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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

8th February 1881, No. 242.

Municipal—Medical.

Read the following paper:—

No. 19. *From A. T. ARUNDEL, Esq., Acting President of the Municipal Commission, Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 16th December 1880, G. No. 737.*

With reference to G.O., No. 2207, dated 24th November, passing orders on the proposals of Dr. Cornish and myself as to the amount to be paid out of Municipal Funds towards Hospitals and Dispensaries, I have the honor to request further instructions on some doubtful points.

2. It was agreed that the Triplicane Dispensary and the Black Town Infirmary should be transferred to the care of the Municipality, and that their cost, amounting for 1881 to Rs. 14,287, should be defrayed by the Commissioners. The salary of Dr. Moideen Sheriff, amounting to Rs. 3,300, was deducted and has been transferred by Government to Provincial charges.

3. It was also agreed that the Vepery Hospital for Women and Children, which is merely a branch of the General Hospital, should not be separately maintained by the Municipality, and that the cost for 1881, Rs. 17,980, should be merged in the expenditure on the General Hospital.

4. The only point on which Dr. Cornish's opinion and my own did not entirely coincide was as to whether the Municipality should contribute towards the upkeep of the General Hospital, &c. For reasons which will be stated below, I was of opinion that the charges for the Triplicane Dispensary and Black Town Infirmary were as much as the Municipality could properly be expected to meet. We agreed, however, that if a contribution were to be made out of Municipal Funds towards the General Hospital, &c., on account of the benefit derived by the townspeople from that and other Medical Institutions belonging to Government, it should be on the following terms:—

- (1) that the amount should not exceed Rs. 20,000 per annum;
- (2) that to recognize the principle that Municipal supervision should accompany Municipal expenditure, the President should be appointed *Ex-officio* Visitor of the Medical Institutions concerned.

5. The Government have apparently accepted the first of these propositions, viz., the contribution of Rs. 20,000, but have said nothing about the recommendation which accompanied it, viz., to appoint the President a Visitor of the General Hospital, &c. I request that the Government will be pleased to pass definite orders on these points after considering the following reasons against the proposed lump grant of Rs. 20,000.

6. The Commissioners have already requested the attention of Government to the circumstances in which the charges for Hospitals and Dispensaries were first imposed. These charges were imposed by G.O., No. 491, dated 17th April 1871, solely on the ground that the charge on account of Police had been withdrawn:—"The Madras Municipality having by Act V of 1871 been relieved of the contribution for Police, His Excellency the Governor in Council resolves that the Municipality be

debited, during 1871 and 1872, with the following charges on account of Hospitals, Dispensaries, and Vaccination, viz. :—

"Native Infirmary and Black Town Dispensary, &c."	RS.
"On account of Vaccination."	48,292
	5,670
"Total"	53,962

7. The Government have now by Act VII of 1878 reimposed the charge for Police, and the Municipality are now entitled to request as an act of justice to the rate-payers that the charges for Hospitals and Dispensaries be removed or very materially lightened.

8. The Government have accepted the charge for Dr. Moideen Sheriff's salary Rs. 3,300, and the lump contribution of Rs. 20,000 would presumably cover the Lock Hospital charges of Rs. 8,788. These latter charges have been borne by Government in 1880, and the Commissioners have consistently protested against them on the ground that the special proviso for the care of Lock Hospitals, which existed in Act IX of 1867, was intentionally expunged from the present Municipal Act V of 1878.

9. But even with these deductions the charges thrown on the Municipality by Government largely exceed the amount paid by the Municipality to Government on account of Police alone prior to 1871—

	1881.	RS.
Contribution for Police, at 40 per cent.		79,974
Royapettah Hospital and Black Town Infirmary		14,347
Contribution towards General Hospital and other Medical Institutions		20,000
Medical College		3,787
Vaccination		4,788
		1,22,896
Contribution for Police	1870.	1,07,232
	Excess in 1881	15,664

The Government have thus reimposed the bulk of Police charges, but have also left practically untouched the charges originally imposed in lieu of Police, and the result is that the Municipality is a loser to the extent of Rs. 15,664.

