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No. 144. Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of Madura, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Madura, 22nd August 1871, No. 1554 :—

With reference to paragraphs 4 and 6 of the Order* of Government, dated 21st June 1871, No. 892, I have the honour to submit copy of a letter,† addressed to the Sub-Collector by the Rev. Mr. Chester, from which it appears that he is not willing that his Dispensary should be taken over as a local and municipal one. He has, however, asked the Local Fund Board to give him not merely the sum of Rupees 400 mentioned in Government Order, No. 491, dated 17th April 1871, but also Rupees 1,173-5-4 proposed to be given by Mr. Bliss in paragraph 10 of his letter embodied in the Proceedings of Government under reply.

* Public Department.

† 21st July 1871.

2. The Local Fund Board have recorded the following resolution on his application :—

"Resolved that the President be requested to ascertain from Government whether the meaning of that portion of paragraph 4 of Government Order, No. 892, dated the 21st June 1871, Public Department, which is marginally quoted, is that private Dispensaries are not to receive aid from Municipal or Local Funds or be under the control of Municipal or Local Fund Boards, and that no provision be made for any grant-in-aid to Mr. Chester's Dispensary until an answer to this question is received."

"Government have called for information with a view to passing general orders on the question whether miscellaneous grants of this kind to private Dispensaries should be thrown on Local and Municipal Funds."

3. I understand that general orders are to be passed on the question whether grants to private Dispensaries should be thrown on Local and Municipal Funds, and that the Dindigul Dispensary will not be exempted from the general orders as Mr. Chester is unwilling to hand it over as proposed by Mr. Bliss. I beg, however, to submit, for the orders of Government, the question asked by the Local Fund Board in their resolution.

4. The Rev. Mr. Chester is willing to serve on the Dindigul Municipal Commission, and I request that he may be appointed a Commissioner.

From the Rev. EDWARD CHESTER, M.D., in charge of Dindigul Dispensary, to the Acting Sub-Collector of Madura, dated Dindigul, 21st July 1871.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your official letter, No. 241, dated 19th July 1871, together with the copy of Government Order, dated 21st June 1871, No. 892, Public Department.

2. As I saw a copy of this order twenty days since, and have had the matter much on my mind ever since, I am more prepared to give, without any delay, my opinion on the scheme therein sketched at your request by desire of the Acting Collector.

3. I must acknowledge that I received a very different impression from carefully reading a printed copy of your letter, with the Order of Government thereon, than I had from personal conversation with you on the subject, or from a not very careful hearing of portions of the manuscript letter, and regretted that I had not given the matter more deliberation at the time.

4. As I had received, however, from Government the most unvarying kindness and the most generous assistance towards my Dispensary, I made up my mind to yield to the wishes of Government in the matter rather than to my own private feelings.

5. I was most happy to find that the Inspector-General, Indian Medical Department, at whose office I was first shown the order of Government already referred to, quite coincided with my views and wishes to have my Dispensary remain, as it had been, one of the private Dispensaries assisted by Government.

6. I had the privilege the following day of an interview with His Excellency the Governor, and was again most encouraged to find that His Excellency was entirely willing to have me carry on my Dispensary as I had been doing since receiving a grant from Government.

7. For seven years past, while it has been well known to the native community that my Dispensary was a prominent part of my mission work, the number of patients, both from Dindigul and the neighbouring villages, has steadily increased, and while I would be compelled to sacrifice this, to me most important feature of the work, if my Dispensary should be taken over as a local and municipal one, I do not believe that there would be any positive increase in the number of patients or any increase of efficiency in the character of the work performed.

8. For these and other reasons, which may more appropriately be noticed privately, I would prefer to have my Dispensary remain, as it has been since March 1869, a private Dispensary receiving grants-in-aid from Government and subject to its orders.

9. I beg leave to acknowledge your kindness in drawing up, and forwarding to Government, a statement so favourable to my Dispensary, and for taking so warm an interest in its welfare.

10. In answer to the second question in your letter, I will be most willing to serve on the Commission, as far as any advice in sanitary and medical matters will be of any value.

No. 145. ORDER THEREON, 31st August 1871, No. 417.

The question of aid to the Rev. Mr. Chester's Dispensary is disposed of in separate orders.

2. The following Notification will be published:—

"Under Section 7, Act III. of 1871, the Governor in Council is pleased to appoint the Rev. E. Chester to be a Commissioner for carrying out in the town of Dindigul the purposes of the said Act."

(True Extract.)

Captain, R. E.,
Under Secretary, P. W. D.,
for *Chief Secretary.*

To the Collector of Madura.

Exd. J. Wright.

Govt. of Madras.

FINANCIAL.

To

THE COLLECTOR OF MADURA.

Dated August, 31st.

Recd. Encl.

G. O., 31st August 1871, No. 417.

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Appointing the Rev. E. Chester to be a Commissioner of the Dindigul Municipality.

Dindigul July 21st 1871.

From

Revd Edward Chester M.D.
in Charge of Dindigul Dispensary—

To

H. D. Bliss Esqre M.C.S.
Acting Sub Collector of
Madura

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Signed W. W. Bliss
Asst Sub Collector

(True Copy)
T. Paulson
Dy Collector

Enclosure in letter
From
The Asst Collr of
Chairman
To The Chief Secty
to Government
Ootacamund
Dated 22d August 1871
No 1554
Forwarding a letter
Copy of a letter
addressed to the
Collector by the
Revd Mr Chester
Dated 21st July 1871

In Tamil 444/71

No 1554

Collector's Office
Madura
22d August 1871

From

D. McRuhae Esqre
Acting Collector of Madura

To

The Honble R. S. Ellis
Chief Secretary to Govt
Ootacamund

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Public Dept
21st July 1871

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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obed.t serv.t

A Mc Pherson
Ag Collector

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Madura
The Chief Secretary to
Government
Ootacamund
Dated 22nd August
Recd 26th 1871
No 1554
No 444
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Ootacamund. 31st August 1871. No 4117

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Govt. of {1871} Madras.

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To

The Collector of Madura

Dated Augt. 31.
Recd.

Encl.

G. O. 31 Augt, 1871, No 417.

Nos. 144. 145.

Appointing the Revd. E. Chesterton Commr. of the Dindigul Municipality.