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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 28th April 1869.

No. 587. Read the following letter from the Secretary to the Government of India, (Home Department, Public,) to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated Fort William, 12th February 1869, No. 814 :—

IN forwarding the accompanying extract from a letter, dated 16th December last, from Dr. J. Ewart, to the address of the Private Secretary to the Viceroy, as to the necessity of appointing a "Chinchona Alkaloid Manufacturer," and the letters issued thereon, I am directed to request that the Governor-General in Council may be informed of the opinion of the Madras Government on Dr. Ewart's proposals, so far as the present condition of circumstances permits of any opinion being formed.

From the Secretary to the Government of India, (Home Department, Public,) to the Inspector-General of Hospitals, Indian Medical Service, L. P., dated Fort William, 12th February 1869, No. 812.

I AM directed to forward the accompanying extract from a letter, dated 16th December last, from Dr. J. Ewart, to the address of the Private Secretary to the Viceroy. In doing this I am to explain, as regards the advisability of appointing a "Chinchona Alkaloid Manufacturer," that, under the orders of the Secretary of State, a Quinologist (Mr. Broughton) is already engaged in the Neilgherry Hills in investigating the best and cheapest mode of preparing the febrifuge on the spot, and in considering questions connected with its manipulation for the use of hospitals and troops in India. His final report may be expected towards the close of the current year, and until it is received, the Government of India consider it premature to discuss the entertainment of a Chinchona Alkaloid Manufacturer, but the Governor-General in Council desires, meanwhile, your opinion as to the expediency of the latter part of Dr. Ewart's proposal, *viz.*, that which treats of the extraction of the active principle of other medicinal products.

2. This function, it is understood, has hitherto been discharged partly by the Medical Store-keeper and partly by the Superintendents of the Government Botanical Gardens.

3. Should you consider that the advantages of having a separate and distinct agency for the purpese are sufficient to warrant the expense which that measure would entail, I am to request an expression of your opinion whether the Officer so employed should act independently or should be placed in subordination to the Superintendent of one of the Botanical Gardens, the Medical Store-keeper, or attached to the Chinchona manufactory, should such an institution be eventually established.

4. I am also to request that you will be good enough to obtain and submit, for the information of His Excellency in Council, the views of Dr. Buckle, the Principal Medical Store-keeper, on the point noticed above.

Extract from a letter from Dr. J. EWART, to the Private Secretary to His Excellency the Viceroy and Governor-General, dated 16th December 1868.

THERE is one point to which I would specially desire to invite the attention of His Excellency, and that is the necessity for taking steps for the appointment of a "Chinchona Alkaloid Manufacturer," not a mere Quinologist, as suggested at page 34 of the "Notes on Chinchona Cultivation at Darjeeling". His duties need not be confined solely to the Chinchonas. The extraction of the active principle of other medicinal products, derived from the vegetable kingdom in this country, might form an important part of his duty (page 35). In truth, the duties of the "Chinchona Alkaloid Manufacturer" might very appropriately range over the whole vegetable kingdom. The results of such an investigation, conducted systematically over a series of years, could not be otherwise than conducive to the advancement of therapeutics and the truest interests of mankind,

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No. 588. ORDER THEREON, 28th April 1869, No. 1,150.

Miscellaneous.

THE foregoing letter will be communicated to the Inspector-General, Indian Medical Department, with a request that he will report on the subject under consideration, in communication with the Government Quinologist, Mr. Broughton.

(True Extract.)

(signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Inspector-General, Indian Medical Department.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

No. 1150.

28th April 69.

Granted

The Inspector's letter
will be communicated
to the Surgeon General
with Bengal
and a request that he will
state whether he requires
a reply
Transmitted for the information
of the Government of India
with the Surgeon Generals
Dr Broughton

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To

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL,

INDIAN MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.

Dated April, 28th.

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Nos. 587-588.

Chinchona Alkaloid Manufacturer.—Papers from Government of India, regarding the appointment of one, communicated to Inspector-General, Indian Medical Department, for report, in communication with Mr Broughton.

Rev. Dr Pfeiffer

To

The Secretary to the Govt. of India.
Home Department.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 12th February 1869, forwarding (1) an extract from a letter from Dr Ewart suggesting the employment, at Darjeeling, of a Cinchona Alkaloid Manufacturer, who, in addition to his regular duties, would turn his attention to the extraction of the active principle of other medicinal products, and (2) copy of a letter addressed to

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I should be disposed upon receiving this letter to refer the subject to which it relates to the Inspector General of the Govt. Hospitals with request that he will favour me with his opinion thereon.

yrs N. A. J.

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the Principal Inspector General of Hospitals Indian Medical Service L.P, stating that the Govt: of India consider it premature to discuss the appointment of a Cinchona Alkaloid Manufacturer, but ask my his opinion on the latter part of Dr Ewart's proposal, and requesting this Govt. to give their views on Dr Ewart's scheme so far as the present condition of circumstances permit of any opinion being formed.

2. I am directed to state in reply that this Govt: concur in the view expressed by the Government of India, for though they have already received five most interesting reports

reports from their Cinchonologist, who, in addition to his regular duties, has turned his attention to other medicinal products of the country, they do not consider that the experiment conducted by Mr. Broughton is in a sufficiently advanced state to enable them to judge of the expediency of employing a special officer for the purpose in each Presidency.

3. I am, however, directed to observe that this Govt: fully concur with Dr Ewart in considering that a general investigation of the vegetable Kingdom in this country, in view to the discovery of valuable medicinal products,

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