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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
11th August 1875.

Local Funds—Medical.

Read the following papers:—

No. 76. From W. McQUHAE, Esq., President of the Local Fund Boards, Madura, to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Officiating Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Camp Chinnamanur, 14th June 1875, No. 330.

With reference to G.O., dated 20th April 1875, No. 883, Financial Department, I have the honor to submit a letter* from the Rev. Mr. Chester, explaining the plan upon which he wishes to establish a Medical class at Dindigul.

* Copy sent.

2. In paragraph 13 Mr. Chester states that he requires a competent Medical Assistant to help him in teaching the class, and the question arises whether this assistance will be given by Government. The rest of the scheme should, I think, have the approval of the Local Fund Boards, but there is opposition to it on grounds which are not utterly destitute of foundation, *viz.*:—

1*st.*—Want of permanence, for the Mission does not undertake to send a Medical Missionary to Dindigul if Mr. Chester leaves.

2*nd.*—Madura gives more opportunity of practical instruction than a small town like Dindigul.

3. I think these are the chief objections which require to be considered and disposed of before I can report to Government the wishes and opinions of the Local Fund Boards. I have therefore called a special meeting of the Boards of both Circles for the 12th July, in order that a final resolution may be passed on the whole matter. Mr. Chester is anxious that his letter should be laid before Government at once, but it seems to me that any report is incomplete unless it states the final resolution of the Local Boards on the matter.

From the Rev. E. CHESTER, M.D., Medical Officer, Dindigul Dispensary, to W. McQUHAE, Esq., President of the Local Fund Boards, Madura District, dated Dindigul, 4th May 1875, No. 2.

With reference to your foot-note to G.O., 20th April 1875, No. 883, Financial, noted in the margin, I have the honor to report briefly the plan upon which I had thought it advisable to conduct a Medical class in connexion with the Dindigul Dispensary, in case Government sanctioned the proposal of training medical scholars for local practice at Dindigul under my care.

The Governor in Council is of opinion that the Rev. Mr. Chester's Dispensary Class offers unusually favorable facilities for training medical scholars for local practice, and as the Government understand that he is anxious to extend the class, it does not appear that the Madura District Local Fund Boards could possibly do better than avail themselves of this means of carrying out the proposed scheme for their District. The President will place himself in communication with Mr. Chester on the subject and report further.

2. I consider it unnecessary to dwell upon the advantages of affording bright lads who have a sufficient knowledge of English to pursue medical studies in that language, and also a great desire to enter the medical profession, the opportunity of joining a Medical class within their own district and near their own homes.

3. And in suggesting a plan for conducting a Medical class in connexion with the Dindigul Dispensary, I desire to have it understood by the Local Fund Boards of the Madura District and by the Government, that these are merely suggestions, and that I am quite disposed to put myself under their direction and carry out any plan which they may deem best, on the whole, for the success of the scheme.

4. As to the number of lads whom I could train, I see no reason why, if I am allowed a competent Assistant to aid me in teaching the class, I might not entertain fifty or sixty.

5. It may be that the Coimbatore and Trichinopoly Local Fund Boards, and even those of Tanjore, as portions of their districts are so near that of Madura, might wish to avail themselves of the opportunity of training a few young men in this Medical school, in which case it would be wiser to make arrangements for the instruction of at least fifty lads.

6. As most if not all the lads would be Hindus or Mahomedans, I think they would prefer to make arrangement for boarding themselves in the town, and I anticipate no trouble on the score of providing for their food and lodging.

7. In regard to the age of candidates for admission to the class, the amount of education they have received, and their general mental ability and fitness for the study and practice of medicine, I think that the examination they should be required to undergo before being allowed to pass should be most careful and thorough.

8. Not only will there be a much larger number of applicants than can possibly be entertained, so that a good opportunity of choice will be afforded, but it will be worse than useless to attempt to educate any young men for the Medical profession who do not give decided evidence of a good share of brains, a sound body, and a decided wish to study medicine.

9. I would suggest that the Sub-Collector of the Madura District and the Deputy Inspector of Schools with the Medical Officer, Dindigul Dispensary, be a Committee to examine and pass upon all candidates who apply for admission to the class.

10. If it is decided to have the course of study limited to three years, and I can make it shorter or longer as is deemed best, I would suggest that instead of Rupees 6 per mensem being fixed as the monthly pay of all, that a graduated scale of Rupees 5 per mensem for the first year, Rupees 6 for the second year, and Rupees 7 for the third year, be adopted. There are good reasons in my mind for this which I am prepared to give if called upon.

11. I think I can gurantee that with this scale of payment I can secure the purchase by the scholars themselves of all the books they will require for the course.

12. I can at very little expense provide at once rooms for study and recitation, but would require a small amount for the purchase of additional tables or desks and benches. There would also need to be provided a small amount monthly for contingencies, the principal item being for kerosene oil for two or three lights to be used by the class for studying in the evening.

13. The largest item of expense in connexion with the whole scheme would be to provide for a competent Medical Assistant, to assist me in teaching, and in the general care of the class.

