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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

19th March 1881, No. 480.

Local Funds—Medical.

Read again—

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

Read also the following paper :—

No. 107. From H. J. STOKES, Esq., President of the Local Fund Board, Madura, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madura, 8th March 1881, No. 56 [Current No. 615].

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2. Although it is true that Dindigul is a small town, yet it contains a population of 14,000, and the hospital serves a large district around, there being no other nearer than 36 miles. At this moment, among others, there are six cases of injuries caused by goring by cattle under treatment there. Thus it is not such a poor field for surgical practice as the Surgeon-General seems to think. In the famine I remember there were numerous cases there of fracture caused by falling from trees which children had climbed in search of berries; and last year when there was drought for many successive months in and about Dindigul the dispensary showed the effect of the state of things by numerous cases of injuries received in falling into nearly dry wells.

3. But as the Resolution of the Madura Circle Board says the real reason why the dispensary is at Dindigul is because Dr. Chester is there, and because there was and is no likelihood of any one else undertaking the useful work which he has there initiated.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

EXTRACT from the Minutes of Proceedings of the Local Fund Board, Dindigul Circle, passed at a Meeting held at Dindigul on Friday, the 25th February 1881.

Present:

Charles Kough, Esq., Vice-President.  
The Rev. E. Chester, M.D., Member.  
M.R.Ry. R. Anantharama Aiyer, Additional Tahsildar of Tirumangalam, Member.  
M.R.Ry. Devarajier, Avergal, Sub-Division Sheristadar, Member.

Proceedings No. 38 of 1881.

Read President's footnote to G.O., No. 224, dated 7th February 1881, desiring the Local Fund Board 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.

The Board think it would be very prejudicial to close the new minor dispensaries which have been recently opened through the circle, and this would be imperative if the recently-passed pupils were withdrawn for a hospital curriculum. They therefore resolve to request Government to exempt from this attendance the young men who passed at the last examination of Dr. Chester's pupils.

As regards future passed examinees, the Board are quite willing that they should attend at a large hospital provided it be either in Madura or Trichinopoly, and that the term be for not more than one year. They also record their opinion that to meet the extra expenses entailed by such a residence the men should be paid one rupee extra, *i.e.*, Rs. 8, instead of Rs. 7, their present allowance.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) V. DOORASAMY IYER,  
*Vice-President.*

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

EXTRACT from the Proceedings of the Local Fund Board, Madura Circle, passed at a Special Meeting held on Thursday, the 3rd March 1881.

*Present:*

H. J. Stokes, Esq., *President.*  
M.R.Ry. V. Doorasamy Aiyer, Avergal, *Vice-President.*  
J. D. Rees, Esq., Acting Head Assistant Collector, *Member.*  
Surgeon J. Lancaster, Zillah Surgeon, *Member.*  
M.R.Ry. T. Ram Row, Avergal, Treasury Deputy Collector, *Member.*  
M.R.Ry. Syed Chanda Miah Saib Avergal, *Member.*

*Proceedings No. 35 of 1881.*

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Read also Resolution passed by Local Fund Board, Dindigul Circle, on the 25th February 1881.

Resolved that this Board agrees with the Dindigul Board and adopts its Resolution. The new dispensaries are largely attended, and have so far given satisfaction. It would be a great pity to close them abruptly. This Board's Hospital Assistants understand clearly that they are not expected to deal with difficult cases or to attempt the graver operations. Such are to be sent, when practicable, to larger dispensaries. The branch dispensaries deal only with simple complaints and cases of minor surgery. This Board hopes to substitute gradually in all large villages young men trained, as far as means will permit, in modern medicine and surgery for the potters and barbers who now so often cause loss of life and misery by bad practice. It will not be able to carry out this project if it has to employ young men who start with a salary of Rs. 50, going up to Rs. 250. Such charges the Board's funds will never be able to meet; and the Board ventures to think that these salaries are higher than the same young men could be induced to accept, and are excessive when compared the pay of other officials. Not only so, but it is found that the fees charged are often raised in proportion to the salary received.

