

Revenue (1898) Department.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Communicating to the Director of Govt. Cinchona Plantations, G. O. L & M. Dept., directing with reference that the Medicines &c. required by the Local Boards & Muni. Councils should be obtained on indent from the Madras Medical Depot with effect from 1st April 1899, all supplies of quinine however being obtained as hitherto from the Govt. Manufactory at Madras.

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Medicines, &c.

Directing, with remarks, that the — required by the Local Boards and Municipal Councils should be obtained on indent from the Madras Medical Depot with effect from the 1st April 1899, all supplies of quinine however being obtained as hitherto from the Government Manufactory at Naduvattam.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

Read—again the following paper:—

G.O., No. 846 L., dated 5th May 1898.

Read—the following paper:—

Extract from the Proceedings of the Government of India in the Home Department (Medical), under date Calcutta, the 26th March 1898, No. 380—393.

Read—

Resolution by the Government of India, Home Department, No. 5—360-69, dated the 11th June 1888, on the subject of the closing of Government Medical Store Depôts against local medical institutions unaided by the Government.

The undermentioned papers on the subject of the grant to certain hospitals and dispensaries of the privilege of indenting upon the Government Medical Store Depôts:—

- Letter from the Government of Bombay, No. 5359, dated the 9th December 1895.
- „ to the Government of Bombay, No. 174, dated the 25th February 1896.
- „ from the Government of Bombay, No. 4166, dated the 22nd September 1896.
- „ „ the Government of Bombay, No. 933, dated the 20th February 1897.
- „ „ the Government of Bombay, No. 1877, dated the 6th April 1897.
- „ „ the Government of Bengal, No. 962-Medical, dated the 22nd Feb. 1897.
- „ „ the Government of Madras, No. 737-L., dated the 14th April 1897.

Resolution.—With a view to lighten the work of the Government Medical Store Depôts, it was decided in Home Department Resolution, No. 5-Medical—360-369, dated the 11th June 1888, that medical institutions independent of the Government should no longer have the privilege of indenting upon those depôts. A number of medical institutions have from time to time been exempted from the operation of these orders and several applications for similar exemption have recently been received by the Government of India. It has therefore been considered advisable to reconsider the orders of 1888 and the Governor-General in Council has decided that, subject to the following conditions, Local Governments and Administrations shall be empowered to authorize any institutions within their respective jurisdictions to obtain their supply of medicines, &c., from the Government Medical Store Depôts:—

- (1) The Inspector-General of Civil Hospitals must estimate his total requirements in sufficient time to enable the store depôt to supply them; he must pass each indent when made and he must be held responsible that the total supply he takes in each year does not differ materially from the estimate.
- (2) The charges made by the depot must cover the whole cost of the supply including freight, packing, issue and establishment, a percentage over the stock rates being fixed for this purpose.
- (3) As no customs duty is levied on medical stores imported on Government account, a further charge of five per cent. on importation value must be made by the issuing depôt to make up for the duty that would have been charged if the importation had not been on Government account. The percentage will be adjusted so as to cover this charge and the amount will not, for the present, be accounted for in any way differently from the rest of the recoveries.

- (4) The Military Department will debit the cost of each issue to the Local Government concerned, advising it of the debit, and the Local Government will accept responsibility for the prompt recovery of the amount charged; no question or dispute of any kind being permitted, unless the amount charged is first completely paid up.

Order.—Ordered, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Governments of Madras, Bombay, Bengal, the North-Western Provinces and Oudh, the Punjab and Burma and to the Chief Commissioners of the Central Provinces, Assam and Coorg and the Resident at Hyderabad for information and guidance, that a copy be forwarded to the Financial and Military Departments for information and that a copy be forwarded to the Director-General, Indian Medical Service, for information.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. P. HEWETT,
Secretary to the Govt. of India.

To the Government of Madras.

Order—No. 846 L., dated 5th May 1898.

Communicated to the Surgeon-General, who is requested to report whether it is advisable that advantage should be taken of the resolution, and, if so, to what extent.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. TREMÉNHEERE,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Surgeon-General.