10. The Municipal revenue has fallen, as Government are aware, by about Rs. 50,000 per annum under the head of Professional Tax, a loss which is alone sufficient to hamper the action of the Commissioners. The deficit however, amounting to Rs. 70,000 for the current year, is due entirely to the overwhelming charges thrown by Government on the already diminished revenue.

No. 20. ORDER THEREON, 8th February 1881, No. 242.

The sanction given in G.O., dated 24th November 1880, No. 2207, included sanction of the proposal to make the President Visitor of the Hospital.

2. The Government are unable to find any grounds for modifying the decision already arrived at with reference to the Hospital contribution. As a matter of general principle the Government hold it to be indisputable that the Madras Municipality are under an obligation, similar to that of the Mofussil Municipalities, to contribute to the cost of sanitary services maintained within its limits for the benefit of the Municipal resident and tax-payer. In assessing the amount so to be contributed they have recognised the fact that the requirements of Madras town are exceptional and not entirely such as should be borne by Municipal revenues. There are certain established Medical Institutions in Madras of a valuable character from many

points of view, which have grown up under past administrations, and the abolition of which would be an act of retrogression and the subject for general regret; yet the maintenance of these on their present scale is doubtless in excess of Municipal needs. On these and similar grounds, the Government have abated much of what they would have otherwise required of the Madras Municipality. As the matter stands, the demand appears to this Government a reasonable one, and they cannot further reduce it. In passing orders on the Budget for 1881, the Government have consented to hold in suspense the claims for 1880 and 1881 on account of Hospital charges. This does not affect the general principle of their maintenance, and the sum already decided on must be provided in all future financial arrangements.

3. On the subject of the extent of the medical services performed by the Municipality, the Government desire to point out to the Commissioners that whereas the Triplicane Hospital and the Black Town Dispensary attached to the Native Infirmary together relieve only 30,000 patients yearly; the other hospitals in Madras, which are maintained at the Government expense, relieve 56,000 patients yearly. The dispensary belonging to the Free Church of Scotland Mission in Black Town treats 18,000 patients yearly. There is also a Mission Dispensary supported by the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in St. Thomé for which statistics are not forthcoming. These institutions receive no contribution from the Municipality, and on the other hand receive their drugs from the Government Medical Stores at beneficial rates.

4. The subject of the Police contribution is intimately connected with that of the contribution for Hospitals, and on this head the Government remark that the Police charges in Madras have been fixed at considerably less than the corresponding charges in the Mofussil, and at one-half of what they are in the Presidency towns of Calcutta and Bombay.

(True Extract.)

R. DAVIDSON,
Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Madras.
" Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras.
" Accountant-General.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

Gobt. of 1881 Madras
FINANCIAL

To
THE PRESIDENT OF THE
MUNICIPAL COMMISSION,
Madras,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated February, 8th.

Issued

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G.O., 8th February 1881, No. 242.

FEBRUARY.
Nos. 19-20.

Municipal—Medical.—Orders passed as to the contribution to be made by the Madras Municipality towards the support of Hospitals and Dispensaries in Madras.



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My dear Mr. Davidson,

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In reply to your note of the 6th instant, I have to state that the Municipal Medical provision for the town of Madras is in my opinion very inadequate.

For a town population of 400,000 persons the Municipality supports the Triflicane Hospital which relieves about 18,830 patients yearly, and the Black Town Dispensary attached to the Native Infirmary which relieves 11,800.

The other Hospitals in Madras which are maintained by Government relieved last year 56,177 patients.

2 Besides the Municipal dispensaries there is a Mission Dispensary belonging to the Free Church of Scotland Mission in Black Town under Dr. Elder's charge where 17,830 patients were treated in 1879, and there is a Mission Dispensary of the S. P. F. at St. Thome. These institutions have been allowed to buy their drugs from the Medical Stores at cost price but the Municipality contributes nothing towards their support.

