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13th November 1872.

Read the following papers:—

No. 42. From the President of the Municipal Commission, Cuddalore, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Cuddalore, 12th August 1872, No. 306.

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3. Adverting to paragraph 5 of the Inspector-General's letter, I fail to see how any portion of the Sub-Assistant Surgeon's salary could be debited to Local Funds, from which a contribution is already made towards the maintenance of the Hospitals. His itinerating the district is quite incompatible with his having charge of the Hospital, which must of necessity be closed during his absence.

4. For the rest, as stated in my letter to the Inspector-General, the Commissioners highly appreciate the services of the Sub-Assistant Surgeon, and would gladly retain them if the funds at their disposal would admit of it. But it is absolutely necessary, on sanitary grounds, that a certain amount of the money now expended on establishment should be set free to enable the Commissioners to carry out works in the town which are urgently needed. In regard to this I need only mention that there are, at present, but two latrines to meet the requirements of a population, numbering 40,000 souls, which is scattered over an area of about six square miles. The Commissioners are willing to pay half the salary of the Sub-Assistant Surgeon, but they cannot afford more.

No. 43. From E. G. BALFOUR, Esq., Inspector-General, Indian Medical Department, to the Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Fort St. George, 7th August 1872, No. 255.

I have the honour to submit to His Excellency the Governor in Council a letter from the President of the Cuddalore Municipality, reporting that, owing to

the necessity for curtailing their expenditure, the Commissioners have determined to dispense with the services of the Sub-Assistant Surgeon employed at the Branch Dispensary there; that they have instructed him to report himself to me as available for duty from the 15th instant; and they request me either to replace that officer by a 1st or 2nd Class Hospital Assistant, or to give timely warning of my inability to do so, in order that other arrangements may be made. The Commissioners report that they are fully satisfied with the Sub-Assistant Surgeon, and if the funds permitted they would be glad to retain him; but, as they have two institutions to support, they say that they cannot afford to provide more than the pay of a 1st Class Hospital Assistant for each, unless an arrangement could be made for the Commissioners and the State each to pay a portion of the Sub-Assistant Surgeon's salary.

2. As the Branch Dispensary under notice was created by the orders of Government, and the Sub-Assistant Surgeon now holding the office was posted to it by Government, I have the honour to submit that, in my opinion, the Commissioners are under a misapprehension in supposing that they can, of their own authority, discharge the Sub-Assistant Surgeon from the 15th instant, and they cannot be aware that he is an Uncovenanted Officer of Government, with less than five years' service, who, from the date that he ceases to be employed, will cease to draw any pay, and can only be discharged without even a gratuity; and, being unaware of the Sub-Assistant Surgeon's position, although they have bid him report himself to me, such a report would be useless to him unless there happened to be some vacancy for which I could submit his name to Government, and there is no such vacancy at present anywhere. The Commissioners, long accustomed to the Hospital Assistant and Warrant Medical Officers who are regularly attested servants of the State, are doubtless writing to me under the impression that the Sub-Assistant Surgeon's position is similar to theirs, and that he could, like them, fall back on the Military Department from the date that he may be displaced from Cuddalore.

3. The Cuddalore Branch Dispensary was established in the year 1860, but became particularly valuable to the community after the abolition of the Depôt Hospital there in the year 1864. The circumstances connected with it, and its importance to the 37,000 inhabitants of Cuddalore Town, were before Government in their Proceedings of the 2nd July 1867, on which occasion the Collector reported that there were, besides 37,000 in the town, a large resident population of Europeans and East Indians, comprising the families or the descendants of the old depôt pensioners, and about thirty European pensioned soldiers, who from old associations still clung to the place, and had the branch institution not existed many old pensioners as well as others would have died from neglect, under pressure of sickness or disease; he then earnestly asked for a Medical Officer of higher education than a Dresser, and on learning all this Government retained there the Dispensary and the Native Surgeon.

