No. 94. Read the following letter from the President of the Municipal Commissions, Tinnevelly, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Courtallum, 28th August 1872, No. 181:—

In reply to paragraph 2 of Government Proceedings, No. 729, dated 30th May 1872, I have the honour to inform you that a sum of Rupees 81,500 was collected by public subscription in 1864, and invested in Government Promissory Notes on account of the Palamcottah Dispensary. The Tinnevelly Dispensary has always been treated as a branch receiving till recently a subsidy of about Rupees 700 per annum; this has now been raised to Rupees 1,200, which represents one-third of the interest of the money invested, and is a fair apportionment.

2. The Palamcottah Dispensary is under the daily inspection of the Zillah Surgeon, while Tinnevelly is only visited by him once or twice a week; people injured by accident or violence are brought to Palamcottah, where the number of patients received is far in excess of the number received at Tinnevelly.

3. I enclose copies of communications from the Vice-Presidents of Tinnevelly and Palamcottah on this subject; on the whole I am inclined to adopt Mr. Locke's view of the case, and do not see any advantage in dividing the funded capital.

From the Vice-President of the Municipal Commission, Tinnevelly, to the President of the Municipal Commission, Tinnevelly, dated Tinnevelly, 22nd July 1872, No. 52.

The Government, in their Order, No. 729, dated 30th May 1872, have called for a report accounting for the present method of distribution of the Lungerkhana Fund, and whether the capital cannot be divided among the dispensaries of Tinnevelly and Palamcottah. That this fund was originally raised by subscriptions for the maintenance of the two dispensaries may be apparent from correspondence in the records of the Collector's Office. Palamcottah has a population of about 13,000 souls; the hospital there is resorted to by the people of this taluq living on the other side of the river, as those in Ottapedaram Taluq go to the Tuticorin Hospital, and those in Tenkarei Taluq to Dr. Strachan's institution. Whereas the town of Tinnevelly has 20,000 and more inhabitants, and being situated to the west of the river, the hospital at this place is resorted to by the townsmen, by the people of the taluq on this side of the river, and by the people of Ambasamudram, Tenkasi, and Sankaranainarkovil Taluqs. Thus it would appear that there is a large scope for this hospital. Palamcottah has the advantages of a Military Hospital and a Police Hospital; the employés in the Survey Office have their own Dresser, and the European community in general their Zillah Surgeon, to administer to their wants. But, unfortunately, this town is devoid of all such advantages. Those that have contributed largely to the Lungerkhana Fund reside in this town, and it is some of these that have taken the pains to collect the amount. It is the sick that want a physician, and so it is where the population is large and wants great that the hospital should be on a better and sure footing. Under these circumstances, the Commissioners do not think it desirable for this Municipality to depend upon another for a contribution from the interest of a capital, to which they have a right in behalf of their dispensary, leaving it to be invested in the name of another Municipality, as the contribution might be withheld one day or other; and, besides, this way of disposal of the fund does not seem to agree with Section 30 of the Municipal Act; and the Commissioners being in consequence of opinion that, in view to put their poor dispensary on a better footing, the capital has to be divided, have passed a resolution in a meeting held on the 15th instant, to request that you will be pleased to apportion the capital of the Lungerkhana Fund equally between the two Municipalities.

From S. R. LOCKE, Esq., Vice-President of the Municipal Commission, Palamcottah, to the President of the Municipal Commission, Palamcottah, dated Palamcottah, 22nd August 1872, No. 87.

With reference to Government Order, dated 30th May 1872, No. 729, reviewing the Budget Estimates of the Municipalities in this district, in which you are called upon to report the grounds of the distribution of the interest of the funded capital of the Lungerkhana, and whether the capital cannot be divided, I am directed to lay before you the following resolution which was passed by the Commissioners of this Municipality at a general meeting held on the 29th June last :—

"That the capital of the Lungerkhana, although originally raised for the support of such an institution in both Tinnevelly and Palamcottah, was always held in trust by the Committee of the parent institution in the latter place, and grants-in-aid made under their sanction for the support of the former, which subsequently became merged in the Palamcottah institution ; that for this reason the division of the trust capital, as proposed by Government in their Proceedings, No. 729, dated 30th May 1872, would, in the opinion of this Committee, operate to the detriment of the interests of the trust, and the Commissioners, therefore, resolve to request that it may be maintained in its integrity."

2. In support of the resolution, I am instructed to bring the following facts prominently to your notice :—

(1). That the Commissioners of the Tinnevelly Municipality never at any time had control over the funded capital of the Lungerkhana, which is always held in trust by the Collector and Zillah Surgeon of the district for the time being.

(2). That the grant-in-aid of 100 Rupees per mensem now given towards the support of the Tinnevelly Dispensary appears to be sufficient to meet its expenses, while the allotment remaining for expenditure in the Palamcottah Dispensary, which is the dispensary for the district, is barely sufficient.

(3). That the actual funded capital is only Rupees 81,500, the remaining 3,000 Rupees being accumulation of interest placed as a deposit in the Tuticorin Branch of the Madras Bank for a period of six months and since withdrawn.

(4). That the present distribution of the interest appears to be an equitable one, one-third being allotted to the Tinnevelly and the remaining two-thirds to the Palamcottah Dispensary.

(5). That the Dispensary at Tinnevelly is not capable of enlargement in its present site, and has accommodation for only twenty-four patients, whereas the Palamcottah Dispensary is capable of enlargement, and with its out-offices can accommodate at least thirty-six patients ; and

(6). That the Committee of the late Lungerkhana were enabled to allot large sums (Rupees 2,000 at Strivilliputtur and Rupees 700 at Edayangudi) for the establishment of similar institutions in those places, and that the Commissioners cannot hope to be able to extend their aid similarly to other parts of the district if the capital is allowed to be divided.

3. Under these circumstances, I am instructed to ask your support against a division of the funded capital of the Lungerkhana, and I trust I have shown sound reasons against the arrangement.

No. 95. ORDER THEREON, 17th September 1872, No. 1227.

Before disposing of this question the Government desire to be informed, distinctly, with what express object the Endowment Fund was raised.

2. If it was for the Palamcottah Dispensary then there seems to be no reason for altering the existing arrangements.

(True Extract.)

Acting Under Secy. to Govt.

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Tinnevelly.

Exd. J. Wright.

Govt. of {1872} Madras.

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To

THE PRESIDENT OF THE
MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONS,
Tinnevelly.

Dated September, 17th.

Recd. Encl.

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I have the honour to be
Sir
Your Most Obed. Servt.

A K Duckle
President.

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From
The President Municipal Commr
Tinnevelly

To The Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort Saint George
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Stating that the Residents see no advantage in dividing the funded Capital of the Nungambaukum between the Municipalities of Tinnevelly & Palamcottah

Written Order

Before passing final orders on this matter, the Govt desire to know whether it is possible to procure a list of the original subscribers to the Nungambaukum Fund, and, if so, that it may be forwarded, accompanied by notes showing whether the usual residence of the various subscribers is nearer Tinnevelly or Palamcottah.

To
The Presidt of the Municipal Commrs, Tinnevelly.

Rotd 14th Sept 1872 No 1227

Before disposing of this question the Government desire to be informed, distinctly, with what express object the Endowment Fund was raised.

2. If it was for the Palamcottah Dispensary there seems to be no reason for altering the existing arrangements.

To
The Presidt of the Municipal Commrs Tinnevelly

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