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No. 228. Read the following letter from the President of the Municipal Commission, Srirungum, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Trichinopoly, 7th October 1872:—

Adverting to paragraph 16 of my letter embodied in the Proceedings of Government No. 1197, of the 10th ultimo, I have the honour to submit the accompanying extracts from the Proceedings of the Commissioners at the meetings held on the 10th and 13th September last.

2. The Commissioners are sanguine that on a careful consideration of the reason assigned the Government will agree with them as to the urgent necessity that exists for the establishment of a dispensary and hospital in the town.

3. Conscious of the great advantage which the proposed institution will prove to the public, the members of the Local Fund Board of this circle have at the meeting held on the 12th ultimo unanimously agreed to supplement the local* contributions by an equivalent grant of Rupees 1,500 per annum, and the Commissioners earnestly request the Government to allow the institution, under its exceptional circumstances, the benefit of the superintendence of a Native Surgeon and to grant a few of the necessary surgical instruments in the first instance.

	Rs.
* Municipal contributions...	1,200
Contribution from the Trustees of the Srirungum Pagoda	300
Total ...	1,500

4. C. Balu Moodelliar, the Native Surgeon, has been in the district for nearly seventeen years and his professional services have been fully appreciated by the public, and the native community in particular have great confidence in his skill and treatment. The Commissioners beg, therefore, to suggest the propriety of his superintendence being secured to the proposed institution. Balu Moodelliar is already on this Commission.

5. The Commissioners have at their last meeting proposed to establish the dispensary and hospital from January next, when there will be a very large concourse of people on account of the annual feast; and, should Government be pleased to sanction their application at an early date, they propose to lose no time in making the preliminary arrangements, erecting a temporary shed in a suitable locality, and raising subscription towards, the construction of a substantial building in a situation selected with the full approval of the Sanitary Commissioner.

6. In answer to the application made by the Trustees of the Srirungum Pagoda and other townspeople, the Commissioners learn that the Inspector-General, Indian Medical Department,

Paragraph 8 of G. O., No. 1197, dated 10th September 1872.

has stated that 300 Rupees *a month*, or something approaching that sum, will be required from the Trustees of the Pagoda to enable him to comply with their wishes, and that the Trustees are about to inform Dr. Balfour that it is utterly out of their power to contribute more than 300 Rupees *a year*.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Municipal Commissioners for the Town of Srirungum at a Special Meeting held on the 10th September 1872.

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The inconvenience and injury sustained by the inhabitants of the town for want of professional medical aid on the spot has been shown to be very great, and the dispensary at Trichino-

poly, which is situated at an inconvenient distance of nearly four miles from Srirungum, is very rarely resorted to, the sick not being able either to walk so far or afford to engage a conveyance; they are, therefore, compelled to place themselves entirely at the mercy of the local quacks or leave things to chance. The Commissioners, therefore, feel themselves constrained to adopt the necessary measures for the establishment of a dispensary and hospital in the town. The town of Srirungum, which contains two of the most celebrated shrines of Southern India, "Srirungum" and, "Jumbukeswaram," is, in consequence of the increased facilities of communication afforded by railways, largely resorted to throughout the year by pilgrim-travellers from all parts of India, who visit the shrines at no stated periods of the year but whenever their circumstances would permit. The inhabitants of the district also throng in large numbers during the festivals which take place in Srirungum, with more or less importance, during eleven months in the year. The proposed institution requires, therefore, to be organized on a scale sufficiently extensive to administer to the comfort of not only the 20,000 inhabitants of the town but also of the pilgrim-visitors, who, it is no exaggeration to say, almost equal the population of the town.

2. Notwithstanding the small income of 9,000 Rupees a year, and the numerous important works of sanitary improvements which have yet to be carried out, the Commissioners resolve to allot 1,200 Rupees for this purpose from the ensuing Official year. This sum, however (even with the Rupees 300 from the Pagoda Committee), would go a very little way towards the maintenance of the proposed institution, and they resolve, therefore, to apply to the Local Fund Board of this district to contribute a sum equivalent to the local subscription (Rupees 1,500). The Commissioners need hardly explain to the Board that this small grant of Rupees 1,500 out of their annual assets of Rupees 1,85,000 would form a highly beneficial and charitable item of expenditure in aid of an institution which cannot fail to be esteemed by the public as a great boon conferred not only on the resident community of the district but also on the travellers from all parts of India visiting the shrines after a long and fatiguing journey.

3. The Board now contribute Rupees 2,358 a year to the dispensary at Trichinopoly, which, with its invested capital of nearly 33,000 Rupees and a very handsome monthly subscription from the European residents of the station, was lately made over to the well-doing Municipality, which has for its income upwards of 87,500 Rupees per annum. The dispensary in question can maintain itself independently of the Local Fund allotment; but the one now proposed cannot do so, and all the advantages calculated on would be lost to the community if the allotment applied for is refused.

