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FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

7th February 1881, No. 224.

Local Funds—Medical.

Read the following papers :—

- No. 13. *From the Rev. E. CHESTER, M.D., Superintendent of the Madura Local Fund Boards' Medical School, Dindigul, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Dindigul, 6th December 1880, No. 212.*

I have the honor to request that you will be so good as to let me know whether in the 7th paragraph of G.O., 3rd November 1880, No. 1645, Public, the word "Dispensaries" includes the branch dispensaries which have been established in the Madura District by the Madura Local Fund Boards and placed in charge of the students of the Madura Local Fund Boards' Medical School, Dindigul, who have passed the prescribed Government examination.

2. I particularly desire to know this, as a joint meeting of the Madura Local Fund Boards has been called for December 17th to take into consideration certain questions regarding the supervision of these dispensaries, allowances of the Hospital Assistants, &c.

3. The cost of these branch dispensaries referred to is at present but about Rs. 45 a-month: Rs. 15 being for the pay of the Hospital Assistant, Rs. 15 for medicines, and Rs. 10 for contingencies; and the work of those already established is thus far very creditable.

- No. 14. *From H. J. STOKES, Esq., President of the Local Fund Boards, Madura, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madura, 7th January 1881, No. 1.*

I have the honor to report that at the examination held in November last with the sanction of Government, the Board of Examiners appointed by the Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras* passed ten of Rev. Dr. Chester's pupils, and the Local Fund Boards of the Madura and Dindigul Circles proposed† to place them in charge of the minor dispensaries to be opened in this district. The Surgeon-General was originally opposed to this measure when I suggested it, and I was therefore obliged to lay the question before the two Boards who have signified their assent in the Resolution quoted above. The Surgeon-General now writes to me that he will submit the matter for the orders of Government. Before final orders are passed, I request the favor of being allowed an opportunity of expressing the views of the Local Fund Boards of this district on the matter dealt with in the Surgeon-General's letter.

* *Vide G.O., No. 419, dated 1st November 1880.*

† *Vide their Proceedings, dated 17th December 1880 (copy enclosed).*

2. Copies of correspondence are herein enclosed.

- No. 15. *From Surgeon-General W. R. CORNISH, F.R.C.S., C.I.E., Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Fort St. George, 10th January 1881, No. 10.*

I have the honor to submit, for the information of Government, the report of the Committee appointed to conduct the examination of Hospital Assistants educated by

Dr. Chester at Dindigul. This report, as originally received, was not complete, and further information had to be called for.

2. Of eighteen students brought up by Dr. Chester, ten have passed the standard examination laid down for Hospital Assistants; but the Committee are unanimous in opinion that these men should be posted to some large hospital for one or two years before they are permitted to have independent charges.

3. On the other hand the Local Fund Boards of Madura and Dindigul Circles propose to employ these young men in independent positions, where they would be occasionally inspected and supervised by Dr. Chester or by the District Surgeon.

4. The experience of this office shows that in regard to Hospital Assistants trained and educated in Madras hospitals, it is not safe or desirable to entrust them with independent practice, until they have had a further training under the immediate direction of superior officers. As a rule, it is always arranged that officers of this class shall not be immediately posted to independent charges.

5. But in the Madura District it is now proposed that young men, who are officially declared to be wanting in practical experience necessary for independent practice, should be employed in the minor dispensaries of the district without further preparation, and the proposal does not commend itself to me as one likely to be of any use to the people, or to further the progress of medical education.

6. I would venture to suggest that before placing these young men in charge of dispensaries, on their own responsibility, they should be attached to the Madura, Trichinopoly, or other large hospitals in the south for a year of practical training.

7. Dindigul is but a small town, and although the dispensary practice there affords illustrations of the common types of disease, it must necessarily be but a poor field for surgical practice, so that the theoretical education given at the medical school cannot well be enforced by practical examples. This fact places the students at a disadvantage, and it seems to me a grave question, whether Dindigul is a fitting locality for the practical training of young men for the medical profession.

