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25th February 1874.

Read the following papers:—

No. 185. From A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., President of the Local Fund Board, Coimbatore, to the Hon. W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Coimbatore, 27th January 1874, No. 2.

Government are aware that the Local Boards are building hospitals and dispensaries where medical subordinates are entertained at the cost of Local Funds or Municipalities.

2. With the exception of the Oodoomalpettah Taluq, which is not far from the adjoining hospital of Pollachy Taluq and Pulladam, where an hospital is contemplated, there will not be a taluq in this district where the means of medical aid are not existent.

3. But to this view the services of three medical subordinates, as follow, require to be utilized for the public benefit.

4. At Collegal, owing to its being a distant and feverish taluq, a medical subordinate was attached to the Police.

5. At Suttimangalum, for a like reason, a medical subordinate was attached to the Range Office Department of Public Works.

6. On the Range Office being transferred to Bhowany that medical officer was also transferred; and, owing to the inconvenience to the other Public Departments, arising from leaving Suttimangalum without medical aid, I recommended and Government sanctioned the posting of a medical subordinate to that taluq.

7. I have no doubt that Government intend that medical subordinates posted at first, it may be, for the advantage of a particular service in a distant taluq, are intended to give general medical advice and assistance.

8. The Local Fund Board wishing to benefit the people of every taluq either have supplied or will supply medicines.

9. There is a manifest superfluity in having two medical officers in a small cusbah town where one can do all that is required.

10. We are building new dispensaries the foundations of which have just been dug, under my personal supervision at Caroor and Erode. The Local Fund Board with local contributions support the first, and the Erode Municipality with a grant from Provincial Funds, the last. Another hospital will shortly be built at Dharapoorum.

11. At Suttimangalum a deserted Range Office has been made over as an hospital for which it has been fitted at a small expense by the Local Fund Board.

12. At Collegal some adaptation of an unused building has provided a dispensary, and there is a detached pucka shed, which answers every present purpose of a double-warded hospital.

13. At Bhowany there is a sufficiently commodious room in the Range Office, formerly a Collector's residence, for a dispensary, and only a town ward is requisite for accidents or people brought in from the country for treatment.

14. The only thing now wanting is for Government to declare these locally-appointed Hospital Assistants, originally sanctioned because no other medical aid was at hand, as liable to afford medical aid to all who apply for it. The ailments neither of the Police nor of the Department of Public Works take up the whole

time of such subordinates. They are located for head-quarter treatment, and have the means at disposal.

15. I may mention that the Hospital Assistant who accompanies my office on tour gives gratis advice or medicine to all that require, and when I return to my head-quarters, he is replaced under the Civil Surgeon for general duties.

16. A question has been raised whether a departmental medical subordinate is entitled to further remuneration on account of attending to the public.

17. His *raison d'etre* was due to the absence of available medical aid which Government saw fit to provide for their own servants up to a certain limit. For instance, the Collector and Sub-Collector have medical subordinates; the Head and other Assistants, none. Where there is no local medical officer the Department of Public Works and Police are provided, but not the Revenue Department, who are equally desirous of profiting by European skill and medicine.

18. I opine that the Sub-Collector's Dresser also would treat all who asked his advice without a demand for a further allowance from Government.

19. I believe the medical subordinates themselves will be glad of an opportunity of extending their practice, and that they may possibly have fee-paying patients.

20. Looking at the question in this light—

1*st*.—That it is unnecessary to provide public medical aid, where already it exists, in a departmental form;

2*nd*.—That it is desirable that such medical aid, though originally granted for a certain object, should yet be freely utilized; and

3*rd*.—That the Local Board are assisting by fitting up buildings and by grant of medicines; to further utilize such local aid, I think it would not be too much if Government desired, in the Medical Department, that such departmental aid should be freely utilized, more especially in assisting in checking the extensive fever mortality which has been a prominent feature in the death-rate of this district.

Referred to the Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department, for his remarks.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
29th January 1874.

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Chief Secretary.

No. 186. From Surgeon-General E. G. BALFOUR, Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department, to the Hon. W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Fort St. George, 3rd February 1874, No. 44.

Memorandum of 29th instant referred to me, for my remarks, a letter, No. 203 of 27th idem, from the President of the Local Fund Board, Coimbatore, in which he deprecates the allotment of two medical officers to one small town, and suggests that, if a Police, &c., medical officer be stationed in a small place, Government should order his medical skill to be made available, free of charge, to the community generally, the Municipality providing the medicines, and he points to the fact that the medical officers with revenue officers treat all who apply to them.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
25th February 1874.

I have the honour to mention that, at several Police stations,* the Municipalities have recently established dispensaries availing themselves of the services of the Police medical officer, and the general practice in such cases is for Government to pay one-fourth, and the Municipality three-fourths, of the medical officer's salary, and it would be well for the Coimbatore Local Fund Board to fall into this way of utilizing the services of the Police, &c., medical officers.

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No. 187. ORDER THEREON, 25th February 1874, No. 311.

The Governor in Council concurs in opinion with the Surgeon-General as to the course that should be adopted to attain the end desired by the Collector.

(True Extract.)

Acting Chief Secretary.

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

Ed. J. Wright.

Govt. of Madras.

FINANCIAL.

To The BOARD OF REVENUE,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated February, 25th.

Read.

G.O., 25th February 1874, No. 311.

FEBRUARY.
Nos. 185—187.

Coimbatore Circle.—The opinion of the Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department, that the services of the medical subordinates in this district might be utilized by the Municipalities or Local Fund Board by their paying three-fourths of their salary, the balance being contributed by Government on account of the Police, concurred in.

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Coimbatore Local Fund

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Board's office, 27th January 1874

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A. Wedderburn Esquire,

185 President of the Local Fund Board,

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To,

The Honorable W. Huddleston,

Chief Secretary to Government,

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President.

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Dated 27th January 1874.

From The President of the
Local Fund Board,
Colombo.

To The Chief Secretary to
Government,
Financial Department.

No 203 Circulating Medical Officers.

Subject:

Requesting to submit
orders that Medical Officers
Police attached to Stations
Cultivation Departments
should be kept [illegible]
the Stations in Rural

Recd 29 Jan. 1874
Fin. Sec.

No 1874 Dept. Fin.
No 109 / 132.

Chief Secretary's Office
29 January 1874

Assistant Secretary

No 44

Office of Surgeon General Ind.
Fort Saint George 3rd February 1874.

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Surgeon General E. G. Balfour
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I have the honor to be
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Your most obed. Servant

Edward Balfour Surgeon General
Surgeon General Ind. Med. Service

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From (5)

The Surgeon General

Genl

To Council 24-2-74

The Chief Secy: & Genl

Financial Depts

paper ref. No 44 No 261

Dated 3rd February

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Suggests that the Local Fund Boards at Coimbatore may utilize the services of the Police & Civil Medical officers.

Lobo 25-2-74

Connolly 24-2-74

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Govt. of {1874} Madras.

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To
The Bd. of Revl.
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Dated 25 Febry /74.
Recd. Rnd.

G. O. 25 Febry. 1874, No. 311

Nos. 105-107.

Coimbatore Circle. The opinion of the Surgn Genl. I.St. D. that the services of the Medl subordinates in this Dt might be utilized by the Municipalities & L.F. Bds by their paying 3/4 ths of their salary - the balance being contributed by Govt. on account of the Police, Concurred in.