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No. 3. Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of the Godavery District, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Ramachendrapur, 2nd February 1872, No. 5:—

As directed in G. O., dated 5th April 1867, No. 358, I have the honour to report upon the Civil Dispensaries at Rajahmundry and Cocanada in this district for the past year.

2. RAJAHMUNDY.—In this town 220 in-patients and 4,683 out-patients were treated at the Civil Dispensary during the year under report. These figures represent an increase in the former class of 46 over the numbers of the previous year, and of 632 in the latter class, and place beyond a doubt the growing popularity of the institution. Dr. Doig, the Civil Surgeon in charge, takes a great interest in the well-doing of the Dispensary, and, besides rendering his professional services, discharges as well the duties of Honorary Secretary and Treasurer. The institution has now been made over to the Municipality, but the private subscriptions still continue. The income derived from this source amounted during the year to Rupees 1,185-12-0, of which Rupees 951-12-0 were contributed by European residents and Rupees 234 by the native community. Rupees 160-10-0 were paid by Government for dieting magisterial cases and pauper travellers, and Rupees 218-15-11 represent the interest on invested capital. The aggregate receipts were, therefore, Rupees 1,565-5-11, and the charges amounted to Rupees 1,121-14-9, which show an excess of income over expenditure of Rupees 443-7-2. The charges are, however, exclusive of the salaries of the Hospital Assistant and peon and the cost of European medicines, which have heretofore been defrayed by Government and which are now chargeable to grants-in-aid from Local and Municipal Funds. I visited the Dispensary when at Rajahmundry, and had every reason to be satisfied with the manner in which the building was kept and with the internal arrangements. I think great credit is due to Dr. Doig for his exertions on behalf of this very useful institution.

3. COCANADA.—In the Civil Dispensary at this station 176 in-patients and 2,201 out-patients were treated during the year. This shows an increase of 35 in the former and 106 in the latter class, over the numbers treated in the preceding year. It will be observed from these figures that the popularity of the Dispensary here falls short of that attained by the sister institution at Rajahmundry, and I cannot in fairness speak of its management in the same terms of commendation. Its deficiencies may, however, I think be justly attributed to the constant changes of the Medical Officers in charge. When I came to the district in September last an Apothecary was in charge, and I then noticed several matters connected with the internal arrangements which evinced a great lack of interest in the good management and well-being of the institution. In the following month, Assistant Surgeon Paterson arrived and set himself vigorously to work to put matters on a better footing; but I now learn that he has been ordered away and that the care of the Dispensary has again been relegated to a subordinate. With such constant changes in the management, the institution cannot but languish, and I sincerely trust that it will be possible soon to appoint a Medical Officer permanently, especially as funds have recently been voted by the Local Fund Board for the establishment of a midwifery class in connexion with the

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Dispensary to train native women in the obstetric art. Funds have also been voted at the suggestion of the Pittapur Zemindar, the Vice-President of the Circle, for the medical education of a limited number of stipendiary students, to be taken from the families of the native doctors scattered about the country. But, unless the services of a competent Medical Officer are permanently secured to the institution, all such schemes for promoting the welfare of the people must prove abortive. I have not yet received a financial statement of the affairs of this Dispensary, but I believe the expenditure to be within the income.

4. In connexion with the Civil Dispensary of Cocanada—forming, in fact, part of the same building—is the Seamen's Hospital for the treatment of sick sailors from the shipping lying in the roads. There is one ward capable of containing six beds. It is commodious and clean. The inmates receive medical attendance and medicine gratis; but their diet is paid for by the Commanders of vessels. Forty-seven European seamen and two natives were admitted during the year, against thirty-one admissions of the former class and none of the latter in the year preceding. No financial statement of the affairs of this hospital has yet reached this office, but I am informed that its expenditure is also within its income.

No. 4.

ORDER THEREON, 2nd March 1872, No. 209.

To be recorded.

2. The Government direct, in supersession of G. O., 5th April 1867, No. 358, that in future the operations of the Dispensaries be noticed in the annual reports of Local Fund Boards and Municipalities, which should be accompanied by copies of the Medical Officer's report.

3. The preceding paragraph will be communicated to the Board of Revenue and all Presidents of Municipal Commissions.

(True Extract.)

Officiating Chief Secretary.

To the Collector of the Godavery District.

„ Inspector-General, Indian Medical Department.

„ Board of Revenue.

„ Presidents of all Municipal Commissions.

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Have the honor to be
 Sir
 Your obedient servant

Edw. B. Machudome
 Secy.

Govt. of 1872
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To
 THE COLLECTOR OF THE
 GODAVERY DISTRICT,
 &c., &c., &c.

Dated March, 2nd.
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 G. O., 2nd March 1872, No. 209.

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Recording the report upon the Rajahmundry
 and Cocanada Civil Dispensaries for the past year,
 and directing that the operations of Dispensaries
 be noticed in future in the annual reports of Local
 Fund Boards and Municipalities, accompanied by
 copies of the Medical Officer's report.

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From
The Collector
Godavery &
The Chief Executive
& Government
Sanitary Officer
M. S. 12 Feb 172
No 9 -
No 5
Buck. House
18037.
Explaining the
Civil Administration
of the Government
and Revenue
in the past year.

Mr. Allen
M.C.
M. S. 12 Feb 172

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Municipalities accompanied
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dispensary.