8. Dr. Chester of the American Mission has given largely of his time and labor to the medical school, and deserves all credit for the results which have already been attained. But the practical hospital teaching, which can scarcely be given away from a large town, is certainly defective at Dindigul.

No. 16.

ORDER THEREON, 7th February 1881, No. 224.

Before final orders are passed the Local Fund Board are desired to consider whether they cannot arrange for giving to some, if not all, of Dr. Chester's passed pupils the advantage of an additional year's training in a larger hospital practice as recommended by the Surgeon-General. A small subsistence allowance for the year, with the prospect of eventually obtaining a somewhat higher stipend than that drawn by those who do not go through the additional year's training, would probably be sufficient inducement to the pupils to go through it, and would promote, instead of checking, the success of Dr. Chester's experiment.

(True Extract.)

R. DAVIDSON,
Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Local Fund Boards, Madura.
" Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras.
" Board of Revenue.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

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Gobt. of (1881) Madras.
FINANCIAL.

To
THE PRESIDENT OF THE
LOCAL FUND BOARDS,
Madras,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated February, 7th.

G.O., 7th February 1881, No. 224.

FEBRUARY.
Nos. 13-16.

Local Funds—Medical.—The Madras Local Fund Board desired to consider whether they cannot arrange for giving to Dr. Chester's pupils the advantage of an additional year's training in a larger hospital practice as recommended by the Surgeon-General.

EDWARD CHESTER

No 212

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Dindigul December 6th 1880

From

Rev. Edward Chester M.D.

Superintendent Madras L.F. Bds' Medical School Dindigul

To the

Chief Secretary to Government

Sir

I have the honor to request that you will be so good as to let me know whether in the 7th. Para. of G.O., 3rd. November 1880, No. 1645 Public, the word "Dispensaries" includes the Branch dispensaries which have been established in the Madras district, by the Madras L.F. Boards and placed in charge of of the students of the Madras L.F. Boards' Medical School Dindigul, who have passed the prescribed Government examination

2 I particularly desire to know this, as a Joint Meeting of the Madras L.F. Boards has been called for December 17th, to take into consideration certain questions regarding the supervision of these Dispensaries, allowances of the Hospital Assistants &c.

3 The cost of these Branch dispensaries referred to, is at present but about Rs 45. a month; Rs 15. being for the pay of the Hospital Assistant, Rs 15 for medicines and Rs 15. for contingencies; and the work of those already established is thus far very creditable

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant
Edward Chester M.D.

Supt Madras L.F. Bds' Medical School Dindigul

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LOCAL FUND BOARD'S OFFICE
MADRAS 7 January 1881

From
The President of the
Local Fund Boards,
Madras

To
The Chief Secretary to Government
Fort Saint George

SIR,

I have the honor to report
that at the examination held in
November last with the sanction of
Government, the Board of Examiners
appointed by the Surgeon-General
with the Government of Madras,
passed ten of Rumerond Dr Chester's papers
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to place them in charge of the
minor Dispensaries to be opened in
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when I suggested it and I was therefore
obliged to lay the question before the
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The Surgeon-General now writes to
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for the orders of Government. Before
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favor of being allowed an opportu-
nity of expressing the views of the
Local

Order G.O. No. 419
dated 1st December
1880
The three Profs
dated 17th December
1880 (copy sent)

Recd 1880 Dec 18
Chief Secy to Govt
Madras
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From the
Superintendent Madras
& J. F. Board's Medical School
Dindigul
To the
Chief Secretary to Government

No. 212
Accepted G.O. 1 Dec. 1880
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Enclosure
None
Subject
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Requesting an explanation
of para 4 in G.O. 3rd Nov
1880 No 1645 Public

H. Stokes.

Surgeon.

4 The experience of this office shows that in regard to Hospital Assistants trained and educated in Madras Hospitals, it is not safe or desirable to entrust them with independent practice, until they have had a further training under the immediate direction of superior officers. As a rule, it is always arranged that officers of this class shall not be immediately posted to independent charges.

5 But in the Madras district it is now proposed that young men, who are officially declared to be wanting in practical experience necessary for independent practice, should be employed in the minor dispensaries of the district, without further preparation, and the proposal does not commend itself to me, as one likely to be of any use to the people, or to further the progress of medical education.

