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No. 122. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 3rd December 1874, No. 8424 (Miscellaneous):—

Read the following letter from W. S. FOSTER, Esq., President of the Municipal Commissions, Godavery, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cocanada, 5th November 1874, No. 110:—

With reference to the Board's Proceedings, dated 25th September last, Miscellaneous No. 6686, I have the honor to forward copies of correspondence noted in the margin as received from the Vice-President of the Rajahmundry Municipality furnishing information regarding the necessity of the improvements to the Civil Dispensary at that station.

Surgeon-Major J. Bilderbeck's letters to the Vice-President, Nos. 26, 29, and 32, dated 6th, 8th, and 15th March 1874.
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From Surgeon-Major J. BILDERBECK, in medical charge of Civil Dispensary, to the Vice-President and Members of the Municipal Commission, Rajahmundry, dated Rajahmundry, 6th March 1874, No. 26.

I have the honor to bring to your notice that a good deal of inconvenience is experienced from want of a suitable fence round the dispensary grounds. The present fence is in such a bad state of repair as to be perfectly useless as far as keeping out cattle is concerned. They come in and occupy the shade of the pandals intended for out-patients, and the grounds are a regular thoroughfare for people wishing to pass from one street to another.

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I have the honor to bring to your notice that the roof of the surgery of the dispensary is urgently in need of repair. From the leaky state of the roof the room was flooded during the last monsoon and the medicines, instruments, &c., were removed to another portion of the hospital. Last night one of the beams gave way from rot and a small portion of masonry fell on the hospital sweeper's head. Had he not been wearing a turban at the time he might have been seriously hurt. I beg that early steps may be taken to get the roofing of this room into proper order.

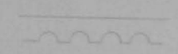
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3. The roof of the cook-room is coming down; the building cannot be used without endangering life. During the last rains the floor was flooded from leakage. The beams supporting the roof are considerably bent. I would recommend that the present terraced roof be removed and that a tiled one with a suitable opening for escape of smoke be substituted.

4. There is nothing of latrine accommodation worth the name. I would recommend the construction of two good latrines (one for males and the other for females) on the dry-earth system; they should be each provided with stores for dry earth, a water-cistern, and an ablution place.

5. The hospital well has not been cleaned for several years. I would recommend that it be deepened as well as cleaned; at present there is not more than a couple of feet of water in it.

6. The hospital needs white-washing and minor repairs. This should be done regularly once a-year.

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In continuation of my letter as per margin I have the honor to bring to your notice that the dispensary at this station is in need of the following changes and improvements:—

No. 32, of the 15th March 1874.

1. Two bathing-rooms (for males and females) require to be constructed as soon as possible. There exists at present an apology for a bathing-room in a small place partitioned off from the back verandah by a brick and chunam wall but without door or other effectual provision against intrusion. This place is intended as a bathing-room for females, but is quite unsuited for the purpose. The males make use of a tub placed at the opposite end of the same verandah. I would recommend that two covered cisterns detached from the main building be erected—one for males and the other for females—the latter to be built on the same plan as the building at the Central Jail; the floors of both bath-rooms to be of asphalte.

2. There is a great want of office furniture. The chair used by the Medical Officer is private property, the chairs belonging to the institution being beyond repair and quite unserviceable. There is but one small table, which is used both by the Medical Officer and the Hospital Assistant. I would recommend that the Hospital Assistant be furnished with a separate table or writing-stand and that four chairs be supplied as soon as possible. A clock would be a valuable addition both to office and hospital.

3. The arrangements for lighting the hospital wards are of the most rude and imperfect description, consisting of wooden stands on which are placed small earthen cups for oil and a wick, as shown in the margin. They contribute considerably to the soiled and untidy appearance of the floor and walls of the wards. The hand-lantern and shade for the compounding-table are quite unserviceable. I would recommend that suitable lighting apparatus be supplied, after the fashion of the Cocanada Hospital.