4. I have the honour to mention that, in the past six months, the Cuddalore Municipality have written to me other letters, all of them, in purport, bearing on the cost of the Branch Dispensary, and, in April last, I received from the community the

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petition which I now enclose, praying for its continuance, and I am of opinion that it should be kept up in its present form; but, considering the numbers of Europeans and East Indians residing there, the proposition of the Commissioners that the Municipality and the State might each pay a portion of the Sub-Assistant Surgeon's pay, is one with which Government may feel able to comply, debiting the moiety to Provincial Services. It will be observed that, though there are very few European or East Indian in-patients, the out-patients of these two sections of the community are considerable.

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5. The existing rules as to Sub-Assistant Surgeons are contained in the Medical Code;* their services are for the districts of the particular towns at which they are stationed, and as they are also required during sickness to itinerate through the districts allotted to them, part of the pay of this class may, therefore, in equity be debited to the Local Funds of the district, and in part to the Municipality of the town in which they reside.

* Volume I., Section 4, paragraph 4, page 77.

6. The position of this class of Sub-Assistant Surgeons has, however, been greatly altered by the introduction of the Local Funds and Towns' Improvement Bill, and I may mention that the Trichinopoly Municipality has also been writing similarly regarding Native-Surgeon Baloo Moodelly, who has been there since twenty years; and, after examining the circumstances under which he is working there, I have thought that each case will need to be decided on its own merits. In the meantime Government may perhaps feel able to direct Municipalities to abstain from discharging their medical men as Cuddalore has now done, but to give leisure to investigate the case and to look about for other employment for them. Up to the present other walks of life have drawn to themselves the better educated of the Native community, and it would be a very serious blow to the efforts which Government have been making to provide a higher class of professional natives, if those now in the Medical Department should thus summarily be discharged.

No. 44. From the President of the Municipal Commission, Cuddalore, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Runganathapurum, 16th August 1872, No. 310.

In continuation of my letter, dated 12th August 1872, No. 306, I have the honour, at the request of the Inspector-General, Indian Medical Department, to forward another petition addressed to that Officer by the inhabitants of Old Cuddalore, praying for the retention of the services of the Sub-Assistant Surgeon in charge

of the Branch Hospital. This and the previous petition are, in point of fact, appeals to the Inspector-General, Indian Medical Department, against the decision of the Municipal Commissioners.

2. The statement that only one-third of the Sub-Assistant Surgeon's salary is paid from Municipal Funds, the balance being defrayed from Local Funds, is incorrect. On a reference to the Local Fund Budget I find that a sum of Rupees 330 was provided in 1871-72, and Rupees 2,330 in 1872-73, as contributions to the Municipality for the Civil Dispensary at *Munjacoopam*, with which the Sub-Assistant Surgeon has nothing whatever to do, he being in charge of the Branch Hospital at Old Cuddalore, three miles away.

3. In pursuance of the resolution passed by the Municipal Commissioners, Dr. Wilson, the Vice-President, intimated to the Sub-Assistant Surgeon that his services would not be required in connexion with the Branch Hospital after the 15th instant. I enclose copy of a letter I yesterday received from him on the subject. The only meaning I can give to his communication is that he declines to give over charge except under orders from the Inspector-General. It is very desirable that the question raised by Dr. Balfour as to the competency of the Commissioners to dispense with the services of an officer whose salary they can no longer afford to pay should be disposed of without delay.

4. I may here mention that the Branch Hospital is situate within a stone's throw of the Jail, of which the Civil Surgeon is the Superintendent. Dr. Wilson goes there every day of the week, and could, without difficulty, supervise the Dresser whom it is proposed to place in charge, just as he does in the case of the Dispensary at Munjacoopam.

From the Sub-Assistant Surgeon, Cuddalore, to the President of the Municipal Commission, Cuddalore, dated Old Town, Cuddalore, 14th August 1872, No. 24.

In acknowledging receipt of your letter, No. 298, dated 2nd August 1872, I have the honour to state that I have applied to the Inspector-General, Indian Medical Department, for instructions for my guidance regarding the notice requiring me to deliver over charge of the Hospital on the 15th instant, and I have not received any reply as yet.