14. I should expect to give Clinical instruction to the class on my dispensary days, to conduct regular recitations on two or three days in the week, to prepare notes on certain subjects, where the text-books would be very expensive, and to prepare and examine papers for frequent written examinations.

15. My present Head Assistant in the Dispensary, R. P. Vathakennu Pillai, would also give as much of his time as he could spare from his regular duties in the Dispensary.

16. But in addition to all this a class of even twenty scholars would need an additional Assistant, whose sole duty would be to assist in the general care of the class.

17. As the Local Fund Boards propose to pay the stipends of the scholars, it may be that Government would be willing to provide for such an Assistant from Provincial Funds.

18. I take the liberty to suggest that as many of the Local Fund Boards in the Presidency have expressed to Government a decided preference for the services of Native Assistants in their Local Fund Dispensaries, and as there are therefore a larger number of persons of the Apothecary grade available for special service, that one of this grade be allowed for this purpose. One who by length of service or even by physical disability was unfitted for *active* service in the department might answer admirably as an Assistant teacher of this class.

19. Should the advantages of this class be made use of by Local Fund Boards of other districts, as alluded to in paragraph 5, and as is, I think, not at all improbable, the services of a more highly paid Assistant would not seem so unwarrantable.

20. With the great need in the whole of South India of a large number of trained medical men among the natives to work in the very midst of the villages and in places where Local Fund Board Dispensaries are not established and cannot be for years to come, it seems to me eminently worth the while of Government to give a fair and generous trial of just the scheme they are now bringing to the notice of all Local Fund Boards.

21. It must be, it seems to me, for Local Fund Boards, which need the services of trained medical men in the villages and large towns of the district, rather than for Municipalities, which have one or more Dispensaries within their limits, to contribute to and carry out this most important measure.

22. The employment of the young men, after finishing a three years' course, if deemed by a regularly appointed Examining Committee fit to graduate, whether to enter into a written agreement to serve two years or more as Assistant in the District Local Fund Dispensaries, or to be allowed to enter at once upon private practice, is a matter which can be determined upon hereafter.

23. My own thought has been for years that very many more small branch Dispensaries could most advantageously be established by the Local Fund Boards in the large towns and villages of the district at a cost of about one-fifth of the present Dispensaries, where a Medical Assistant, on a salary of Rupees 10 or so, could, in a few years, support himself entirely, and when well known by the villagers and popular, secure from them the entire support of the Dispensary.

24. For such a work as this we could hardly educate too many young men and certainly could find few undertakings more hopeful, charitable, and useful.

No. 1404.

The result of the deliberations of the Local Fund Boards will be awaited.

OOTACAMUND,
2nd July 1875.

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Officiating Chief Secretary.

No. 77. From W. McQUHAE, Esq., President of the Local Fund Boards, Madura, to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Officiating Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madura, 12th July 1875, No. 360.

With reference to the Proceedings of Government, Financial Department, dated 2nd July 1875, No. 1404, I have the honor to report that the Local Fund Boards by fourteen votes against twelve decided in favor of the establishment of a Medical class at Dindigul. The amendment "that a Medical class be established at Madura under the Zillah Surgeon," was lost by two votes.

2. This point having been settled, the following Resolutions were passed:—

(*a.*) Resolved that a Medical class be established at Dindigul, that each student be paid Rupees 5 monthly for the first year, Rupees 6 for the second year, and Rupees 7 for the third year, and that Government be asked to give a competent person of the Apothecary grade to assist Mr. Chester.

(*b.*) Resolved, also, that Rupees 20 a-month be granted for contingencies; that the cost of the Medical class be divided between the circles in the proportion of three to two; and that the pupils be nominated from each circle in the same proportion as far as possible.

(*c.*) Resolved that the pupils be selected annually at Madura by the President after examination by a Committee appointed for the purpose.

3. This was all that could be settled at the meeting. The exact nature of the course to be gone through by the pupils may be determined by the Reverend Mr. Chester with the approval of the Medical authorities, and no grant is wanted at present for class-rooms or apparatus, books, &c. It is proposed that the number of pupils should be thirty, but no definite resolution on this point was arrived at.

4. If these resolutions meet with the approval of Government the class may be commenced at once by the selection of ten pupils by the President. This would be about the number annually required if a three years' course be decided on.

Referred to the Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department, for report, whether a Medical subordinate of the Apothecary grade can be placed at the disposal of the Local Fund Board of the Madura District.

OOTACAMUND,
19*th July* 1875.

(Signed) C. MACLEAN,
Acting Under Secretary.

No. 78. From Surgeon-General E. G. BALFOUR, Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department, to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Officiating Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Fort St. George, 23rd July 1875, No. 398.

I have the honor to re-enclose the documents referred to me with Memorandum of 17th instant, and to mention that a Medical Officer of the Apothecary grade can be posted for the Dindigul School of Medicine.

2. The pay and allowances are mentioned on the margin to which officers of this class are entitled, but I would suggest that there be granted some teaching allowance, or that the pay be consolidated at some rate higher than the pay and allowances of his rank.