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8 Dr. Chester of the American Mission has given largely of his time and labour to the medical school, and deserves all credit for the results which have already been attained. But the practical Hospital teaching, which can scarcely be given away from a large town is certainly defective at Dindigul.

I have the honor to be

Sir

your most obedient Servant

W. Moorish
Surgeon General with the Force
of Madras

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President's office Madras
26th November 1880

No 670

From

The President
Local Fund Boards
Madras

The Surgeon General
With the Government
of Madras.

Sir.

With reference to the correspondence regarding the Dispensaries at Devakottai and Tirupathur, I have the honor to request you not to post a 3rd class Hospital Assistant to Tirupathur as the services of the medical pupils of the Diindigul School who have just passed the examinations are available for filling up the vacancies in this and other minor Dispensaries in this District.

2. It is still the desire of the Board to have a 1st class Hospital

11/11/80 Recd 4/19
No 670-32/59 June

10/11/81

Public (Medicinal) Reports
From
THE SURGEON-GENERAL

WITH THE GOVT. OF MADRAS.

For S. George

To
The Secy. to Govt.

Public Dept.

10/11/81

Received

11/11/81

No. 10.

Subject

Public Health report
by the Committee of
Medical Officers
appointed to conduct the
examination of people
affected by
the disease, with view to

Assistant at Devakottai which will
thus not be a minor discrepancy

I have the honor to be

Sir
Your most obedient Servant

(Signed) H. J. Stokes
President

(True copy)

J. Ramalingam
207 Collector

for President.

Enclosure No. I
in a letter from the
President of S. S. Board
Madras District
to the Chief Secretary
to the Government
Dated 7 January 1881
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Copy of letter to the
Chief Secretary to
Government. Enclosure No
1 to letter of 26 November
1880
En. No. 32-51.

Office of Surgeon General
with the Government of
Madras. Fort St. George
30th November 1880

No 6558.

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From

22nd/₈
The Surgeon-General
with the Government of
Madras Fort St. George
The President
Local Fund Boards
Madras

Sir

With reference to your letter No 670
of 26th November 1880, I have the honor to
state that the Board of Examiners has
expressed an opinion that none of
the Local Fund Hospital Assistants
whose they passed should be entrusted
with independent charges for a
period of two years.

2. I shall be glad if you will
let me know how you propose to
utilize them in accordance with the
recommendation.

3. Copy of para 7 of Proceedings

of Government Public Department
No 1645 of 3rd November 1880, is also
appended for your information

Yours &c.

(Sd) W. R. Lornish
Surgeon G^l with the Govt
of Madras

Para 7. "His Grace in Council
desires that the Local Fund Board
should be required to replace all
Hospital Assistants in charge of
Dispensaries by Apothecaries, with
the least possible delay, as the
former are not, in the opinion of
Government, fit for independent
charge."

(True Extract)

(Signed) W. R. Lornish
Surgeon G^l with the
Govt of Madras

(True Copy)

J. Bannister
Collector
for President

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Proceedings of the Local Fund
Boards, Madura and Dindigul
Circles at a joint meeting held on
Friday the 17th December 1880, at
Madura.

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Progs. No 196 of 1880

Present:

- H. J. Stokes Esq. President
- Charles Rough Esq. Vice President Dindigul Circle
- M. V. Dorasamy Iyer, Surgeon Vice President Madura Circle
- J. Ram Rao Surgeon, Treasury Dy Collector
- M. Suriamonthisa Pillai, Surgeon Dy Collo on general Duties.
- R. Anantharama Iyer Surgeon Dy of Tanjavalam
- Dr. Lancaster, Zillah Surgeon
- The Revd Dr. Chester M.D.
- The Revd J. Rendall
- The Revd G. Billings
- J. T. Noyes Esq.
- The Revd J. C. Chandler
- The Revd J. S. Chandler
- The Revd Louis S. Esq.
- The Revd J. Harnick
- A. D. Fols Esq.
- M. V. R. Sankaramanigam Surgeon
- Adimoolam Pillai Surgeon
- Chandamaya Saib Surgeon
- Menachi Naicker, Surgeon

