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No. 161. 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 Madura, 13th March 1874, No. 13 :—

With reference to paragraph 7 of the Order of Government in the Financial Department, dated 6th February 1874, No. 201, I have the honour to enclose copy of the instructions sent to the Collector by the Famine Relief Committee. The only reservation was that the money should be devoted to purely charitable objects. The effect of the Order of Government will be to make the building on which the money was spent the private property of Mr. Chester.

2. The cost of buildings connected with the Dindigul Dispensary is as follows :—

	Rs.
Building for Lying-in Hospital	1,671
Two cook-rooms for hospital	146
Bath-room and latrine for hospital	100
Four huts for in-patients including verandah for cooking, and one for latrine	530
Two huts on same plan for Lying-in-Hospital	250
Foundation and basement of New Dispensary, nine door frames and wood purchased	500
Wall, with tile coping around hospital compound including cost of one double and two single gates	183
Digging well in hospital compound including brick to well ...	220
Total ...	3,600

This money has been supplied as follows :—

Local Fund Board	1,500
Municipality	500
Surplus Famine Relief Fund	1,500
Private subscriptions, &c.	100
	3,600

3. There was no supposed obligation or understanding connected with these grants, but there was a distinct understanding and promise that the whole of the buildings were to be public, not private property.

No. 162. ORDER THEREON, 20th April 1874, No. 636.

From the Collector's letter it appears that the Government have no power to interfere in the manner proposed. It should be explained, however, why the existence of the present arrangement is supposed to be incompatible with a satisfactory system of annual grants. The two matters appear to Government to be perfectly distinct.

(True Extract.)

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the President of the **Municipal Commission, Madura.**
,, Board of **Revenue.**
Exd. W. H. French.

Govt. of 1874} Madras

FINANCIAL.

To

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

Dated April, 20th.

Recd. *Encl.*

G. O., *20th April* 1874, No. 636.

APRIL.
Nos. 161-162.

Rev. Mr. Chester's Dispensary, Dindigul.—The observation made that it appears from the Collector's present letter that the Government have no power to interfere, as desired by Mr. Chester, in respect to the conditions on which the sum of Rupees 1,500 was assigned to him from surplus Famine Funds on account of his Dispensary; but explanation called for as to why the existence of the present arrangement is supposed to be incompatible with a satisfactory system of annual grants, the two matters being perfectly distinct.

H.W.BLISS

Extract from the Proceedings of the Famine Relief Committee, at a meeting held on the 24th February 1870 :—

Read the following report by the Sub-Committee appointed at the last meeting to consider and report upon the best means of carrying into effect the resolution of the 5th September 1867 as to the distribution of the surplus Famine Funds :—

Your Sub-Committee in accordance with your resolution of 19th January 1870, have taken into their consideration your former resolution determining that the Surplus Famine Funds should be devoted, in the first instance to the support of institutions in which children left destitute by the famine of 1866-67 were supported, the balance being distributed to the ordinary charitable establishments in the Madras Presidency.

2. We are of opinion that the most equitable mode under which the terms of this resolution can be carried into effect will be to allot a certain proportion of the Fund for the purpose of making such grants to the orphanages of the first category (which receive no aid from the State) as will enable them to support each orphan received during the famine years of 1866 and 1867 for (say) five years.

3. The Government grant to the Famine Orphanages in Ganjam is Rupees 2-8 per mensem, for each child supported, and we are of opinion that this sum may fairly be taken to represent the lowest cost at which a child can be maintained.

4. We would therefore recommend that the sum to be allotted to each institution shall represent a grant of Rupees 150 for each inmate who is clearly proved to have been received during the famine of 1866-67, and to have been reduced to destitution owing to that visitation and for whom no Government grant is received.

5. We have not at present before us positive information as to the exact number of orphans who under this arrangement would be entitled to grants, but we are satisfied that their numbers will not exceed 300. To provide endowments for this number of orphans a sum of Rs. 45,000 would be required, and we would suggest that this sum be allotted for the purpose.

6. This arrangement will leave a sum of Rupees 50,000 available for immediate distribution to the ordinary charitable Establishments of the whole Presidency. We consider that the fairest system on which this distribution, of what may be viewed as purely surplus subscriptions, can be effected, is to make a rateable division of it among the different Districts and the Town of Madras in exact proportion to the gross sum subscribed in each locality for the purpose of relieving the famine of 1866-67, whether the amount was expended locally in relief, or whether it was transmitted to the General fund at Madras.

7. We would suggest that the amounts thus arrived at be remitted to the Chief Civil Officers of the Districts with directions to associate

with themselves in Committee a few of the principal native residents, and to determine in consultation with them, the best application of the Funds remitted to them, the only reservation of your Committee being that they shall be devoted to purely charitable objects.

8. It is estimated that under this arrangement the Town of Madras will be entitled to a sum of about Rupees 12,000 but it is possible that on an accurate adjustment of the sums to be allotted to each District, this amount may be slightly enhanced. We venture to recommend that the amount available for the Town when finally determined, be allotted as follows among the principal charitable institutions :

		Rs.
1.	Monegar Choultry	3,500
2.	Mahomedan Lungerkhana in Triplicane.	3,000
3.	Friend-in-Need Society	2,000
4.	Roman Catholic Orphanage	1,000
5.	Parcherry School	500
6.	Civil Orphan Asylums	1,500—or any balance in excess of this amount.
	Total Rupees	12,000

Resolved that the Report be approved and adopted, and that the Sub-Committee be requested to carry their suggestions into effect.

(*A true Extract.*)

(*Signed.*) R. A. DALYELL,

Honorary Secretary.

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Enclosure
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From
The President
Mpl Commission
Madras

To
The Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort St George

Dated 13th March 1874
No 13.

Copy of the instructions sent to the Collector by the Famine Relief Committee.

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Financial Department.

PROCEEDINGS *of the* **MADRAS GOVERNMENT.**

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The P. W. C. Madura
Board of Revenue

Govt. of {1874} Madras.

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To

The Presᵗ. Munl. Commrˢ.
Madura.

Dated April 20
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