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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
9th July 1874.

No. 113. Read the following letter from W. McQUHAE, Esq., President of the Municipal Commission, Madura, to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Periacolum, 16th June 1874, No. 31 :—

With reference to the Order of Government in the Financial Department, dated 20th April 1874, No. 636, I have the honor to state that the difficulties regarding the annual grant to Mr. Chester's Dispensary have arisen out of Mr. Chester's desire for complete independence.

2. If the Dispensary buildings belonged absolutely to Mr. Chester, and if the Local and Municipal Boards were mere subscribers to the institution, they would have nothing to do with Mr. Chester's accounts, and there would be no difficulty.

3. The views of the Vice-President of the Dindigul Circle Board are stated in his letter of the 7th June, No. 78, copy of which is submitted herewith. A subscription of Rupees 750 to the Dispensary was entered in the Local Fund Budget for the current year, but this was subsequently increased to Rupees 1,368 in consequence of Mr. Chester's representations that he could not carry on the Dispensary without this increased assistance. A corresponding increase was made in the Municipal contribution.

4. If the Local Boards bear the whole cost of the institution, it is right that they should have power to sanction the expenditure in detail as is done in the case of other Local Fund Dispensaries, but my impression is that Mr. Chester will not submit to this amount of control. I have never been able to understand why Mr. Chester should not give us any accounts that may be required ; but as matters stand at present it is impossible for us to be anything but subscribers to the institution, and in that case the question of the amount of subscription to be given will arise annually, unless it is permanently settled under the orders of Government.

No. 114. ORDER THEREON, 9th July 1874, No. 1144.

To be recorded.

(True Extract.)

D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Acting Chief Secretary.

Exd. W. H. French.

Local Fund Board Office
Dindigul Circle
No. 98.
(Camp) Ootacamund
the 14th June 1874.

Dated 16th June 1874.

From

H. W. Blair Esquire
Vice President
Local Fund Board

To

Dindigul Circle.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter reference No. 636 Local Fund, Dated 4th instant, soliciting a grant for providing a Choultry for the accommodation of travellers at Vedasandur, and to forward herewith a plan and estimate for the same amounting to Rupees Eight hundred and fifty (850) which I would recommend for sanction.

2. The Choultry is intended for the accommodation of travellers (Carriage) and is to be built on the Trichinopoly road at Vedasandur, a village 18 miles from Dindigul, and 12 miles from Oddanchatram, a station on the Madura Railway.

3. The Choultry will be built on the site selected by the Tahsildar of Dindigul, and will be 30 feet long by 15 feet broad, with a verandah 5 feet wide all round it, and will be provided with a well.

4. The Choultry will be built by contract, and the work will be carried out under the supervision of the Tahsildar of Dindigul.

5. The Local Fund Board will be responsible for the maintenance of the Choultry when completed.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,
(Signed) H. W. Blair
Vice President
Local Fund Board

To

The Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department,
Fort St. George.

Forwarded to the Government for sanction.

(Signed) H. W. Blair
Vice President
Local Fund Board

Dindigul Circle,
the 16th June 1874.

Forwarded to Government, in the Revenue Department

know; and his habit of spending money
granted for specific purposes on other
objects, which however useful have
not received the approval or even been
brought to the knowledge of the Local
Fund Board and Municipality

3. It was in consequence of
these considerations that the Local
Fund Board determined at their meeting
of August 26, 1873, to discontinue their
grants of annual sums sufficient
for the entire maintenance of the
Dispensary, and to give, instead, together
with the Municipality, a subscription
to the support of the institution of Rs 1000
annually, or Rs 400 more than the
allowance before made by Government.
Their opinion was, and I concur with
that though they could not, with a due
regard to the Public interests in their
charge, dispense with the requirement
of full accounts of expenditure so
long as they undertook the whole ex-
pense of the maintenance of the Dispensary es-
tablishment, they might justifiably
do so when merely subscribers of
a sum which it is known must
be exceeded by the expenditure so long as
the Dispensary is maintained on
its present scale.