Members

1. Resolved that in the opinion
of this meeting the order of Govern-
ment No. 1645 of 3rd November 1880,
does not apply to minor Dispensaries as
established by these Boards. They are

Enclosure No. II

in a letter from the

President of the

Madura District

to the Chief Secretary

to Government

dated 7th January 1881

for the

Chief of the

30 November 1880

in File No. 22-61

minor Dispensaries such as are
described in Proceedings of Board
of Revenue No 2731 dated 3rd November
1873.

2. Resolved that the great object
of the Boards is to supply educated
medical attendance for the poor classes.
For this purpose numerous well trained
men on low salaries, who will look to
extension of their ^{private} practice for im-
provement in their means of living,
are necessary. This can only be
attained by the means now adopted
or similar means. Economy and efficient
supervision are first necessities.

3. Resolved that the meeting
accept with thanks Dr Chester's offer
to Superintend the minor Dispensaries,
which they consider a ^{most} generous one.
They will pay the charges that
he may be put to for this purpose.
They understand that Dr Chester
will visit these Dispensaries at
least twice a year. This inspection
will of course be independent
of whatever inspection Government
wishes to subject these Dispensaries to.

4. Resolved that the meeting
approve of the allotment of one
of the passed assistants as an
assistant to Dr Chester on the same
pay as the others.

5. Resolved that the
travelling allowance at the rate
of 2 annas a mile be given to

Local Fund Hospital Assistant;
and 3rd class fare when travelling
by rail.

Dr Chester's assistant will be
paid the same rate of travelling
allowance and 4 annas a day extra
for halts away from head-quarters.

6. Resolved that a Hospital
Assistant be posted to a minor
Dispensary at Tiruppavanam.

7. Resolved that after 3 years
service and after passing the
examination required by Govt the
pay of the L.H. Hospital Assistant
be raised to Rs 20.

8. Resolved that all monthly
bills, returns etc from the minor
Dispensaries will be sent through
Dr Chester.

9. Resolved that Dr Chester
be authorized to employ an
assistant ^{teacher} on the same
pay as the Hospital Assistants
to help him in the Medical School.

(Signed) H. J. Stokes
President

(True copy) I. R. R. R.
for President

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no 690

Madras
President's Office
22nd December
1880

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From,

The President
L.F. Board,
Madras.

To

The Surgeon-General
with the Government
of Madras.
Madras.

Sir,

With reference to your
letter No 6560 dated the 30th ultimo
I have the honor to forward herewith
copy of the Proceedings of the L.F.
Boards of Madras and Dindigul
circles at a joint meeting held on the
17th instant, and to state that the
L.F. Board are of opinion that the
G.O. quoted in para 3 of your letter
is not applicable to the minor
dispensaries established by them.

2. With reference to para 2,
the

Enclosure No III

in a letter from the

President of L.F. Board

Madras

To

The Chief Secretary

to Govt

Dated 7th January 1881

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Copy of Proceedings passed

at a joint meeting of

the L.F. Board, Madras

& Dindigul circles held

on the 17th December 1880

at File 32-81

the Local Fund Board propose
to keep the Hospital Assistants under
the immediate orders of the Revd
Dr. Chester so that they may not
be considered to be in independent
charge of Dispensaries.

3. In these dispensaries there are
no beds for inpatients; and are ? all
of the more serious cases are to be
referred as far as possible to
more skilled medical advice.

4. The Board of this District consider
that they will never be able to
afford medical aid to the masses
if this is to be done by a departmental
system and by an expensive agency -
They look to low pay as a most
important inducement to
practitioners to extend their private
practice and to conciliate the
people for whose service they have
been educated -

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Shame Le Stokes
(Signed) H. J. Stokes
(True copy) J. D. R. R.
President
For President

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Office of Surgeon General
with the Govt of Madras
Fort St George 29th Dec 1880

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No 7051.

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From,

The Surgeon General with the
Government of Madras.

