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Local Funds—Budget.

No. 87. Read the following letter from Surgeon-General E. G. BALFOUR, Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department, to the Honorable W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Fort St. George, 2nd February 1876, No. 58 :—

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Proceedings of Govt. 11th January 1876.

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

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No. 88. ORDER THEREON, 8th February 1876, No. 282.

The Government observe that the Budget Estimate of the Masulipatam Local Fund Board having been sanctioned, no further action by Government seems to be required.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department,
with enclosures returned.
,, President of the Municipal Commission, Kistna.

Govt. of Madras

FINANCIAL.

To

THE SURGEON-GENERAL,
INDIAN MEDICAL DEPARTMENT,
&c., &c.

Dated February, 8th.

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G.O., 8th February 1876, No. 282.

FEBRUARY.
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Local Funds—Budget.—Surgeon-General informed with reference to his letter regarding the training of Medical Students at Masulipatam, that the Budget Estimate of the Masulipatam Local Fund Board having been sanctioned, no further action by Government, seems to be required.

No. 58.

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OFFICE OF SURGEON-GENERAL, I. M. D.,

Fort Saint George, 2nd Feby 1876.

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Indian Medical Department,
Fort Saint George,

To

The Chief Secretary to Government
Financial Department.

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Surgeon General
Surgeon General S.M.D.

Financial Department
Municipal - Madras

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From

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

To

The Chief Secretary to
Government Fin. Dt.

Dated 2d February

Despatched

Received 4th —

No. 58 & 3. No. 320

Subject.

Recommends Govt to sanction the steps taken by the Masulipatam Municipality for the training of Medical Students and to authorize their continuance.

With add.

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No. 320.

Surgeon Genl. E. Balfour
with Financial Dept.
Municipal Comm. Madras
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Recd. 4th Feby. 1876.
Answd.
Recd. 5th Feby. 1876.

Surgeon Genl. E. Balfour, Indian Medical Dept. Fort St. George.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 58 & 3 of the 2nd instant, I am directed by the Governor in Council to inform you that the action taken by the Masulipatam Municipality for the training of Medical Students is approved, and to request that you will be pleased to authorize their continuance.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,
Chief Secretary to Government.

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G.O. 8 February 1876 No. 282

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