No. 45. From the President of the Municipal Commission, Cuddalore, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Cuddalore, 20th August 1872, No. 311.

In returning petition, No. 1710, from the inhabitants of Cuddalore, forwarded to me with docket dated 17th instant, I have the honour to state that the subject has been fully reported on in my letters, dated 12th and 16th instant, Nos. 306 and 310, respectively.

To

THE HON. R. S. ELLIS, C.B.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras.

MOST RESPECTED SIR,

We, the undersigned inhabitants of Cuddalore, Munjacoopam, Trippapore, and Poodoopaliem, beg most respectfully to represent to His Lordship the Governor in Council the following circumstances in connexion with our humble petition to the President and Members of the Municipal Commission of Cuddalore for the retention of the Sub-Assistant Surgeon at the Cuddalore Dispensary.

2. We respectfully beg to submit that in that petition, numerously signed and addressed to the President and Members of the Municipal Commission, we represented to them the necessity for the services of an able and experienced officer of the grade of Sub-Assistant Surgeon, and prayed for the retention of the present incumbent.

3. Even long before the establishment of the Municipality the Dispensary at Cuddalore had been in charge of a Sub-Assistant Surgeon, and for the last five years the local taxes have considerably increased, and it is a great hardship to deprive us at present of the great boon we have been enjoying for so many years together.

4. The President and Commissioners seem to think that the services of a Sub-Assistant Surgeon are too expensive to be borne by the Municipal Funds. On this point we beg to submit that only about a third of that officer's pay is disbursed from the Municipal Funds, the remainder being contributed from the Local Funds.

5. The greatest benefit we, the Native tax-payers, expect at the hands of the Municipal Commissioners is the appointment of an able and experienced Native Medical Officer, who is thoroughly conversant with our constitution and practice, and to whom we and our females will freely communicate our wishes and wants, and this deprived we get a scanty return for the heavy taxes levied from us.

6. Though the Sub-Assistant Surgeon is posted only at Cuddalore, still the people of the other parts of the town, officials and non-officials, very frequently resort to his advice and treatment. The present Sub-Assistant Surgeon has by his valuable services and amiable conduct made himself a favourite with all classes of people, Europeans and East Indians included. These have already petitioned the Government in his behalf. Old Town, Cuddalore, is itself a very thickly populated and sickly place, and, as the Civil Surgeon is more than three miles away from thence, the services of an officer of superior grade and good experience are absolutely necessary to meet the requirements of such a large mass of people.

7. As the Sub-Assistant Surgeon has been directed by the Municipal President and Commissioners to give over charge of the Dispensary on the 15th instant, we humbly request that our prayer may be granted as early as possible.

(Signed) S. MOOTOOSAWMY,
and others.

9th August 1872.

No. 46. ORDER THEREON, 13th November 1872, No. 1519.

The Governor in Council considers that the Municipal Commissioners at Cuddalore have taken a correct view of their powers in regard to determining the numerical strength and salaries of the subordinates to be employed in connexion with institutions under their charge. They cannot be compelled to retain in their employment officials whose salaries are considered by them to be in excess of their requirements or of the resources at their disposal. The Inspector-General should not receive appeals from the decisions of Municipal Committees who are not subordinate to him.

2. The Government consent to contribute from Provincial Funds a moiety of the salary of the Sub-Assistant Surgeon in charge of the Cuddalore Dispensary in consideration of the large number of European and East Indian pensioners who are residents at that station.

3. The Government do not understand upon what ground the Inspector-General considers that Sub-Assistant Surgeons are liable to lose their position as

servants of the State on their services being dispensed with by the Municipal or Local Fund Board, under whom they may be employed. The Sub-Assistant Surgeons in this Presidency are essentially Government servants, and do not forfeit that position under the circumstances stated by Mr. Balfour.

(True Extract.)

Officiating Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Municipal Commission, South Arcot.
" Inspector-General, Indian Medical Department,
" Board of Revenue. with three enclosures.
" Accountant-General.

Govt. of India. 1872.

