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Dated 14-5- 1873.

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No. 160. Read the following letter from A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., President of the Municipal Commission, Coimbatore, to the Hon. W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Ootacamund, dated Coimbatore, 26th April 1873, No. 26 :—

I have the honour to submit to Government copy of a letter from the Civil Surgeon and resolution of Municipal Commissioners on the advantage of appointing a higher class of medical subordinates for the Municipal Hospital of Coimbatore, which is to an appreciable extent frequented by Government servants of the Courts and Cutcherries—by the latter necessarily so—when the Collector is absent on circuit with his Dresser.

2. Government in G. O., dated 25th March 1873, No. 397, paragraph 4, have apparently intimated their intention to consider favourably such application for provincial aid. The maintenance of the hospital is a charge of ten per cent. on the revenues of the Municipality, the capital of the hospital being reserved for permanent improvements.

From Surgeon-Major C. J. ROGERS, Civil Surgeon, to A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., President of the Municipal Commission, Coimbatore, dated Coimbatore, 23rd April 1873, No. 44.

I have the honour to bring to your notice that I am not satisfied with the working of the Civil Dispensary, and I consider that the staff attached to it is insufficient for the proper discharge of the duties of such an establishment. There is only first-class Hospital Assistant M. Veerasamy attached. His duties include the attending on in-patients, and prescribing for all out-patients and casualties during my absence; attending at their houses any patients seriously ill, and this too frequently happens; liable often to be called on to look after the Police hospital; copying all officials (at certain times of the year voluminous); making out bills for medicines, &c., and seeing to the diet of in-patients. This is beyond one man to perform efficiently. During the Assistant's absence there is no one to look after in-patients, or prescribe for any one coming to the dispensary for relief; neither can my prescriptions be made up, causing frequently great delay in the receipt of medicines urgently required. I have had many complaints on this head, but with the present staff I can see no remedy for it.

2. First-class Hospital Assistant M. Veerasamy is a trustworthy, hard-working man, but the work is too heavy for him, and he tells me he intends invaliding during the next three months, and I consider that the period of his doing so a good one for changing in some respects and increasing the staff of the dispensary.

3. There is one man called a "*Compounder*" who is, in my opinion, a useless appendage; he cannot be trusted to making up medicines without being overlooked, and I have had repeated occasion to find fault with him on the score of neglect of his duties. I recommend that this man be discharged, and a third-class Hospital Assistant be kept in his place who will be able to make up prescriptions, attend to the sick in-patients, help in copying (which is very essential), and making out bills, and thus during the temporary absence of the first-class Assistant, or other subordinates, the dispensary will not be left as at present without any proper person in charge. The bills for medicines are much in arrears from want of time to make them out.

4. On first-class Assistant M. Veerasamy invaliding I suggest that a pensioned Apothecary or Sub-Assistant Surgeon be entertained, and I feel convinced that this will be attended with good results.

5. I shall be obliged by your laying this letter before the members of Municipal Committee.

Govt. of 1873 Madras

FINANCIAL.

To

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

Dated May 14th.

Recd.

Encl.

G. O., 14th May 1873, No. 657.

MAY.
Nos. 160-161.

Stating that, in the event of the Municipality employing at the dispensary a medical officer of the grade of Apothecary or Sub-Assistant Surgeon, a contribution of twenty-five per cent. of his pay will be made.

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No. 44.

Coimbatore 23d. April 1873.

From.

Surgeon Major C. J. Rogers
Civil Surgeon.

To.

A. Maddenburn Esqre.
President of the Municipality
Coimbatore.

Sir.

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1st Class Hospital M. Veerasamy is a trustworthy, hard working man, but the work is too heavy for him, and he tells me he intends invaliding during the next three months, and I consider that the period of his doing so, a good one for changing in some respects and increasing the staff of the Dispensary –

There is one man called a "Compounder" who is in my opinion a useless appendage, he cannot be trusted to making up Medicines without being overlooked, and I have had repeated occasion to

find fault with him on the score of neglect of his duties. I recommend that this man be discharged, and a third class Hospital Assistant be kept in his place – who will be able to make up prescriptions, attend to the sick in-patients, help in Copying (which is very essential) and making out bills, and thus during the temporary absence of the 1st Class Assistant, or other subordinates. The Dispensary will not be left as at present, without any proper person in Charge – The bills for Medicines are much in arrears from want of time to make them out.

On 1st Class Assistant M. Veerasamy invaliding I suggest that a pensioned Apothecary or Sub Assistant Surgeon be entertained, and I feel Convinced that this will be attended with good results.

I shall be obliged by your laying this letter before the Members of

Municipal

Municipal Committee -

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obd.t Servant

(Signed) C. J. Rogers

Civil Surgeon

(True Copy)

A. Wedderburn

President

Extract from the Proceedings of the Municipal Commission Coimbatore dated 24th April 1873

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6. Read letter from the Civil Surgeon bringing to notice the insufficiency of the present staff at the Dispensary and recommending the appointment of a pensioned Apothecary and a 3rd Class Hospital Assistant -

Resolved that Government be addressed with a view of ascertaining under the Circumstances stated whether they will contribute towards the salaries of the proposed higher class Medical Subordinates -

(Signed) A. Wedderburn

President

(True Extract)

A. Wedderburn

President

Read G: 2.

A letter from the President Municipal Commission Coimbatore dated 24th April 1873 No 20.

Copy of Letter from the Civil Surgeon Coimbatore dated 23rd April 1873 No 44

Read 9/5/73

Coimbatore Municipal
Commissioners' office.

No. 26.

From. 26th April 1873.
2nd & 3rd May
F. Wedderburn Esqr.
President Municipal
Commission - Coimbatore

To. The Chief Secretary to Government
of Fort St. George.

Sir -

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Encls: 2.
As in Letter from the President Municipal Commission - Coimbatore
Dated 26th April 1873
No. 26.

Sir/Read from the Proceedings of the Municipal Commission Coimbatore
Dated 24th April 1873.

G.O. 14th May 73 No. 1160 - 161

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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obd.t Serv.t

A Medcalfe
President.

Financl. 1873 Despatch

Coimbatore Municipal Commission.

From. The President. Municipal Commission Coimbatore

To. The Chief Secretary to Government.

No. 819 Ootacamund.

Dated. 26th April
Despd. 3d May
Recd. 6th } 1873.

No. 26. Encls: 2.

Submits copy of a letter from the Civil Surgeon Coimbatore & Resolution of the Municipal Commr. on the advantage of appointing a higher class of Medical Subordinate for the Municipal Hospital of Coimbatore.

With 2 Encls.

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Ootacamund. 14th May 1873. No 667.

In the event of the Coimbatore Municipality employing at the Dispensary a Medical Officer of the Grade of Apothecary or Sub Assistant Surgeon, the Government will be prepared to contribute 25 per cent of his pay in accordance with the terms of G. O. of 25. March 73. No 397. Financial.

To The President of the Municipal Comrs. Coimbatore
- - - Surgeon Genl. Medl. Depr.
- - - Accountant General.

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Govt. of {1873} Madras.

Financial

To
The Presdt. Board. Commrs.
Coimbatore.

&c

Dated May. 14
Rec'd. Encl.

G. O. 14 May, 1873, No. 667

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