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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
3rd January 1874.

No. 1. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 12th December 1873, No. 8535-K (Miscellaneous):—

Read the following letter from H. S. THOMAS, Esq., President of the Local Fund Board, Canara Circle, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Uppinangadi, 24th November 1873, No. 625:—

With reference to G.O., 17th September 1873, No. 960, Public Department, sanctioning the withdrawal of Hospital Assistants in independent charge of Dispensaries, I am desired by the Local Fund Board of this circle to express their inability to replace the four third-class Hospital Assistants posted to the dispensaries noted in the margin by men of the Apothecary or Warrant Grade, unless aided by Government.

1. Udipi.	3. Kasargode.
2. Kundapur.	4. Uppinangadi.

2. The funds of this circle are limited, and from the budget submitted to the Board for 1874-75, it will be seen that the proposals therein made for the utilization of the General Fund need a grant from Provincial Funds of about Rupees 7,000 for their execution.

3. The salary of the present Hospital Assistants amounts in a year to Rupees 1,200, while even an Assistant Apothecary is paid, at the lowest, Rupees 75 per mensem, at which rate the total sum required for four such Apothecaries would amount to Rupees 3,600, or Rupees 2,400 in excess of the present cost.

4. The Local Fund Board did not anticipate such an abrupt withdrawal of Hospital Assistants, and have laid out more than Rupees 7,000 on dispensary buildings and furniture, and should the dispensaries be closed for want of funds, this heavy expenditure will be a mere waste of money that could have been profitably employed otherwise.

5. Under these circumstances, I am desired to request that the Government may be moved to sanction a special grant of Rupees 2,400 from Provincial Funds to supplement the funds of this circle in order to enable them to employ four Assistant Apothecaries in lieu of the Hospital Assistants, who are at a late hour pronounced by the Acting Surgeon-General to be unfit for independent charge.

6. This much I am desired to say from the Local Fund Board from which I am absent in camp. I would add as a point for the Revenue Board's consideration, which seems to have escaped the Local Fund Board, that Apothecaries are not unfrequently liable to be disqualified for sole dispensary charge by ignorance of the vernaculars and inaptitude to learn as quickly as natives, and that Canara has a peculiar language, and that the present Hospital Assistants have, as far as they have been tried, given satisfaction, so that if an exception is to be made in favour of Canara because of its small funds, perhaps it would be easiest to do so by letting her retain her present staff of Hospital Assistants.

Submitted for the Orders of Government.

2. The Board fear that the increase in expenditure, which will result from the order to which the Collector refers, will necessitate the closing of many small dispensaries which are now doing a great deal of good.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Secretary.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
3rd January 1874.

No. 2. ORDER THEREON, 3rd January 1874, No. 1.

The Governor in Council cannot sanction the retention of unqualified Hospital Assistants in the responsible charge of dispensaries, but it does not follow that Apothecaries are necessarily to take their place. The Government believe that men of the Hospital Apprentice grade are qualified for the charge, and that a surplus of this class beyond the requirements of the Military Department is available to replace the Hospital Assistants in cases where the Local or Municipal Fund is too low to pay for a medical officer of higher qualifications.

2. The Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department, will consider and report whether the requirements of the South Canara District can be met from this source, and what charge will be entailed on the Local Fund for this purpose.

3. The necessity of any grant to supplement the Local Fund from Provincial Funds will be considered when the Budget is before Government, but Presidents of Local Fund Boards and Municipalities must limit their proposed operations with reference to their means, and not count on Provincial grants to enable them to do all they would wish to see done.

(True Extract.)

W. HUDLESTON,
Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department.
To all Presidents of Local Fund Boards.
,, Presidents of Municipal Commissions.
To the Accountant-General.

Exd. J. Wright.

Govt. of 1874 Madras.

FINANCIAL.

To

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

Dated January 3rd.

Recd. Encl.

G. O., 3rd January 1874, No. 1.

JANUARY.
Nos. 1-2.

Local Fund and Municipal Dispensaries.—The several Presidents informed that the retention of Hospital Assistants in charge of dispensaries cannot be permitted, and that Hospital Apprentices, if available, may be employed if the Local or Municipal Fund is too low to employ Apothecaries. The necessity of any grant to supplement Local Funds from Provincial Funds promised consideration when the budget is before Government, but Presidents urged to limit their operations with reference to their means, and not to count on Provincial Funds.

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Dated 12th December 1873.

Read the following:—

No. 625.

From

A. L. Thomas Esquire,

President of the Local Fund Board,

Canara Circle.

To

J. Gross Esquire

Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Madras.

Sir,

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Assistants, who are at a late hour pronounced by the Acting Surgeon General to be unfit for independent charge.

6. This much I am desired to say from the Local Fund Board from which I am absent in camp. I would add as a point for the Revenue Board's consideration, which seems to have escaped the Local Fund Board that Apothecaries are not unfrequently liable to be disqualified for sole dispensary charge by ignorance of the Vernaculars and inaptitude to learn as quickly as natives and that Canara has a peculiar language, and that the present Hospital Assistants have, as far as they have been tried, given satisfaction, so that if an exception is to be made in favour of

of Canara because of its small funds, perhaps it would be easiest to do so by letting her retain her present staff of Hospital Assistants.

South Canara Collectors office, on Circuit, Kadaba Kasba in Upperinangadi Taluq, 24th November 1873

I have &c.
(Signed) H. S. Thomas
President.

Submitted for the Orders of Government.

The Board fear that the increase in expenditure which will result from the order to which the Collector refers will precipitate the closing of many small dispensaries which are now doing a great deal of good.

(True copy & Extract)

J. Grote
Secretary.

To The Chief Secretary to Government, Financial Department.

D. H. Mayhew
Copied J. Mackenzie

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No 2367

Subject

Hospital Assistants

Request of President of Canara Circle Board that Government may be moved to sanction retention of ——— owing to smallness of funds ——— Submitted for orders of Government, with the remark that many small dispensaries will have to be closed if apothecaries are to be employed instead of Hospital Assistants.

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The first question is the retention of unqualified hospital assistants in the responsible charge of dispensaries - but it does not follow that apothecaries are necessarily to take their places. The Govt believe that none of the hospital apprentices & under are qualified for the charge & that a surplus of this class beyond the requirements of the Civil D. is available to replace the hospital assists in cases where the Local or Municipal funds are to bear the pay from medical officers slighter qualifications. The Surgeon Genl. E.M.D. will report & further the requirements of the S. Canara Dist. can be met from this source & what charge will be entailed on the L.F. for this purpose. The necessity of any grant in supplement the L.F. from Provincial funds will be considered when the Budgets are before Govt. But Board's Pro. of L.F. Rules & Instns. must limit this proposed departure with a view to their means not to create a precedent & enable Govts. to shift to the Imperial Exchequer the charges which they should bear themselves. Ex.

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The Board of Revenue

Dated 3rd Jany 1873

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Nos. 1 & 2.

Forwt. Govt. Resn. urged to limit their operation with reference to their means & not to count on Provl. funds.

Local Fund & Munl. Dispensaries.

The several Resns. informed that the retention of Hospl. Assts. in charge of Dispensaries cannot be permitted, that Hospl. Apprentices, if available may be employed if the Local or Munl. fund is too low to employ Apothecaries, the necessity of any grant to supplement Local Funds from Provl. funds provision for when the Budget is before