4. Why the reasonable decision
was departed from by a meeting of the
Local Fund Board held at Dindigal
in December last, and upon what
grounds the grant to the Chester Dispensary
was then raised from Rs 750 per
annum

to Rs 1368, I am unable to say, for I
was not present at that meeting, nor
have I been able to find anything on
the records of the Local Fund Board
to show on what grounds they so suddenly
changed their former opinion on which
they fixed on the sum of Rs 1368 per
annum as a proper grant rather
than on Rs 1,600 or any other sum
that might be mentioned. But I
take this opportunity of recording
my most decided protest against
any further undertakings to main-
tain the establishment of the Chester
Dispensary, and to place without
control in its hands Public Funds
for the purpose (beyond the amounts
of liberal subscriptions such as
Public Bodies frequently give without
acquiring thereby the right, or its be-
coming their duty, to supervise ex-
penditure in detail), until the Chester
has satisfactorily accounted for
every rupee of the money he has
already received.

I have the honor to be
Your most obedient Servant
(Signed) H. W. Bliss
Vice President

(True Copy)

President

No 31

Madura Presidents Office
Camp Periacolum
16 June 1874

From

W. Mc Lachlan Esquire
President of the Municipal
Commission
Madura

To

The Honorable D. F. Carmichael
Ag Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort St George

Sir,

With reference to the order of Government on the Financial Department dated 20 April 1874 No 636, I have the honor to state that the difficulties regarding the annual grant to Mr Chesters Dispensary have arisen out of Mr Chesters desire for complete independence.

2 If the Dispensary buildings belonged absolutely to Mr Chesters and if the Local & Municipal Boards were mere subscribers to the Institution they would have nothing to do with Mr Chesters accounts and there would be no difficulty.

3 The views of the Vice President of

Enclosure
to a Letter
from
The Vice President
Municipal Commissioners
Madura
To
The Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort St George
Dated 16th June 1874
No 31

Copy of the Vice Presidents
Letter No 78 dated 16th June
1874.

Rec'd 19th June 1874.

Answd 31/7/74

of the Dindigul Circle Board are stated in his letter of the 7th June 1878, copy of which is submitted herewith. A subscription of Rs 750 to the Dispensary was entered in the Local Fund Budget for the current year but this was subsequently increased to Rs 1368 in consequence of Mr. Chester's representations that he could not carry on the Dispensary without this increased assistance. A corresponding increase was made in the Municipal Contribution.

4. If the Local Boards bear the whole cost of the Institution it is right that they should have power to sanction the expenditure in detail as is done in the case of other Local Fund Dispensaries but my impression is that Mr. Chester will not submit to this account of Control. I have never been able to understand why Mr. Chester should not give us any accounts that may be required but as matters stand at present it is impossible for us to see anything but subscribers to the Institution and in that case the question of the amount of subscriptions to be given will arise annually unless it is permanently settled under the Orders of Government

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most obedt Servt

D. McRuhee
President

1874 First Department

No. 1310

From
The President
Municipal Commission
Madras

To
The Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort St George

Dated 16th June 1874
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No. 31
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Giving the information called for in G.O. [illegible] 20th April 1874 [illegible] regarding the [illegible] Dispensary [illegible]

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The real difficulty appears to be that Mr. Bliss is not disposed ~~to place~~ or does not consider it right on general grounds to make over public funds unreservedly to Mr. Chester. — That the rest of the Board are prepared to do so however is evident from their taking advantage of Mr. Bliss' absence to increase the grant.

JL

Govt. of {1874} Madras.

Financial.

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Nos. 113. 114.

Revd. Mr. Cesters Dispensary Budget

Letter from the Presdt. of the Munl. Commrs. Madura affording the information called for by Govt. on the Subject of the annual Grants to be made to this Dispensary, recorded.