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20*th October* 1873.

No. 162. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 24th September 1873, No. 6368 (Miscellaneous):—

Read the following letter from W. S. WHITESIDE, Esq., President of the Local Fund Board, North Arcot, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Chittoor, 6th September 1873, No. 554:—

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2. The Local Fund Board considering it highly desirable that the immediate charge of the dispensary should be in the hands of an intelligent and experienced medical subordinate of the higher grades, requested Dr. Chamberlain to recommend to them a pensioned Apothecary possessing these qualifications, in view to his being placed in charge of the dispensary. Dr. Chamberlain, after corresponding with the Inspector-General of the Indian Medical Department, and himself making most careful personal inquiries, now writes to say that, under present circumstances, the dispensary cannot be well and efficiently carried on without obtaining from Government the services of an Assistant Apothecary of the second class on the effective establishment for the charge of the institution, and that it was the opinion of the Secretary to the Inspector-General, Indian Medical Department, that there will be the greatest difficulty in getting other than an effective subordinate for the Palmanair Dispensary, as most of the men who have left the service are either old and worn out, or have habits which would make it unsafe to employ them in so responsible a position.

3. The entertainment of a Hospital Assistant would doubtless be less expensive, but in such an important institution as that at Palmanair, to which the sick from the Punganoor and Cangoondy Zemindaries, Bungaree Polliem, Venkatagherry Kota Division, and Palmanair Taluq flock for medical aid in considerable numbers, it is undesirable to entrust its management for any length of time to a medical subordinate of this grade, especially as Palmanair is so far out of the way, and the dispensary is seldom inspected by a medical officer—a circumstance which would place the dispensary in the almost independent charge of the medical subordinate who may be appointed to it.

4. Under these circumstances, I have the honour to request, at the instance of the Local Fund Board, that Government may be moved to sanction the appointment of an Assistant Apothecary of the second class to have charge of the Palmanair Dispensary. The unexpended provision made in the budget to meet the pay and allowances of Mr. Huffton will be sufficient to meet the proposed charge, and thus little or no extra charge will this year be entailed on the Local Fund. Next year, of course, a larger provision will have to be made in the budget for the increased cost of supervision.

5. Dr. Chamberlain, who promised, when the establishment of the dispensary was first under consideration, to superintend the working of the institution, is, I regret to say, now suffering so severely from continued attacks of jungle fever that it is necessary for him to leave India for a lengthened period at the close of the year, and, as Dr. Silas Scudder has lately gone to Europe very ill, the American Mission are so weakened that it is very doubtful whether they will be able to appoint any one in Dr. Chamberlain's place at Muddenpalli, who will be able or willing to undertake the laborious and purely gratuitous duty of visiting and supervising the affairs of the Palmanair Dispensary. The Zillah Surgeon has duties, as Superintendent of the District Jail, to discharge which necessitates his constant presence in Chittoor, and it will not be possible for him to visit and inspect the Palmanair Dispensary from time to time. It is, therefore, all the more necessary, in the opinion of the Local Fund Board, that the institution should be in the charge of some really well qualified medical officer, who can be better trusted than an old pensioned Dresser.

6. I should add, in conclusion, that the Zillah Surgeon, Dr. Ogg, dissents from the opinion of the other members of the Local Fund Board on this matter, and considers that the dispensary might be safely entrusted to the charge of the pensioned Dresser.

Submitted for the orders of Government.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Acting Secretary.

No. 163. ORDER THEREON, 20th October 1873, No. 1523.

The Governor in Council approves the proposal to employ a warrant medical subordinate for the charge of the Palmanair Dispensary, and sanctions the resulting charge on the Local Funds. The papers will be communicated to the Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department, in view to the nomination of a medical officer for the duty.

2. The Government desire to be informed what number of patients have been treated at the dispensary since it was opened in 1872.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department.
,, Accountant-General.

Exd. J. Wright.

Govt. of (1873) Madras.

FINANCIAL.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated October, 20th.

Rd. No. 2290 of 73.

Encl.

G.O., 20th October 1873, No. 1523.

OCTOBER.
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Chittoor Circle.—The proposal to appoint a warrant medical subordinate to the charge of the Palmanair Dispensary approved, and the resulting charge on Local Funds sanctioned. Information called for as to the number of patients treated since the opening of the dispensary in 1872.

Revenue Department

Miscellaneous No. 6368

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dated 24th September 1873

Read the following

No. 554

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W. S. Whiteside Esqre,
Collector and President Local Fund Board
North Arcot

To,

H. E. Stokes Esqre,
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North Arcot Collector's Office,
Chittoor, 6th September 1873.

(Signed) W. S. Whiteside
Prest Local Fund Board

Submitted for the orders of Government.

(True Copy & Extract)

H Stokes
Ag Secretary

To,
The Chief Secretary to Government
Financial Department

C P Cameron Esq

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No. 1752

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Board of Revenue.

Dated 24th September/73.
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Submitting for orders of Govt. application of President of Local Fund Boards, N. Arcot, for appointment of an Assistant Apothecary of 2d class to have charge of Palmanair Dispensary.

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