Copy to the Financial Department.
„ „ Public Department.
„ „ Accountant-General.

Read—also the following paper:—

From Surgeon-Major-General C. SIBTHORPE, C.B., F.R.C.P.I., Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Local and Municipal Department, dated Ootacamund, 10th Sept. 1898, No. T. 3-21.

With reference to the orders of Government noted in the margin, I have the honour to report for the information of Government that a circular was issued to all District Medical and Sanitary Officers including Civil Surgeons, calling upon them to report in consultation with the local bodies concerned whether they were willing in future to secure the annual supply of medical stores for their Medical institutions from the Government Medical Store Depôt, Madras, and, if so, to submit a statement showing their district requirements for the year 1899-1900.

G.O., No. 846 L., dated 5th May 1898.
„ „ 973, Public, dated 28th July 1898.

2. The replies received from them show that the local bodies are in favour of the proposed system and the statements of district requirements submitted by them have been forwarded to the Medical Storekeeper to Government, Madras Command, for disposal in accordance with G.O., No. 973, Public, dated the 28th July 1898.

3. The local bodies noted in the margin prefer the existing arrangement of obtaining medical stores from Messrs. Burgoyne, Burbidges & Co., London.

4. The District Medical and Sanitary Officer, the Nilgiris, reports that the

- (i) Anantapur District Board.
- (ii) Coimbatore District Board.
- (iii) Chingleput District Board.
- (iv) Kumbakonam Municipality.

question will be laid before the next meeting of the Board which was to take place at the end of August 1898.

5. In this connection, I may point out that the concession now offered by the Government of India is very advantageous and should be availed of by all local bodies for the following reasons:—

(a) The drugs supplied by the India Office to the Medical Store Depot, Madras, are specially tested by an expert.

(b) The local bodies will get their supplies punctually and in case of emergencies or medicines &c. running short, they could obtain them without any delay from the Store Depot, Madras.

(c) The price of medicines, &c., supplied is cheaper than the rates of any Indian or European firms as will be seen from the communications referred to in G.O., No. 2226 L. Mis., dated 21st November 1895.

6. Apart from these, the present system of getting supplies (such as solid medicines and instruments from Messrs. Burgoyne, Burbidges & Co., London, tinctures and spirituous preparations from the Medical Store depot, Madras, quinine from the Director of Government Cinchona Plantations, castor-oil from local market) through different sources is very troublesome and unsatisfactory. The high prices charged for by Messrs. Burgoyne, Burbidges & Co., London, the delay in the receipt of consignments and bad packing, &c., now complained of, are sufficient reasons for reverting to the old system of obtaining supplies from the Medical Store Depot, Madras.

7. Under these circumstances, I am strongly of opinion that all local bodies should draw their supplies from the Medical Store Depot, Madras, with effect from 1st April 1899.

ORDER—No. 2067 L., dated 27th October 1898.

The Government of India having in its resolution No. 380-393, dated 26th March 1898, decided that Local Governments and Administrations should be empowered to authorize any institutions within their respective jurisdictions to obtain their supply of medicines, &c., from the Government Medical Store Depôts, His Excellency the Governor in Council is pleased, in modification of G.Os., No. 2105 L., dated 21st September 1893, and No. 2786 L., dated 12th December 1893, to direct that the medicines, &c., required by the Local Boards and Municipal Councils should be obtained on indent from the Madras Medical Depot with effect from the 1st April 1899, all supplies of quinine however being obtained, as hitherto, from the Government Manufactory at Naduvattam.

2. The instructions issued to the Surgeon-General in G.O., No. 1157 L., dated 26th May 1893 on the subject of the scrutiny of local indents for medicines should be carefully borne in mind.

(True Extract.)

A. B. S. S. S.
for Secretary to Government

To the Surgeon-General.
„ all Presidents of District Boards.
„ all Chairmen of Municipal Councils.
„ all Collectors.
„ the Public Department.
„ the Revenue Department.

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