To,

The President, Local Fund Board
Madras

Sir,

With reference to your
letter No 698 of the 22nd instant
I have the honor to state that the
subject of entrusting Hospital
Assistants who are not reported to
be qualified for independent
charges with Branch Dispensaries
will be submitted to Government
for orders.

I have &c

Signed/

Surgeon Genl with the
Govt of Madras.

(True copy)

L. S. S. S. S.
2nd President

Enclosure No IV

in a letter from the

President of 7th Dec

Madras

To the Chief Secretary

Government

Dated 7th January 1881

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Copy of letter to the
Surgeon General

No 698 dated the

22nd December 1880

in Part 32 - 81

No.	Names	No of marks obtained in					Total no of marks obtained	Whether passed or not-passed.
		Medicine	Surgery	Midwifery	Anatomy	Hygiene		
		40	50	40	40	40		
1	M. Sivasam	25	38	40		33	136	Passed
2	G. Devarajan	36	47	16		40	139	Passed
3	A. Mumbur	25	37	30		35	127	Do
4	M. Vaidasamy	33	37	14		32	116	Do
5	A. Samuel	16	40	16		35	107	Do
6	A. Muthusettan	25	17	13		25	80	Failed
7	C. Gnanabathman	25	25	20		23	93	Passed
8	G. Gnanakrishnan	7	15	21		7	40	Failed
9	G. Gnanadasamy	3	10	13		10	36	Do
10	P. Chinniah	3	17	28		20	68	Do
11	A. Subramanyasastry	15	18	25		5	63	Do
12	D. Solaimalai	33	33	28		14	108	Passed
13	C. Bruckewidge	40	43	14		14	111	Do
14	A. Marimuthu	30	30	27		30	117	Do
15	A. David	18	27	23		25	103	Do
16	S.V. Perarajagopal	18	10	23		13	64	Failed
17	Tell. Apparao	13	21	8		12	54	Do
18	R. Jeewanandam	8	26	-		10	44	Do
19	J. Packiam Pillai	16	17	28		25	86	Passed

President A. Porter Esq D.O.

Members J.B. Thomas Surgeon Major
Surgeon Major.
J.M. MacMaster
Gillies Surgeon Major.

President A. Porter M.D.
Surgeon Major
Members J. B. Thomas
Surgeon Major
J. M. McMaster
Gillies Surgeon
Major

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From *M 33 kmr*
THE SURGEON
4TH DISTRICT,

To
THE Sec^y Surgeon General
with Government of Madras

Dated, Royapettah Hospital,
22nd Nov 1880.

Reference N^o 6221 of 11th instant
Enclosures One -

Sir, I have the honour to
forward a statement of the
result of the examination of
the students at Dindigul Field
on the 19th instant.

J. Packiam Pillai N^o 19
on the List is the Compounder
in Madras Dispensary
aged about forty brought
up by D^r Lancaster and

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In No 53/81 Dr

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examined at his request -

The Committee are unanimous that
the students who have passed should be
posted to some large hospital for at least
two years before being given independent
charges -

I have the honor to be
Sir,

A Porter M.D.

President Examination Committee

Financial DEPARTMENT.

No. 3220

22th
11-15-17

From Rev. Edward Chester M.D.

Dated 6 December 1880 No 212 inquiring
whether under 7 of 86 3^d November 1880 with 15- Public applies to
FOR ORDERS. ^{the branch dispensed in} _{signature.}

A private letter on the same
subject from Dr. Chester is
also herewith submitted
Yours - 10/12/80

Wm. J. ...
I would say that
the Govt have no
doubt what kind of
check the 5th tender
of superior medical
and this out the
country by purchasing

L. F. B. D. from
utilizing the best
training yet.
This disposal
human opinion that
the course of procedure
has had too much
influence in placing
Hosp Assist. in
charge of work. They
are not by training
competent. & that
for this responsible
work better qualified
agency should be

far as possible
be employed. 2/19
That the Gov. do
not suppose that
men of this type of
grade will for
some time be
be available for
either Branch of
of L. F. B. D. may
be able to serve
I establish but
that the object of
employing competent
agency should be kept

by him. & that the
 J.M. Trust will
 result in a
 income W. Chester
 pupils to pursue
 their studies &
 qualify themselves
 for higher positions

J.M.

since, I believe who
 had, found it.

c/12-12

Displacement of Capital
 Assistant by Capital
 Career in the Local
 Producers

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 1820 DEPARTMENT.