3 The Madras Municipality it is well known is in pecuniary difficulties but in my opinion by Mr.

cal charges for the town population was very moderate and reasonable. We proposed a yearly sum of 20,000 Rupees in lieu of special contributions to any particular hospital. It may be that the Commissioners cannot pay that sum now, but as a fixed contribution, I think it is extremely moderate, and it must be remembered that the Madras Municipality contributes a smaller proportion of its income towards medical relief, than any small fifth rate town in the Mofussil, which has a Municipal constitution. If the Government is pleased to forego the full claim this year on account of the embarrassed condition of the Municipal funds, I think that in future years provision should be made to pay the full sum agreed upon, of Rs 20,000 a year.

Madras 8th Dec 1881.

Believe me

Yr dear Mr Davidson

Yours very truly

Wm Cornish

Wm Davidson Esq.

G. No. 737

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Municipal Office,

Madras, 16th Dec 1881.

From

A. J. Arnold Esq.
President, Municipal Commission,

To

The Hon^{ble} R. Davidson Esq.
Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St George.

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3. It was also agreed that the Infirmary Hospital for Women and Children, which is mostly

a branch of the General Hospital should not
be separately maintained by the Municipality
and that the cost for 1891, Rs 17,780, should be
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towards the upkeep of the General Hospital &c.
For reasons which will be stated below I was of
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On Salaries, Surgeons, & Black Town
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On account of Vaccination 5,670
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of £5,788. These latter charges have been borne by
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that the special provision for the case of Lock
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the Commissioners. The deficit however,
amounting to Rs 70000 for the current year,
is due entirely to the over-estimating charges thrown
by Government on the already diminished revenue.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Yours most obedient servant,

A. G. Annandale

Acting President

Municipal Commission

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

READ the following letter from

the Acting President, Municipal Commission, Madras, dated 16th December 1880, No. 737.

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Note.

As Comptroller's opinion being available here in a semi-official form, a revised draft is submitted.

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1880 D. 17th Dec 80
To the Acting President
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To Government
From Mr. George
Dated 16th December
1880
No. 737
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Expenditure & Supervision
of Hospital &c in Madras

Dated	Recd.	Nos.
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Govt. of 188 } Madras.

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following

from the Dy. President
M.C. Madras, dated
16 Dec. / 80. No. 737

12th Jan'y 1881 No. 61

The sanction
given in G.O. dated
24th ^{November} 1880 No. 2207,
included sanction
of the proposal to
make the President
visitor of the Hospital.
The Govt see no grounds
for reconsidering their
decision

as to the principle on which the Madras Municipality
is founded as to
the Municipal Council. &c.

(Initialed) C.M.

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Police & Sanitary services,
maintained for the benefit
of Municipal residents
& ratepayers. But they
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the fact that at Madras
the requirements are exceptional
& not entirely met as yet
by Municipal revenues.

On the consideration of the
contract at Madras is entered
much lower than in the Municipal
for the same work a ~~small~~ portion
only of the Hospital charges ~~now~~ is
required to be borne by the Municipality.

The Govt. cannot admit that
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State to provide medical attendance

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however capable of con-
tinuing & maintaining them
unaided it is hoped &
desirable that Municipal
funds should contribute.

Further the amount of expenditure
is in excess of what is
the case. The necessity for
the due provision by the Municipality
of what the Municipal institutions
ratepayers have a right to
expect in return for their

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Prof: The Municipal is
a point on the long line.
which is requested to submit
his remarks.

V.B

Gobt. of 1881 Madras.

Final

To

Dated

12th Jan 1881, No. 61

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~~Mun. Inst. Orders passed
on letter from the City. Resd.
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In prop to me.
C.M.
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~~giving instructions on cer-
tain points relative to
the expansion, and
supervision of, Hospi-
tals & Dispensaries.~~

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from

the Ag President, Municipal
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16th December 1880 No 737.

Cancel final G.O.
No 61-412 Jan 81
and give this a
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Order of Feb 1881, No 242

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The President Mr. Madras
Surgeon Genl. with the Govt. of Madras
Accountant General. Despatch

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27.5.20 ✓
12.12.24 BM ✓
8.1.26 BM ✓

Expenditure
of Hospital for 1881

Obt. of 1881 } Madras.

To
Financial

Dated 8th Feb
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Nos. 19-20