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Local & Munl. (1895) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS.

G.O., No. 1352 M

DATED 17th August 1895

[Despatch Abstract.]

Dindigul Dispensary.

Awaiting the result of the further enquiries promised by Dr. Chester regarding the tenure of the site of the-----.

BACK PAPERS.

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EDWARD CHESTER, M.D.
29 MAR 95
DINDIGUL

Local & Municipal Dept.
CURRENT No. 1187 M

(55)

From
Edward Chester M.D.
Medical Officer, Dindigul Dispensary,

To
The Chief Secretary,
Government of Madras.

UNDER SECRETARY
31 MAR 95

Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of G.O.No.328,M.Miscs., dated Ist.March,I895.

(2) The sickness and death of Mrs.Chester,have delayed my reply to this Paper,for which I tender my regret.

(3) There are statements in Para.2,of this G.O.,which show that Government has been misinformed, in regard to the standing and work of the Dindigul Dispensary,for the past I5 years or more, but allowing these to remain unanswered,I will pass directly to Para 3,which especially requires my reply.

(4) I am unwilling to accept the services of a qualified Government Apothecary,in the place of the First Class Hospital Assistant and Second Class Hospital Assistant,who have been working under me in the Dispensary,for many years.

I am also unwilling to be placed under the supervision of the District Medical and Sanitary Officer of Madura,preferring to remain,as for many years,under the Orders of the Surgeon General,with the Government of Madras.

(5)

(5) The information, which has been furnished to Government, in regard to the working of the Dindigul Dispensary, by the present Surgeon General, must be based either upon a malicious Memorial, which was forwarded ~~to~~ to Government, by a notable Faction, in Dindigul, against the Dindigul Dispensary, against myself and against m my Medical subordinates, or upon data, given by the present District Medical and Sanitary officer, Madura.

(6) This malicious Memorial was forwarded, by Government, to Mr.Miller, Sub Collector of Madura, for his Remarks, and his Reply is in the hands of Government. He pronounced every statement, in the Memorial, relating to the Dindigul Dispensary, as positively false.

(7) I know that my present subordinates, under my superintendence, and with my constant and earnest support, are abundantly able to carry on the Medical work, demanded of the Dindigul Dispensary.

(8) No Surgeon General , in the past 27 years, has reported to Government, unfavorably, of the working of the Dindigul Dispensary.

(9) No Civil and Sessions Judge, or Joint Magistrate, or Native Judge, have placed on record that the Medical testimony , given in Criminal cases, by the subordinates of the Dindigul Dispensary, has been unreliable.

(10) Certificates have been constantly given, at the Dindigul

Dispensary, with the exception of a certain Class, which previous Surgeon Generals advised me not to give. No Apothecary could give any other or any different Certificates.

(II) I have carefully trained my present Head Assistant, for more than I9 years, and my Second Assistant for more than 7 years,~~a~~ and, at my time of life,,.I do not feel willing, unless absolutely necessary, to undertake the Training of another man.

(I2) These two men have done excellent service, andbeen faithful and loyalto me and the Dindigul Dispensary, and I am unwilling to turn them off, and put in their place an untried man, who may hav nothing to recommend him, but his title.

(I2) For years there has been no friction nor worry, in the ~~wo~~ working of the Dindigul Dispensary, and a great deal of solid telling workhas been accomplished. The popularity of the Dindigul Dispensary has been secured by the minimum of red tape, Official correspondence and worry, and the maximum of hard and faithful work, kindness to the patientsand loyalty to the Medical profession.

(I3) I am unwilling to be placed under the supervision of the District Medical and Sanitary Officer, Madura, because I see plainly that it would simply be a matter of irritati-n and worry to me. ~~T~~ Two Surgeon Generals have told me that I was under their supervision and that this was sufficient.