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To

The PRESIDENT OF THE
MUNICIPAL COMMISSION,
South Arcot.
&c., &c., &c.

Dated November, 18th.

Recd. Encl.

G. O., 18th November 1872, No 1638.

NOVEMBER.
Nos. 42—46.

Consenting to contribute from Provincial Funds
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No. 255.

Office of Insp.r Genl. Hosps.
Fort Saint George, 7th August 1872.

From

The Inspector General Hosps.
Fort Saint George

To

The Secretary to Government
Public Department

Sir,

I have the honor to submit to His Excellency the Governor in Council, for the return, a letter from the President of the Cuddalore Municipality, reporting that, owing to the necessity for curtailing their expenditure, the Commissioners have determined to dispense with the services of the Sub Assistant Surgeon employed at the Branch Dispensary there; that they have instructed him to report himself to me as available for duty from the 15th instant; and they request me either to replace that Officer by a 1st or 2nd Class Hospital Assistant, or to give timely warning

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Your Most Obed.t Servt.

Edwd. Balfour Surgn. Genl.
Inspector General Civil Hospls.
Indian Medical Service.

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No. 310

Camp. Rungana thapuram.
August 16th 1872.

From

H. E. Sullivan Esquire
President of the Municipal
Commission — Cuddalore.

To

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

Sir.

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× Forwarded to the Insp. Genl. I.M.D.

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No 1879.
The Asst Surgn Cuddalore
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The Secretary to Govt
Public Department
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Letter & enclosure
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Tanjacoopum.

I have the honor to be
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Your most obedt. servt.

A. Swinton

President

No. 24.

To The President of the
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[sd] A. Parasurama Chettiar
sub assistant surgeon.

Old Town. 2
Cuddalore. 3
14th Augt. 1872. 3

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A. Swinton
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Office of the Municipal Com-
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20th August 1872.

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To

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The President of the
Municipal Commissioners
Cuddalore

Dated 15th
Sept 1892

The Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort St George.

C.No. 311.
Dated 20th Aug 1892
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Enclosure 1.

Petitioning Petition
dated 17th Aug addressing the
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and stating that the
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M. Muralles.

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Servants

9th August 1872.

S. Mootoosamy
Overseer

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C. Sinnatchasmudanam
Chairman

D. Poocodasamy Pillay

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how any portion of the Sub. Assistant Surgeon's salary could be debited to Local Funds from which a contribution is already made towards the Maintenance of the Hospitals. His superintending the district is quite incompatible with his having charge of the Hospital which must of necessity be closed during his absence.

4. For the rest,- as stated in my letter to the Inspector General,- the Commissioners highly appreciate the services of the Sub Assistant Surgeon and would gladly retain them, if the funds at their disposal would admit of it. But it is absolutely necessary on sanitary grounds that a certain amount of the money now expended on Establishment should be set free to enable the Commissioners to carry out works in the Town which are urgently needed.

needed. In regard to this, I need only mention that there are at present but two Latines to meet the requirements of a population numbering 40,000 souls which is scattered over an area of about 6 square miles. The Commissioners are willing to pay half the salary of the Sub Assistant Surgeon but they cannot afford more.

I have the honor to be.

Sir

your most obed't servt.

[signature]

President

Fwd Sept.

Proc. of the Madras Govt.

Read the following papers.

Cand. M. C. Cuddalore	12 Augt. 1872	No 306	
Insp. Genl. I. M. Dept	7 Augt — " —	No 285	
Asst. M. C. Cuddalore	16 — " —	No 310	
Do — Do.	20 — " —	No 311.	

Order thereon. 13th Nov. 1872 No 1519

The Govt. in Council [illegible] that the Municipal Commissioners at Cuddalore [illegible] have taken a wrong view of their powers in regard to [illegible] assessing the Chuttrams & Choultries & the exemptions to be granted in connection with such Chuttrams under their charge. They cannot be empowered to [illegible] in this respect officials above whom are considered by them to be in many of their functions and of their powers of their disposal. The Govt.