4. A contribution of Rupees 300 a year, promised by the Trustees of the Srirungum Pagoda, will also be fully utilized. A suitable building can be at present hired for the purpose and a new one built in course of time mainly from local subscriptions. The above three items amount to Rupees 3,000 a year, as follows :—

	Rs.
Srirungum Municipal grant	1,200
Local Fund grant	1,500
Srirungum Pagoda contribution	300
Total...	3,000

5. With the aid of the above sum the Commissioners propose to entertain a 3rd Class Hospital Assistant and servants, purchase medicines, &c., and provide for dietary contingencies; but this does not complete the requirements of the institution. The supervision of a Native Surgeon is indispensably necessary, and the Commissioners accordingly resolve to request Government to give the institution, in its exceptional circumstances, the benefit of the desired supervision and a few of the necessary instruments in the first instance.

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(Signed) J. B. PENNINGTON,
President.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
23rd October 1872.

EXTRACT from the Proceedings of the Municipal Commissioners for the Town of Srirungum at a Meeting held on the 13th September 1872.

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VI. Read Proceedings of the Local Fund Board of Trichinopoly Circle, under date the 12th instant, agreeing to grant Rupees 1,500 per annum, from the commencement of the ensuing Official year, in aid of the proposed dispensary and hospital at Srirungum.

Recorded, the President being now requested to make the necessary application to Government with reference to paragraph 5 of the Resolution, No. 1, passed by Commissioners on the 10th instant.

(Signed) J. B. PENNINGTON,
President.

No. 229. ORDER THEREON, 23rd October 1872, No. 1446.

The Government approve of the resolution of the Srirungum Municipal Commissioners to make provision for the establishment of a dispensary and hospital in that town. In recognition of the public spirit shown by the Srirungum Municipality the Government direct that the dispensary be furnished, free of cost, by the Inspector-General, Indian Medical Department, with the surgical instruments necessary and with a six months' supply of medicine.

2. The request for the supervision of a Native Surgeon will be considered when the question of the distribution of these Officers' pay between Provincial and Local Funds has been finally decided.

(True Extract.)

Acting Under Secy. to Govt.

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Srirungum.
,, Inspector-General, Indian Medical Department.
,, Examiner of Medical Accounts.
,, Accountant-General.

Exd. A. S. Rodgers.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Municipal Commissioners for the Town of Srirangam at a Special Meeting held on the 10th September 1872.

I . . . . . The inconvenience and injury sustained by the inhabitants of the Town for want of professional Medical aid on the spot has been shown to be very great, and the Dispensary at Trichinopoly which is situated at an inconvenient distance of nearly 4 Miles from Srirangam is very rarely resorted to, the sick not being able either to walk so far or afford to engage a conveyance; they are therefore compelled to place themselves entirely at the mercy of the local quacks or leave things to chance. The Commissioners therefore feel themselves constrained to adopt the necessary measures for the establishment of a Dispensary and Hospital in the Town. — The town of Srirangam, which contains two of the most celebrated shrines of Southern India "Sreerangam" and "Jambukeswaram," is in consequence of the increased facilities of communications afforded by Railways largely resorted to, throughout the Year,

by

Govt. of India 1872 Madras.

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To

THE PRESIDENT OF THE
MUNICIPAL COMMISSION,
Srirangam,
&c., &c.

Dated October, 23rd.

Head.

Read.

G. O., 23rd October 1872, No. 1446.

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Nos. 228-229.

Approving of the resolution of the Commissioners to make provision for the establishment of a dispensary and hospital in the town of Srirangam, and directing that the institution be furnished, free of cost, with the surgical instruments necessary and with a six months' supply of medicines in recognition of the public...

...shown by the Municipality.

by pilgrim travellers from all parts of India who visit the shrines at no stated periods of the Year but whenever their circumstances would permit; the inhabitants of the District also throng in large numbers during the festivals which take place in Srirangam, with more or less importance, during 11 months in the Year. The proposed institution requires therefore to be organized on a scale sufficiently extensive to administer to the comfort of not only the 20.000 inhabitants of the Town but also of the Pilgrim visitors, who it is no exaggeration to say almost equal the population of the Town.—

2. . . . . Notwithstanding the small income of 9000 Rupees a Year and the numerous important works of sanitary improvements which have yet to be carried out, the Commissioners resolve to allot 1200 Rupees for this purpose from the ensuing official Year; this sum however (even with the Rs. 300 from the Pagoda Committee) would go very little way towards the maintenance of the proposed institution, and they resolve therefore to apply to the

the Local Fund Board of this District to contribute a sum equivalent to the local subscriptions (Rupees 1500). The Commissioners would kindly explain to the Board that this small Grant of Rupees 1500, out of their annual assets of Rs. 185.000, would form a highly beneficial and charitable item of expenditure, in aid of an institution which cannot fail to be esteemed by the public as a great boon conferred not only on the resident Community of the District but also on the Travellers from all parts of India resorting the shrines after a long and fatiguing journey.