4. The filling of palliasses with straw would make far preferable beds to the paid coir mats and other contrivances at present in use. The cumblies and cloth supplied are of a poor description, and are dear at the price. I would suggest that the cumblies be purchased at the Central Jail.

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6. Nothing has been done as regards the "dead-house" intended for the examination of corpses sent by the Police. Sanction for this building has, I believe, been already obtained, and no time should be lost in its construction. In consequence of the more or less decomposed condition in which such corpses (by no means few) are received I have been under the necessity of performing *post-mortem* examinations under great disadvantages in the open behind the hospital.

7. The financial condition of the dispensary has somewhat declined since the departure of Surgeon-Major W. Aitken, to whom the institution is greatly indebted for having placed it, for the first time in its existence, on a satisfactory financial footing—a success not achieved without considerable personal effort. He took every opportunity to press its claims on the attention of both native and European residents, and succeeded in raising a monthly subscription of 126 Rupees, a fair proportion of the subscribers being natives of the station and district. Of about 75 Rupees now collected monthly 60 Rupees are contributed by Europeans, the balance being made up by three native subscribers, of whom the Zemindar of Pittapur is one and contributes the sum of Rupees 10. The dispensary, I consider, does not meet with that measure of support which it has a right to expect from the native community. I would beg to suggest that something in the shape of a permanent endowment be secured for this institution and that the money be raised in a measure similar to what has been done for its sister institutions in Cuddalore, Cuddapah, and elsewhere in the south. Taking into consideration the fact that the hospital receives sick from all parts of the district, the several taluqs in succession might be invited to contribute once and for all a cess of 1 Anna an acre of dry land and 2 or 3 Annas an acre on wet land. The money can be conveniently collected by the Tahsildars with the usual kist and remitted to the Treasury, and in this manner, with such assistance as may be given by the Local Fund Board, a considerable funded capital can be collected, the interest of which will suffice for the permanent support of the institution.

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Submitted to Government with reference to G.O., Financial Department, dated 11th September 1874, No. 1541.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Secretary.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
14th December 1874.

No. 123. ORDER THEREON, 14th December 1874, No. 2087.

The proposed contribution to the Rajahmundry Municipality on account of improvements to the Civil Dispensary is approved and sanctioned.

(True Extract.)

Acting Chief Secretary

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

Exd. A. S. Rodgers.

Govt of India 1874 Madras.

FINANCIAL.

To THE BOARD OF REVENUE, &c.

Dated December, 14th.

Read.

G.O., 14th December 1874, No. 2087.

DECEMBER.

Nos. 122-123.

Rajahmundry Municipality.—The proposed contribution to this Municipality on account of improvements to the Civil Dispensary, approved and sanctioned.

No. 26

Rajahmundry
6th March 1874

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(True Copy)
2nd Nov: 1874
Rajahmundry.

W Crosthwaite
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No 29.

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Rajahmundry
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8th March 1874.

(True Copy)
2nd Novr 1874
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Vice President

No. 32.

From

The Officer in Medical charge
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Rajahmundry
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J Wilson Surgeon
Major in Medical Charge

Rajahmundry 16th April 1874. (Sd)

(True copy)
2nd Novr 1874
Rajahmundry

Quarterly
Via Presidency

Revenue Department.

Miscellaneous No. 8424

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 3rd December 1874.

Read the following:-

No. 110

From W. S. Foster Esqre.
President

To

J. Grose Esqre.
Secretary to the Board of
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to the Civil Dispensary at that station.

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5th November 1874 ..

I have &c
(Sgd) W. S Foster
President

Submitted to Government —
with reference to Government Order, F.D.,
11th September 1874 No. 1541.

(True copy & Extract)

J Grote
Secretary

To

The Chief Secretary
to Government, F. D.
with 2 original Enclosures

J Murphy
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Civil Dispensary — at Rajamundry, Godavery Dist.
Letter from Resident
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With note

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The Inspector General of Hospitals
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Civil Dispensary Rajahmundry
Municipality to assume charge of Civil Dispensary

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