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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
6th April 1872.

Read the following papers :—

No. 127. From the President of the Municipal Commission, Tinnevelly, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Tuticorin, 20th January 1872, No. 12.

In reply to Government Proceedings, No. 46, dated 12th January 1872, calling for a report as to what the services of a Medical Warrant Officer are required for at Tuticorin and whence funds are to be provided for his salary, I have the honour to inform you that, on 6th March last, I reported to the Deputy Inspector-General of Hospitals the death of Dr. Reed who had been in medical charge of Tuticorin, and I then applied for the services of an Apothecary in his place to supervise the Dispensary and attend to the Government servants who are numerous at Tuticorin.

2. On the 20th idem, I made a similar application to Government, and stated that, if such an officer were appointed, the services of the Head Assistant's Dresser would be available elsewhere.

3. On this, the Government passed an Order, No. 533, dated 25th April 1871, approving of the appointment of a warrant officer to Tuticorin, and desiring to be informed whether the Commissioners were willing to pay the whole of his salary. I replied on 18th May that the Municipality was very poor and had heavy expenses, and that a moiety of the salary of an Apothecary might, therefore, be borne by Government.

4. The Government declined to accede to this recommendation on 16th June 1871, No. 860. Nothing further occurred till the 24th November 1871, when the Government ordered that proposals for the employment of medical subordinates by Local and Municipal Bodies should be made to Government by the Presidents ; on which I again requested that the services of a warrant officer might be placed at the disposal of the Tuticorin Municipality.

5. Since then, the Head Assistant Collector's Dresser has been reported to be unfit for duty by the Zillah Surgeon, and I have written to the Inspector-General of Hospitals requesting him to appoint another Dresser, if an Apothecary is not available. Should an Apothecary be appointed, the Government can save the cost of a Dresser who would not be required any longer for the Head Assistant Collector whose head-quarters are at Tuticorin.

6. There is real necessity for an Apothecary at Tuticorin. There is a Dispensary attached to the Municipality that ought to be greatly extended. There are employés of the Revenue, Salt, Sea Customs, Marine, Telegraph, and Public Works Departments to attend to, besides an increasing European society and the establishments of the Madras Bank, Cotton Screws and Mercantile firms.

7. In cases of serious illness, the European residents of Tuticorin have to move to Palamcottah, thirty-two miles distant, for medical treatment, and the inconvenience, danger, and expense incurred can only be appreciated by those who have to move for this purpose.

8. The Railway is now being marked out and Tuticorin is likely to be the head-quarters of part of the railway staff; there is always shipping in the roads, and take it altogether, there are few up-country places that more urgently need medical aid.

9. The Local Funds contribute 500 Rupees per annum towards the Dispensary, and the Municipality has voted 100 Rupees a month as the pay of an Apothecary.

Transferred to the Inspector-General, Indian Medical Department, for early report.

Fort St. George,
30th January 1872.

(Signed) R. S. ELLIS,
Chief Secretary.

No. 128. From the Inspector-General of Hospitals, Indian Medical Department, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Fort St. George, 29th February 1872, No. 51.

I have the honour with reference to the letter marginally noted, referred under your docket memorandum of the 30th ultimo, to report to Government that either an Assistant Apothecary or Apothecary can be placed at the disposal of the Municipality of Tuticorin.

No. 12, of 20th January, from President, Municipal Commission, Tinnevelly.

2. It is observed that the Municipality have provided Rupees 100 per mensem to meet the pay of an Apothecary, but this allotment will be insufficient, as the charge for a warrant officer of over five years' standing would amount to Rupees 150 a month. Mr. Puckle, however, states that if an Apothecary were posted to Tuticorin the services of the Hospital Assistant attached to the Head Assistant Collector could be dispensed with, and as he would consequently in case of sickness have to attend on a number of public servants in the station, I have the honour to recommend that Government may be pleased to grant Rupees 50 per mensem, which, with the municipal contribution will provide the required salary of Rupees 150 per mensem for an Assistant Apothecary.

No. 129. ORDER THEREON, 6th April 1872, No. 461.

The Government authorise the Inspector-General to post an Assistant Apothecary to Tuticorin, who will perform the duties hitherto fulfilled by the Head Assistant Collector's Dresser.

2. For the present, the difference between the pay and allowances of the late Dresser, and those of the Assistant Apothecary will be recovered from the Municipality. The exact proportion of the latter to be borne by Provincial Funds will be settled on receipt of a general report which has been called for.

(True Extract.)

Officiating Chief Secretary.

To the Inspector-General of Hospitals, Indian Medical Department.
" President of the Municipal Commission, Tinnevelly.
" Accountant-General.

Ent. J. Wright

Govt. of {1872} Madras.

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To

The INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF HOSPITALS, INDIAN MEDICAL DEPARTMENT,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated April, 6th.

Read. *Read.*

G. O., 6th April 1872, No. 461.

APRIL.
Nos. 127—129.

Authorizing the Inspector-General to post an Assistant Apothecary at Tuticorin and pointing out the source from which his pay and allowances should be recovered for the present.

Transferred to The Inspector General
Indian Med: Dept for early
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Fort St. George
30 Jany. 1872.

R. S. Ellis
Chief Secy.

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G. O. 6th April 72 No. 138
Regarding the
appointment of an
Apothecary or Asst.
Apothecary for the
Station of Tuticorin

Read G.O. of No. 390 & 395
6 April 1872. No. 461.

The Govt. authorize the Inspector General to post an Assistant Apothecary to Tuticorin, who will perform the duties hitherto fulfilled by the Head Assistant Collector's dresser.

2. For the present, the difference between the pay & allowances of the late dresser & those of the Assistant Apothecary will be recovered from the municipality. The exact proportion of the latter to be borne by Provincial funds will be settled on receipt of a general report which has been called for.