3. . . . . The Board now contributes Rs. 2358 a Year to the Dispensary at Trichinopoly which with its invested Capital of nearly 33.000 Rupees and a very handsome monthly subscription from the European residents of the station, was lately made over to the well doing Municipality which has for its income upwards of 87.500 Rs. per annum. The Dispensary in question can maintain itself independently of the Local Fund allotment, but the one now proposed cannot do so & all the advantages calculated on would be lost to the Community

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4- - - - - - - - A contribution of Rs 300 a year promised by the Trustees of the Srirangam Pagoda will also be fully utilized. A suitable building can be at present hired for the purpose and a new one built in course of time, mainly from local subscriptions. The above 3 items amount to Rs 3000 a year as follows.

	Rs
Srirangam Municipal Grant - - - - -	1200
Local Fund Grant - - - - - - - - -	1500
Srirangam Pagoda Contribution - - - -	300
	3000

5. - - - - - With the aid of the above sum the Commissioners propose to maintain a third class Hospital Assistant & Servants, purchase medicines &c. & provide for Dietary contingencies but this does not complete the requirements of the institution, the supervision of a Native Surgeon is indispensably necessary and the Commissioners accordingly resolve to request Government to give the institution, in the exceptional circumstances, the benefit of the desired supervision and a few of the necessary instruments in the first instance

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/Signed/ L. B. Bunnington
President

/True Extract/

J. B. Bunnington
President

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(Signed) J. B. Pennington
President

(True Extract)

J. B. Pennington
President

From
The President
Municipal Commissioners
Srirangam
To
The Collector & Agent
Govt
Fort St. George

Certified extract from the Proceedings of the Municipal Commissioners at a Meeting held on the 10th September 1872

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Trichinopoly -

7th October 1872

No.

From

The President

Municipal Commissioners

Srirangam

To

The Chief Secretary

to Government

Madras

Sir,

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2 . . . . . The Commissioners are sanguine that, on a careful consideration of the reasons assigned, the Government will agree with them as to the urgent necessity that exists for the establishment of a Dispensary and Hospital in the Town. -

3 . . . . . Conscious of the great advantage which the proposed institutions will prove to the public, the Members of the Local Fund Board of this Circle have at the Meeting held on the

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From

The Vice President

Municipal Commissioners

Srirangam

G. O. 1456 of 1872 Fwd

To the Chief Secretary

to Government

Fort St. George

No 238 Dated 20th October 1872

Received 22nd October 1872

Extract from the Proceedings of the Municipal Commissioners at a Meeting held on the 13th September, 1872

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12th Ultimo unanimously agreed to supplement the local contributions by an equivalent grant of Rupees 1,500 per annum, and the Commissioners earnestly request the Government to allow the institution under its exceptional circumstances the benefit of the superintendence of a Native Surgeon, and to grant a few of the necessary surgical instruments in the first instance.—

4———— C. Balu Mudeliar, the Native Surgeon, has been in the District for nearly 17 Years and his professional services have been fully appreciated by the public; and the Native community in particular have great confidence in his skill and treatment. The Commissioners beg therefore to suggest the propriety of his superintendence being secured to the proposed institution. Balu Mudeliar is already on the Commission.—

5———— The Commissioners have at their last Meeting, proposed to establish the Dispensary and Hospital from January next, when there will be a very large concourse of people on account of the annual Feast, & should

* Municipal Contributions ——— 1200
Contributions from the Trustees of the Srivanjam Pagoda 300
1500

Should Government be pleased to sanction their applications at an early date they propose to lose no time in making the preliminary arrangements, erecting a temporary shed in a suitable locality & raising subscriptions towards the construction of a substantial building in a situation selected with the full approval of the Sanitary Commissioner.

Paras 2 of G.O. No 1194 dated 10th Sept 1872.

6———— In answer to the applications made by the Trustees of the Srivanjam Pagoda & other towns people, the Commissioners learn that the Surgeon General Indian Medical Department has stated that 300 Rs a month or something approaching that sum will be required from the Trustees of the Pagoda to enable him to comply with their wishes, & that the Trustees are aware to inform Doctor Balfour that it is utterly out of their power to contribute more than 300 Rupees a Year.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant

J. B. Pennington
Pres. Dent

To
The Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St. George

1872

Financial Department.

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from the President of the Municipal Commissioners, Shiyali, dated 7th October 1872.

Order thereon of 23rd Oct 1872 No 1446.

Ordered that the Govt approve of the resolution of the Shiyali Municipal Commissioners to make provision for the establishment of a Dispensary and Hospital in that Town. In recognition of the public spirit shown by

Financial Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the **MADRAS GOVERNMENT.**

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Order thereon

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2. The request for the supervision of a Native Surgeon

by the Srirangam Municipality, the Govt direct that the Dispensary be furnished, free of cost, by the Inspector General Indian Medical Department, with the surgical instruments necessary, and with a six months' supply of medicine.

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Govt. of {1872} Madras.

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To

The Presdt. Munil. Commr.
Chirangam

Dated Oct. 23. } 1872. No. 446.
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Approving the resolution of the Commrs. to make provision for the Establt. of a Dispy. & Hospl. in the town of Srirangam & directing that the institution be furnished free of cost with the Surgical instruments necessary & with a Six months' Supply of Medicines in recognition of the public spirit shown by the Municipality.