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No. 1. Read the following letter from C. T. LONGLEY, Esq., President of the Municipal Commission, Salem, to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Salem, 29th September 1874, No. 103 :—

With reference to G.O., No. 776, of the 5th May last, referring, for the consideration of the Commissioners, the subject of the objectionable situation of the dead-house at the Municipal Dispensary, I have the honor to state that, at a meeting of the Commissioners held on the 15th instant, they passed a resolution objecting to any dead bodies being sent to the Municipal Dispensary dead-house by the Magistrate or Police as such practice militates against the popularity of a very beneficial institution (*vide* remarks of Deputy Surgeon-General) as per margin.

"He earnestly solicits the attention of the Municipal Commission to the existence of an evil which, in his opinion, must militate against the successful working of the institution. It is in the presence of a dead-house fifteen paces to the rear of the main hospital. A proximity so close is not only to excite positive dread but to shock the prejudices of the sick inmates of this hospital. It would be well to cause the removal of this building to a less objectionable site."

2. As the dead-house is used almost exclusively for the reception of bodies sent in by Government officials, thirty-four Magistrate *post mortem* examinations having occurred in three years whilst during the same period only four *post mortems* were held on persons who died in the dispensary, I request that Government will be pleased to sanction the erection of a dead-house on a less objectionable site for the examination of bodies sent in by the Magistracy for the purpose of *post mortem* examination.

No. 2. ORDER THEREON, 2nd November 1874, No. 1859.

Considering the assistance given by the State to such hospitals, the Governor in Council is not prepared to admit that the Municipality can peremptorily exclude Police cases from the dead-house.

2. He desires to be informed if there is vacant ground available within the hospital premises for a new dead-house; and whether, if a new one were built, the Municipality will pay a proportionate part of the cost, their present dead-house being devoted to some other purpose.

(True Extract.)

D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Acting Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Salem.
,, Inspector-General of Police.

Exd. A. S. Rodgers.

(13) Dead-houses

Govt. of [1874] Madras.

FINANCIAL.

To

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

Dated November, 2nd.

Read.

&c.

G.O., 2nd November 1874, No. 1869.

NOVEMBER.
Nos. 1-2.

Dead-houses at the Salem Municipal Dispensary.—With reference to the application of the President for sanction for the erection of a dead-house on a less objectionable site, information called for if there is vacant ground available within the hospital premises for a new dead-house, and whether, if a new one were built, the Municipality will pay a proportionate part of the cost, their present dead-house being devoted to some other

Council

My dear Mr Carmichael,

With reference to this question about dead houses you will see from G.O. of 28 Oct. 1873 that the Govt. have indirectly admitted that ~~dis-~~ dead-houses attached to Municipal dispensaries cannot be used for Govt. post. mortems. against the wishes of the Municipality.

29-10-74

Yours sincerely
J. Thomson

No 103. Salem Municipal Commissioner's office
29th September 1874.

From

The President
Municipal Commission
Salem

To

The Chief Secretary to
Government
Fort Saint George

Sir.

With reference to G.O. No. 770
of the 5th May last referring for
the consideration of the Commissioners
the subject of the objectionable
situation of the Dead House at
the Municipal Dispensary, I have
the honour to state that at a
Meeting of the Commissioners held
on

on the 15th Instant, they passed
a resolution objecting to any dead
bodies being sent to the Municipal
Dispensary Dead House by the
Magistrate or Police as such
practice militates against the
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* We respectfully solicit the attention of the Members to the existence of an evil, which, in his opinion, must militate against the successful working of this institution. It is in the presence of a dead house fifteen paces to the rear of the main Hospital. A proximity so close is not only to excite positive dread, but to shock the prejudices of the sick in hospital. It would be well to cause the removal of this building to a less objectionable site.

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for the purpose of Post Mortem
Examination.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient St.

C. J. Longley
President

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The President
Munl Commn
Salem

To
The Chief Secretary
Govt
Fort St George

No 2030

Dated 29th } Septr 74.
Recd 1st October.

No 103.
Enclosures (2).

Requests that the Govt be pleased to sanction erection of a Dead House for Postmortem examination on a less objectionable site.

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D.S. 31-10-4

The Presr MC Salem
Insp General of Police } ?

Govt. of {1874} Madras.

Rec^d

To

The President & Comm^r Comm^r
Salem.
&c^a

G. O. 2 Nov^r, 1874, No. 1854.

Nos. 1-2.

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