No. 3220 of 1880, 32453 of 1881.

From the Superintendent of the Board's Medical
 School Dindigul dated 6th Decr 1880 212-
 the Surgeon General with the Govt of Madras
 dated 10th January 1881 No-10
 the President of the Local Fund Boards,
 Madras dated 7th January 1880
 No. 1.

Rational to S.O. 2?
 is under discussion in
 these papers is not
 put up. but the
 particular point is
 fortunately quoted by
 Dr. Jones in his
 letter forming Vol. 2
 of the L.I. Board's letter

FOR ORDERS.

With no. 3220

also, not yet gone out.
 This was held back,
 in the Committee's
 report was duly
 expected.

When I proposed this
 order B. was not present
 board with sufficient
 factness, I certainly
 had not in view that
 may be called release
 Disfranchisement

14.1.81.

for Medicine & Medical
aid \$2.45 monthly.
But those on the scale
are generally trained
in some of the work
as under an Apoth.
superintendent by the Joint
Surgeon & aided by one
or more Apoth. Assist.
and I certainly did
not suppose that
Apoth. who are available
for some time (probably
years) to come for
all that the L.F.B.D.
may desire to establish
on this scale.

The "Minor" or
Village dispensaries
Dr. Hudson is relating
a tripling cost by
the agency of Dr. Chester
trained pupils. Take
the place of the authority

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trained persons
by Dr. Hudson. &
L.F.B.D. are a distinct
advance. Dr. Schell
very sorry to check.
I do not disagree
to the L.F.B.D. proposal
on the distinct understanding
that these only partially
trained men are
not to be employed
at higher rates of
pay or in more expensive
charges than such as
are described in the
comple. This witness
that they may do much
good & that I repeat
sanction of this
employment is practically
I ~~submit~~ to have
improved medical
aid for me in definite
periods. In no case
can they do as much
harm as the ignorant

fracturing these lines
above are now available
to the people. It is not the
many years before L.F.B.
with the means to provide
the superior agency at
the L.F. very properly arising.

At the same time I do
ask the L.F.B. to consider
whether they cannot arrange
for giving to some if not
all of Dr. Chester's passed
pupils the advantage of
the add'l years training
in a larger hospital
practice & Dr. formish
recommend. A small
stipend for the year, for
subsistence - to the prospect
of a somewhat higher stipend
eventually than two should not
get the add'l years training
with active, & probably the
best in the district to the best
of the pupils & so that it will
promote instead of checking
the success of the experiment.
Dr. Dr. Chester has so liberally

L.F. Medical

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to gradually labour & put into many years

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L.F. Medical

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Financial Department.

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter:-

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Medical School, Dindigul, dated 6th
December 1880, No. 212.
- President of the Local L.F. Bd, Madras,
dated 7th January 1881, No. 1.
- Surgeon General with the Govt. of Madras
dated 10th January 1881, No. 10.

Order 7th July 1881, No. 224

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pupils the advantage
of an additional years
training

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Training in a larger
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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

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Read the following papers:—

No. 13. From the Rev. E. CHESTER, M.D., Superintendent of the Madura Local Fund Boards' Medical School, Dindigul, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Dindigul, 6th December 1880, No. 212.

I have the honor to request that you will be so good as to let me know whether in the 7th paragraph of G.O., 3rd November 1880, No. 1645, Public, the word "Dispensaries" includes the branch dispensaries which have been established in the Madura District by the Madura Local Fund Boards and placed in charge of the students of the Madura Local Fund Boards' Medical School, Dindigul, who have passed the prescribed Government examination.