The Board's Hospital Assistants are to look to private practices for extension of their incomes; and this can only be gained by obtaining the confidence of the people. Their low salaries are only sufficient for maintenance, and there will be a strong inducement to them to add to their means by careful attention to their duties outside the dispensary.

Dr. Cornish in his letter questions the suitability of Dindigul as a locality for the practical training of young men for the medical profession. This Board agrees with the Surgeon-General that better localities could be found, but Dindigul has been chosen because Dr. Chester is there, and because he has with an energy and benevolence, which Government have more than once recognized, established his school there. This is the reason the school is at Dindigul.

The Board would add that the young men are not really in independent position, but they are constantly in communication with Dr. Chester and under his careful supervision.

Dr. Lancaster is of opinion that after the training of three years which the young men have received, a further training of six months only will be sufficient.

(Signed) H. J. STOKES,  
*President.*

No. 108.

ORDER THEREON, 19th March 1881, No. 480.

The Dindigul Local Fund Board's Resolution of the 25th February 1881 is confirmed, on the understanding that these medical students are not to be employed on higher rates of pay or in more responsible charges than such as are described in the correspondence recorded with G.O., dated 7th February 1881, No. 224.

(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.

Gobt. of (1881) Madras.  
FINANCIAL.

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

Dated March, 19th.

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G O, 19th March 1881, No. 480.

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Local Funds -- Medical -- The Dindigul Local Fund Board's Resolution of the 25th February 1881 on the subject of giving Dr. Chester's passed pupils the advantage of an additional year's training in a larger hospital practice, confirmed on certain conditions.

Local Fund Dep<sup>y</sup>.

Local Fund Board's Office  
Madras.  
8<sup>th</sup> March 1881.

No 56.

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From,

The President

Local Fund Board,

Madras.

To,

The Chief Secretary  
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H. Stokes.  
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From,

The President  
Local Fund Board  
Madura.

Dated 8 March 1881.  
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The District Local Fund Board's Resolution

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To the President of the Board of Revenue  
Surgeon General with the  
Board of Revenue to  
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The President  
Local Fund Board,  
Madura.

Dated 8 March 1881.

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With Order

Extracts from the Minutes of Prop of the Local Fund Board, District Circle, passed at a meeting held at District on Friday the 25<sup>th</sup> Feb. 1881.

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Mr. P. P. R. Anantharama ayyar Esq. }  
Tasildar of Tirumangalam }  
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(True extract)

D. W. & W. J. H.  
Vice President

Comptroller  
M. K.

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Local Fund Defunct

Enclosure No 1.

in letter no 56

Dated 25 } February 1881

Extract from the Proceedings  
of the Proceedings of the  
L. F. Board, Dindigul Circle,  
passed at a meeting  
held on the 25<sup>th</sup> February 81

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Local Fund  
Board, Madurai Circle, passed at a special meeting  
held on Thurs. 11<sup>th</sup> March 1881. 480

Present

H. J. Stiles Esquire. President

M. R. Raj V. Dorasamy aiyer aiyer Vice President

J. D. P. Raj. Esq. 4<sup>th</sup> Sec<sup>y</sup> Collector. Member

Surgeon. J. Lancaster Killack Surgeon ... D<sup>r</sup>

M. R. Raj T. Rao. Row aiyer Treasurer D<sup>r</sup> Collector. D<sup>r</sup>

" Syed Khanda Miah Sail aiyer ... D<sup>r</sup>

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President

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Boro Ramiah  
Vice President

Local Fund Report  
Enclosure No 2.

in letter no 56

Dated 3rd } March 1881

Extract from the minutes  
of the proceedings of the  
L. F. Board, Madras  
Circle, passed at a meeting  
held on the 3rd instant.

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