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No. 198. Read the following letter from the President of the Municipal Commission, Tinnevelly, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Tuticorin, 5th October 1872, No. 214 :—

In reply to Government Proceedings, No. 1227, dated 17th September 1872, I have the honour to refer you to Government Proceedings No. 733, dated 29th June 1864, approving of the publication of a notice of which I forward a copy. It is not very clear from this notice whether the subscriptions solicited were for any particular institution or for the maintenance of a Friend-in-Need-Society for the district generally; but the interest of the funds so collected has been undoubtedly appropriated to the maintenance of the Palamcottah Lungerkhana, of which the Tinnevelly Dispensary has hitherto been considered a branch.

2. These funds (Rupees 81,500) were invested in Government Promissory Notes in the name of the Collector of Tinnevelly, and these Notes are deposited in the Treasury.

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NOTICE.

It is well known that one of the best actions that a man can do in this world is to endeavour to lessen human suffering as far as it lies in his power. There are many ways of doing charity, as by establishment of chuttrums for travellers, digging tanks and wells, and establishing schools, &c.; but none has a greater claim on our immediate attention than that of alleviating the sufferings of the indigent sick by timely and proper medicines, attention, and professional treatment, and of taking care of those who, by poverty in old age or by bodily infirmity, are incapable of supporting themselves. An institution for the attainment of these objects is already in existence in the district in the shape of a Lungerkhana or Friend-in-Need Society, founded by the benevolent efforts of C. J. Bird, Esq., the late Collector of Tinnevelly. That this institution has been productive of great good to the destitute and sick poor in the district is known to the whole community, and it is a great honour to the district that such an institution has been kept up for so many years, principally by the voluntary contributions of the influential natives of this zillah. It is, however, evident that for its permanency its income should be certain and should not be dependent upon the fluctuating contributions of the people. Its perpetuity can only be secured by providing sufficient funded property for its maintenance, and it would give much satisfaction to the Collector to see this done.

2. It becomes necessary here to state that the dispensary in Tinnevelly town is now amalgamated with the Friend-in-Need Society above mentioned, and this appears to be a fitting occasion for the public of Tinnevelly to come forward to assist in supporting the combined charity. The noble bridge on the Tambrapurni River owes its existence entirely to the munificence of a single public-spirited individual, and there is no doubt that many of the rich Zemindars and wealthy and influential natives are able to contribute sufficiently large donations to render the Friend-in-Need Society permanent and to relieve it from its dependence upon uncertain contributions. Noble examples of this kind have been set in the neighbouring and other districts, viz., a capital of more than 60,000 Rupees has been raised in Madura by the Zemindars and people generally. In Nellore the Zemindar of Vencatagherry has singly taken upon himself the entire cost of the maintenance of the dispensary in that district.

3. This appeal is, therefore, confidently made to the generous feelings of the rich Zemindars, influential merchants, and people generally of the Tinnevelly District, on behalf of the Friend-in-Need Society. By contributing now once for all a sufficient donation they will be relieved from the monthly or yearly payments made by then. It is necessary to state here that a capital of 50,000 Rupees will be required to render the Friend-in-Need Society self-supporting.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,*
*21st October* 1872.

4. It is requested that those who wish to contribute to the permanent support of the institution will subscribe their names and the amount of donation in the annexed list and pay the latter in the Taluq or Huzur Treasury.

TINNEVELLY,
*1st June* 1864.

(Signed) J. SILVER,
*Collector.*

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No. 199. ORDER THEREON, 21st October 1872, No. 1427.

The Government do not consider that the terms of the notice under which the Endowment Fund was raised are such as to call for any change in the existing practice of allowing a yearly grant-in-aid to the Tinnevelly Dispensary from the interest of the funded capital invested by the Committee of the late Palamcottah Lungerkhana.

(True Extract.)

*Acting Under Secy. to Govt.*

To the President of the Tinnevelly Municipality

Exd. A. S. Rodgers.

Govt. of [1872] Madras.

FINANCIAL.

To

THE PRESIDENT OF THE
TINNEVELLY MUNICIPALITY.

*Dated* October, 21st.

*Recd.*

*Read.*

G. O., 21st October 1872, No. 1427.

OCTOBER.
Nos. 198-199.

Considering that the terms of the notice under which the Endowment Funds of the late Palamcottah Laugerkhana was raised are not such as to call for any change in the existing practice of allowing a yearly grant-in-aid to the Tinnevely Dispensary from the funded capital.

No 52.

Tinnevelly Municipal Office
22nd July 1872.

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From C Coothanaina Pillai
Vice President

To R K Puckle Esqre
President Municipal Commission
Tinnevelly

Sir,

The Government, in their Order No 729 dated 30th May 1872, have called upon a report, accounting for the present method of distribution of the Langerkhana 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 13000 Souls; the hospital there is resorted to by the people of this Taluq living on the other side of the river, as those in Attapadaram taluq go to the Tuticorin Hospital, and those in Tenkasi 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 & Sankaranainar-koil 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 Employees in the Survey office have their own Dresser, and the European Community in General, their Lillah Surgeon to administer to their wants. But unfortunately this town is devoid of all such advantages. Those that have contributed largely to the Langerkhana Funds 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 want great that the hospital should be on a better and surer 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 in a better footing, the Capital has to be divided, have passed resolution in a Meeting held on the 15th instant, to request that You will be pleased to apportion the Capital of the Langerkhana Fund Equally between the two Municipalities.

I have &c

(Signed) C. Coothanaina Pillay
Vice President.

No 87.

Commissioners Office
Palamcottah 22 August 1872.

From The Vice President
Municipal Commission
Palamcottah

To The President
Palamcottah Municipality

Sir, 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 Langerkhana, & 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 Langerkhana, although "originally raised for the support of such an "Institution in both Tinnevelly & 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 detri- "ment 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 Langarkhana which is always held in trust by the Collector & 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 81500, 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 (6) months & since withdrawn.