2. I particularly desire to know this, as a joint meeting of the Madura Local Fund Boards has been called for December 17th to take into consideration certain questions regarding the supervision of these dispensaries, allowances of the Hospital Assistants, &c.

3. The cost of these branch dispensaries referred to is at present but about Rs. 45 a-month: Rs. 15 being for the pay of the Hospital Assistant, Rs. 15 for medicines, and Rs. 10 for contingencies; and the work of those already established is thus far very creditable.

No. 14. From H. J. STOKES, Esq., President of the Local Fund Boards, Madura, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madura, 7th January 1881, No. 1.

I have the honor to report that at the examination held in November last with the sanction of Government, the Board of Examiners appointed by the Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras* passed ten of Rev. Dr. Chester's pupils, and the Local Fund Boards of the Madura and Dindigul Circles proposed† to place them in charge of the minor dispensaries to be opened in this district. The Surgeon-General was originally opposed to this measure when I suggested it, and I was therefore obliged to lay the question before the two Boards who have signified their assent in the Resolution quoted above. The Surgeon-General now writes to me that he will submit the matter for the orders of Government. Before final orders are passed, I request the favor of being allowed an opportunity of expressing the views of the Local Fund Boards of this district on the matter dealt with in the Surgeon-General's letter.

* Vide G.O., No. 419, dated 1st November 1880.

† Vide their Proceedings, dated 17th December 1880 (copy enclosed).

2. Copies of correspondence are herein enclosed.

No. 15. From Surgeon-General W. R. CORNISH, F.R.C.S., C.I.E., Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Fort St. George, 10th January 1881, No. 10.

I have the honor to submit, for the information of Government, the report of the Committee appointed to conduct the examination of Hospital Assistants educated by

Dr. Chester at Dindigul. This report, as originally received, was not complete, and further information had to be called for.

2. Of eighteen students brought up by Dr. Chester, ten have passed the standard examination laid down for Hospital Assistants; but the Committee are unanimous in opinion that these men should be posted to some large hospital for one or two years before they are permitted to have independent charges.

3. On the other hand the Local Fund Boards of Madura and Dindigul Circles propose to employ these young men in independent positions, where they would be occasionally inspected and supervised by Dr. Chester or by the District Surgeon.

4. The experience of this office shows that in regard to Hospital Assistants trained and educated in Madras hospitals, it is not safe or desirable to entrust them with independent practice, until they have had a further training under the immediate direction of superior officers. As a rule, it is always arranged that officers of this class shall not be immediately posted to independent charges.

5. But in the Madura District it is now proposed that young men, who are officially declared to be wanting in practical experience necessary for independent practice, should be employed in the minor dispensaries of the district without further preparation, and the proposal does not commend itself to me as one likely to be of any use to the people, or to further the progress of medical education.

6. I would venture to suggest that before placing these young men in charge of dispensaries, on their own responsibility, they should be attached to the Madura, Trichinopoly, or other large hospitals in the south for a year of practical training.

7. Dindigul is but a small town, and although the dispensary practice there affords illustrations of the common types of disease, it must necessarily be but a poor field for surgical practice, so that the theoretical education given at the medical school cannot well be enforced by practical examples. This fact places the students at a disadvantage, and it seems to me a grave question, whether Dindigul is a fitting locality for the practical training of young men for the medical profession.

8. Dr. Chester of the American Mission has given largely of his time and labor to the medical school, and deserves all credit for the results which have already been attained. But the practical hospital teaching, which can scarcely be given away from a large town, is certainly defective at Dindigul.

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ORDER THEREON, 7th February 1881, No. 224.

Before final orders are passed the Local Fund Board are desired to consider whether they cannot arrange for giving to some, if not all, of Dr. Chester's passed pupils the advantage of an additional year's training in a larger hospital practice as recommended by the Surgeon-General. A small subsistence allowance for the year, with the prospect of eventually obtaining a somewhat higher stipend than that drawn by those who do not go through the additional year's training, would probably be sufficient inducement to the pupils to go through it, and would promote, instead of checking, the success of Dr. Chester's experiment.

(True Extract.)

R. DAVIDSON,
Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Local Fund Boards, Madura.
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