	Pay.	House-rent.	Employed allowance.	Total.
Apothecary, First-class ...	200	30	30	260
,, Second ,, ...	150	30	30	210
Assistant Apothecary, First-class ...	100	20	30	150
,, ,, Second ,, ...	75	20	30	125

3. I would suggest that Dr. Edward Chester, M.D., be designated the Superintendent, and the Apothecary officer, Assistant Superintendent, on a monthly salary of his pay and allowances, and Rupees 60 of Assistant Superintendent's Staff allowance.

No. 79. ORDER THEREON, 11th August 1875, No. 1646.

In the second of the foregoing letters the President of the Local Fund Board, Madura, submits the resolution of that Board to establish a Medical class at Dindigul under the superintendence of Dr. Edward Chester, each student receiving for the first year Rupees 5, for the second year Rupees 6, and for the third year Rupees 7; and requests that a competent Medical subordinate of the Apothecary grade be appointed to act as Dr. Chester's Assistant.

2. The Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department, to whom the papers have been referred, states that a Medical subordinate of the Apothecary grade can

be appointed, and suggests that he should be designated "Assistant Superintendent" of the Medical class, with a staff allowance of Rupees 60 per mensem.

3. The Governor in Council considers the proposed staff allowance to be excessive, inasmuch as the subordinate will draw, besides his pay proper, house-rent, and employed allowance. The Governor in Council is of opinion that it will be sufficient to fix the staff allowance at Rupees 30 per mensem.

4. The Medical subordinate will be selected with reference to the special nature of the teaching work, and should be subordinate to Dr. Chester.

5. The charge will be met, as an exceptional case, from Provincial Services.

(True Extract.)

D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Officiating Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, President of the Local Fund Boards, Madura.
,, Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

Govt. of [1875] Madras.

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To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

&c., &c.

Dated August, 11*th*.

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G.O., 11*th August* 1875, *No.* 1646.

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Local Funds, Medical.—Sanction accorded to the services of an Apothecary being granted to the Madura District Local Fund Boards to assist the Rev. Mr. Chester in conducting the Medical class to be established at Dindigul, his pay being met from Provincial Services.

No. 398

OFFICE OF SURGEON-GENERAL, I. M. D.,
Fort Saint George, 23d July 1875.

From

SURGEON-GENERAL EDWARD BALFOUR,
Surgeon-General,
Indian Medical Department,
Fort Saint George,

To

The Chief Secretary to Government
Financial Department
Fort Saint George.

SIR,

I have the honor to enclose the documents referred to in mine with Memo of 17th instant, and to mention that a Medical Officer of the Apothecary Grade can be posted for the Dindigul School of Medicine.

	Pay	Allowance	Employed Allowance	Total
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" 2d "	150	30	30	210
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" 2d "	75	20	30	125

2. The pay and allowances are mentioned in the margin to which Officers of this Class are entitled, but I would suggest that there be granted some teaching allowance, or that the pay be consolidated at some rate higher than the pay and allowances of his rank.

3. I would suggest that Dr. Edward Chester M.D., be designated the Superintendent and the Apothecary Officer, Assistant Superintendent on a monthly salary of his pay and allowances and Rupees (60) Sixty of Assistant Superintendent Staff Allowance.

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter ag read
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S.O. 2nd July 1875, No 1604.
Read also the following letters from
President L. F. Bd, Madura, d/ 12th July 75, No 360.
Inspr General, S. H. Deptt — d/ 23rd — No 398.

Order thereon Communicated 11th Aug 1875. No 1646

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and

I understand that the L. F. Bd in Madura took 2 Govt. for the functions of a Medical Subordinate & assist Dr. Chester in his School & I am disposed to grant this as an Experimental arrangt. so long as the same can be spared from Regular duty. He will be carefully

Transmit a Copy of the above letter, dated 12th July 1875, Madura, for information.

From

Surgeon-General E. Balfour,
Surgeon-General,
Indian Medical Department,
Fort Saint George,

To

The Chief Secretary to Govt
Financial Dept
Fort St George.

Dated 23rd July
Despatched —do—
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No. 398
Subject.

Report that an Apothecary can be spared for the Dindigul School of Medicine

Have the honor &c
Chas Hy Balfour Surgeon
Surgeon Medical Dept

No 1646

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3. The Governor in Council considers the proposed staff allowance to be excessive, inasmuch as the Subordinate will draw, besides his pay proper, house rent and

employed allowance.

The Governor in Council is of opinion that it will be sufficient to fix the staff allowance at Rs. 30 per mensem.

4. The Medical Subordinate will be selected with reference to the special nature of the teaching work, and should be subordinate to Dr. Chester.

5. The charge will be met, as an exceptional case, from Provincial Services.

4. The Local Fund Board will state whether they are prepared to bear the charge. Their reply.

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Local Funds. Literal.

Sanction accorded to the services of an Apothecary being granted to the Cuddapah District Board to assist the Head Native Doctor in conducting the Medical Class at Pinnaipal, her pay being met from Provincial Funds.