated to the Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras in continuation of G.O., dated 19th December 1887, No. 1168, Revenue Department. He is requested to furnish his reply at an early date.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Secretary to Government.

To the Surgeon-General through the Public Department.
,, the Government Botanist and Director of Cinchona Plantations.

READ—the following letter from G. BIDIE, Esq., M.B., C.I.E., Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Fort St. George, 6th March 1888, No. 188 :—

In reply to G.O., No. 787, of 3rd February 1888, I have the honor to report to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council that I have hardly anything to add to the detailed suggestions given in my letter marginally noted, with reference to the measures to be adopted to render the local special preparation of cinchona bark more popular, and to bring them within easy reach of all classes of the people.

2. I am still of opinion that for some time they should be liberally distributed gratis to the poor in all feverish districts, such as Ganjam, where the people continue to suffer from malarial fever of a severe and fatal type. This gratuitous distribution should be carried out through District Surgeons both at head-quarters and in the minor dispensaries; and tahsildars and other subordinate revenue officials, living in feverish districts, should also have supplies to give away to the poor free of charge, and at cost prices to those able to pay for the drugs.

3. As already pointed out in paragraph 6 of my letter mentioned in paragraph 1, the efficacy and cheapness of the preparations should also be brought specially to the notice of Local Boards and Municipalities, with the view of their substituting them in their hospitals for a certain proportion of the imported alkaloids. This measure would also help to familiarise the people with the appearance and value of the articles, and this will be another advance towards their more extended use.

4. The next step will be to get the febrifuges pushed into the hands of bazaar shopkeepers for retail, and this would best be done through the Revenue Department, discount being allowed on all sales of five or more pounds of the fluid and half pound or any larger quantity of the solid.

5. The prices proposed to be charged by the Director of Cinchona Plantations for his preparations, viz., Rs. 12 per pound for the solid and Re 1 per. pound for the fluid, are moderate; but to these will have to be added the cost of bottles, packing, carriage, &c., which will be considerable. For the present, I think the Government might forego the latter and charge only the net prices as given by Mr. Lawson.

6. For convenience of distribution both preparations will, to some extent, have to be made up in small packages, say the solid article in phials holding 30 grains each and the fluid in bottles each containing half an ounce. For gratuitous issue some 400 or 500 pounds of the solid and 2,000 or 3,000 pounds of the fluid might at once be issued. On the 15th December last, I gave orders for the issue of 25 lb. for experimental trial in each of the following districts, viz., Calicut, Vizagapatam, Berhampore, Trichinopoly, Coimbatore, Tinnevely, Ootacamund, and General Hospital, Madras. The district medical officers were requested to distribute the supplies amongst the minor dispensaries, and a blank form was issued which will secure the uniform record and tabulation of results.

7. The arrangements here proposed for popularising the Nilgiri febrifuges are very similar to those that were adopted in the case of chlorodyne on its first introduction, and if energetically pushed, they will, I feel sure, be equally successful. I trust, therefore, they will now commend themselves to His Excellency in Council and that it will be in my power to take further early action.

ORDER—dated 10th April 1888, No. 247, Revenue.

Miscellaneous.

The Government agree with the Surgeon-General in considering that gratuitous distribution of the febrifuge to the poor in feverish districts is desirable. They accordingly direct that supplies of the febrifuge be sent to tahsildars in feverish localities for issue by themselves and through village heads, free of cost. Each bottle should bear a label containing directions in the vernacular as well as in English.

2. The proposal to give a small commission—say 10 per cent.—on purchases by local bazaarmen is also accepted, the drug being supplied to them by tahsildars.

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charges that will be incurred by the Medical Stores for bottles, packing, carriage, &c., should be foregone until the usefulness of the drug has become generally recognised. The price will then be raised to the full cost of supply.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Secretary to Government.

To the Government Botanist.
„ the Surgeon-General with Government, through Public Department.
„ the Accountant-General.
„ the Local and Municipal Department.
„ the Financial Department.
„ the Commissioners of Land Revenue.

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*Proposed by
The Joint Committee*

Cinchona Febrifuge.

Passing orders on proposals to render — more popular and bring it within easy reach of all classes of the people.

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Submitted that this may be placed on the Editor's Table.

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NOTE FOR THE SECRETARY.

I have put the rate of commission to be allowed to local bazaarmen at 10 per cent. I think this is not at all too high at first. Afterwards it can be reduced and eventually if the drug fulfils its promise a full price can be charged *has*

Who scoured out the
Surgt General's name in
the list of addresses
on sight of G.O., 19.12.87
No. 1168.

Has he sent any
reply, Hon. P. & C.
Dept? Did they
send the G.O.
him?

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Office of Surgeon General
with the Govt of Madras
Fort St. George 6th March 1888

No 188

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No 7276 of
16th July 1886
recorded in G. O.
No 718 of 17th
August 1886, Revenue

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he himself, probably because he
put in the address of the Public
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(2) The Public Dept are to receive
the paper to the Surgeon General
The entry will come today.

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Lieut. Col. B. J. E.
Surgeon General
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Revenue (1888) Department

From *N. 1748.*
G. Bidie Esqr. M.B., b.S.E.

Surgeon General
Govt of Madras
Fort St George

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Dated 6th }
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Subject.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Current No. 1748

The Surgeon Genl. with the Govt. of Madras.

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question arises whether they
should, as suggested by Mr
Bidie, be charged only the
price of manufacture. The
other charges are for bottling.

and bottles, labels, carriage
etc. and as these are charge
incurred by the Medical Store
the matter must be decided
by the Finl. Dept. It is
submitted that if there is
no objection in that Dept.
Dr. Bidie's proposal may
be accepted on the understand-
ing that when the usefulness
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to the cost of its supply.

25/ March 1888
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Cinchona Febrifuge

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To
The Chief Secy. to Govt.
Finl Dept.
for favor of remarks or counter
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