2. The Govt. [illegible] conduct to [illegible] from Municipal funds a moiety of the salary of the Head Assistant superintending in charge of the Cuddalore [illegible] Dispensary & in consideration of

Municipal Govt. to receive assistance from the Municipality in connection with the Chuttrams & Choultries under their control.

Ext. Sept.

Extract from Proceedings of the Madras Municipal Commissioner for Local Affairs.

Dated 12th August 1872.

Received 16 Aug. 1872.

Subject

Submitting a letter forwarding a letter from the Secretary Local Fund Medical Department with certain observations regarding the establishment of Municipal Dispensaries at Cuddalore, Chingleput & Conjeeveram.

To

The Chief Secretary to Government Fort St. George.

No. 808.

Sir,

[illegible] large number of Europeans and Eastern
[illegible] Indians [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

In Govt. do not understand
why there should be separate
Branch Dispensaries for both
Assistant Surgeons as both
of them [illegible] in charge
of the State as there is room
being disposed with by the
Municipal a Local Fund
Branch under whom they may
be employed. Both Assistant
Surgeons at the Dispensary are
especially Government Servants
and do not depend [illegible] upon
the circumstance stated
by the Collector.

[illegible]

I agree with the Secretary as

To the President of the
Municipal Commrs. Seconded
Collector of Customs. 2 Pr. Regts. - with 3 Enclos.
Board of Revenue. "
Accountant General. "

[illegible]

Financial Department

Memorandum for Orders.

Letter from the President of the Municipal Commissioners, Cuddalore, dated 12th August 1872, No. 306.

The question raised in this correspondence is whether or not the Municipal Commissioners of Cuddalore have the power, of their own accord, to dispense with the services of the Sub Assistant Surgeon in charge of the Branch Dispensary at that place.

2. The Branch Dispensary was established in 1860, and, owing to the large number of Europeans and East Indians

Inhabitants residing in Cuddalore, the Government allowed the services of a Native Surgeon to be retained for it, his pay of course being defrayed from the Public Revenues.

3. After the Towns' Improvement Act came into operation the Branch Dispensary was transferred to the Municipality, and the latter, having regard to the necessity of curtailing their expenditure, dispensed with the services of the Sub Assistant Surgeon then in charge or attached to the Branch Dispensary and directed him to report himself to the Inspector General as being available for duty from the

the 15th August 1872.

4. The President of the Municipal Commission maintains that the Commissioners have the power to dispense with the services of the Sub Assistant Surgeon. The former in Council has the power of assigning remuneration from Municipal funds without reference to the Commissioners, only under Section 21 of the Towns' Improvement Act, and only to the officers appointed to inspect or superintend the operations of the Municipality, and the Sub Assistant Surgeon does not come under that category. The salaries of all other officers must be voted by the Commissioners.

5. The Inspector General is of a different opinion

and

and points out the anomalous
position the Sub Assistant
Surgeon would be placed
in if the Commissioners
had such power over him.
He is an Uncovenanted of
ficer of less than five years'
service, and entitled not even
3. to a gratuity should he be
discharged, and he ceases to
draw pay the moment he
is unemployed: besides if
such officers are liable to
be turned out of employ in
such a way, it will be dif-
ficult to recruit the Medi-
cal Service.

6. The President in his
remarks on the Inspector
General's letter says that
the Commissioners agree
to pay half the Sub Assist-
ant Surgeon's salary if the
Government

Government sanctions the
other half from Pro-
vincial Funds.

7. The Dispensary is a
necessity and this arrange-
ment seems reasonable.

Yours

Memo for Doctors
Copy of the Sub Asst.
Surgeon of Instructions.

to Candidates. where we
have a large number of
Sub Assistants in the Hospitals & many [illegible]
many useful the Salary of
the Sub. Asst. Surgeon. But
in Justice to some of the
best Men - the Government
does not want the Sub
Surgeon - and if we may
help him along we cannot
do [illegible] to the Surgeon
Army we have - Can we obtain
to do this? does the position
Surgeon not Justify at any
thing for the Discouragement?

Sof

T. N: 2425 of 1872.