(4) that the present distribution of the Interest appears to be an Equitable one, 1/3rd being allotted to the Tinnevelly & the remaining 2/3rds to the Palamcottah Dispensary.

(5) that the Dispensary at Tinnevelly is not capable of Enlargement in its present Site and has accommodation for only 24 patients, whereas the Palamcottah Dispensary is capable of Enlargement and with its out Offices can accommodate at least 36 patients, and

(6) that the Committee of the late Langr. Khana will Enabled to allot large Sums (Rupees 2000 at Srivilliputhur 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 Langarkhana & I trust I have shown sound Reasons against the arrangement.

I have &c

(Signed) J R Locke
Vice President

(True Copies)

A L Locke
President

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# Notice.

1. It is well known that one of the best actions that a man can do in this world is to endeavour to lessen human suffering as far as it lies in his power. There are many ways of doing charity as by establishment of Chattrams for travellers, digging Tanks and Wells and establishing Schools &c, but none has a greater claim on our immediate attention than that of alleviating the sufferings of the indigent sick, by timely and proper medicines, attention and professional treatment, and of taking care of those who by poverty in old age, or by bodily infirmity are incapable of supporting themselves. An institution for the attainment of these objects is already in existence in the District in the shape of a Lanfer-khana or Friend in need Society, founded by the benevolent efforts of C. J. Bird Esqre, the late Collector of Tinnevelly. That this Institution has been productive of great good to the destitute and sick poor in the District, is known to the whole community, and it is a great honor to the District, that such an institution has

has been kept up for so many years; — principally by the voluntary contributions of the influential natives of this Zillah. It is however evident that for its permanency, its income should be certain, and should not be dependent upon the fluctuating contributions of the people. Its perpetuity can only be secured by providing sufficient funded property for its maintenance, and it would give much satisfaction to the Collector, to see this done.

2 It becomes necessary here to state that the Dispensary in Tinnevelly Town is now amalgamated with the Friend in need Society above mentioned, and this appears to be a fitting occasion for the public of Tinnevelly to come forward to assist in supporting the combined charity. The noble bridge on the Tambraparni River owes its existence entirely to the munificence of a single public spirited individual, and there is no doubt that many of the rich Zemindars and wealthy and influential natives are able to contribute sufficiently large donations to render the Friend in need Society, permanent and to relieve it from its dependence upon uncertain contributions. Noble examples of this



kind have been set in the neighbouring and other Districts, viz a capital of more than 60,000 Rupees has been raised in Madura by the Zemindars and people Generally. In Nellore, the Zemindar of Venkatagherry has singly taken upon himself the entire cost of the maintenance of the Dispensary in that District.

3 This appeal is therefore confidently made to the generous feelings of the Rich Zemindars, influential Merchants and people Generally of the Tinnevelly District on behalf of the Friend in need Society. By contributing now once for all a sufficient donation, they will be relieved from the monthly or yearly payments made by them. It is necessary to state here, that a capital of 50000 Rs will be required, to render the Friend in need Society self supporting.

4 It is requested that those who wish to contribute to the permanent support of the Institution will subscribe their names and the amount of donation in the annexed list and pay the latter in the Taluq or

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Huzur Treasury.

Tinnevelly
1st June 1872.

/ Signed / J. Silver
Collector

(True Copy)

A. K. Duckle
Collector

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No. 214. Tinnevelly Tuticorin 5th October 1872

From. R. K. Puckle Esqre
President Municipal Commission

To The Honorable R. S. Ellis C.B.
Chief Secretary to Government
Fort Saint George

Sir,

In reply to Government Proceedings No 1227 dated 17th September 1872, I have the honor to refer you to Government proceedings No 763 dated 29th June 1864 approving of the publication of a notice, of which I forward a Copy. It is not very clear from this notice whether the subscriptions solicited were for any particular institution, or for the maintenance of a friend in need Society for the district generally, but the interest of the funds so collected has been undoubtedly appropriated to the maintenance of the Palamcottah Langarkhana, of which the Tinnevelly dispensary has hitherto been considered a branch.

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In Fort 20 Oct 72

Enclosure to a letter from the President of the Municipal Commission Tinnevelly to the Chief Secretary to Government Fort St George dated 5th October 1872 No. 214.

Copy of notice issued by the Municipal Commission Tinnevelly for Palamcottah Langarkhana purposes &c in the above letter.

2 These funds Rs. 81,500 were
invested in Government promissory
notes in the name of the Collector of
Tinnevelly and these notes are deposited
in the treasury.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obed Servt

A K Ruthven
President.

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the late Palamcottah Dum-
-gerkanah.

W. E. H.

1872.

From The Principal Collector
Madurai Tinnivelly
To The Collector of Tinnivelly
Head Quarters

Ltr 21st October 1872
Rec'd 5th Ditto
No 2114
Enclosure One.
No. 2045

Submitting a copy
of notice called for in
Government Proceedings
No 1227 dated 17th September
1872 regarding the collection
of Endowment for Palam
cottah Dispensary

The Revd. Timmevelly Dummy Dup 30/12 32/- £84.

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Govt. of {1872} Madras.

To Financial

Sec Read. of the Municipality

Dated 21st Oct.
Read. } 1872, No. 1427.

Nos. 198-199.

Rescinding that portion of G.O. dated 21st Oct. 1872 No. 1427 which provided for the existing practice of allowing a yearly grant-in-aid to the Tirunelly dispensary from the interest of the Secluded Capital invested by the Committee of the late Pulicat Lunger Khanah by the terms of the notice under which the endowment-funds were raised.

See over

Tirunelly Dispensary