(I4) Of two recent Medical and Sanitary Officers at Madura, one,whose term of Medical service is less than half of mine,inthe Brief, periodhe was in Madura,attemptedto persuade the District Board to replace my present Chief Hospital Assistantby a Native of the Apothecary grade. In this,he entirely ignored the Medical service I give to the Dindigul Dispensary,entirely ignored my wishes and preferences and exalted red tape and professional dictum over practical common sense and well earned success.

(I5) Another District Medical and Sanitary Officer,Madura,who I met at a District Board Meeting,and urged to accept my hospitality,when coming to Dindigul,on his Tours of inspection,has never crossed the threshold of my bungalow,nor visited my Dispensary.

(I6) The Medical Profession,in this part of India,who know anything about my Medical work,probably count me as either a Criminal or a Fool,because I have never received fees,for my Medical work. But the Mission,with which I am connected,give me my support,for the direct Mission work,which I have to do, and my Medical work is merely a pleasure and recreation.

(I7) Though another Dispensary is established in Dindigul,and I lose the Grant,I have been receiving,for so many years, from the Taluq Board and the Municipality,there will be no cessation nor change in my Medical work,except that I will have no Police cases to attend to,no Post-mortems to make, and no special Certificates to grant. It will be a great additional burden to me,to raise the amount needed,each year,for the running expenses of the Dispensary and Hospital,but it will not be an impossibility.

(18) I am willing to continue to give my Medical services, in the superintendence of the Dindigul Dispensary, gratuitously, to continue to give the use of the present Dispensary and HOspital Buildings, without rent, to the Taluq Board and Municipality, a Gift of Rs.500/ a year, and to continue to make the Dindigul Dispensary as useful in the future as in the past, if I am allowed to continue the work, as heretofore, selecting my own subordinates and being under the direct orders of the Surgeon General, with the Government of Madras.

I have the honor to be.

Sir.

Your most obedient servant

Edward Chester M.D.

Medical Officer Dindigul Dispensary.

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[5] LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

Local & Municipal Dept.
PR. CURRENT No. 1187 M

From

Edward Chester Esqr. M.D.
Medical Officer
Dindigal Dispensary

No. 55

Dated 29-3-95

Received 1-4-95

Enclosures

SUBJECT.

Acknowledging receipt of G.O. d/1st March 95 N°: 328 M Mis. regarding the management of the American Mission hospital at Dindigal & objecting to certain suggestions.

Dindigul Municipal Office
Dated 6th March 1895.

N°. 271.

From

The Ag Chairman,
Municipal Council,
Dindigul.

To

Reverend Edward Chester M.D.
Medical officer
Dindigul dispensary.

Sir,

I have the honor to state that G. O. dated 1st March 1895 N°. 328. M would have been communicated to you by Government, and request you to be so good as to favor me with your opinion with reference to para 3 of the said G. O as the same has to be placed before the Counc at its ordinary meeting to be

held on the 11th Current, for
disposal.

I have &c.
(Signed) J. Rajagopaul
For Chairman
(True copy)

J Rajagopaul
for Chairman

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MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT

1895.

ENCLOSURE No. 2

In a letter

FROM

The Chairman,
Municipal Council
Dindigul.
Madura District

No. 275

Dated 14th March: 1895.

Copy of Chairman's Letter No: $\frac{271}{7-3-95}$ to Dr. Edward Chester Esq.

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1084 Mo 6/95

Extract from the proceedings of the Dindigul Municipal Council passed at the Special Meeting held March 12th. 1895.

Present:—

M. R. Ry T. Rajagopaul Naidu garu— Chairman
J. W. Short Esquire - Councillor
M. R. Ry S. P. Muthu Naik al — do —
" P. S. Mohamed Magathoom Rowtal. — do —
" M. Arokiam Pillai al — do —
" K. Ananthanarayana Aiyar al - do —
" P. R. Narayana Sastrial al - do —
" V. S. Mitheen Maracayar Rowtar al - do —

I Read again G. O No: 328 Mu. Mis dated 1st March 1895, regarding the continuance of contribution, to the Mission Hospital, on certain conditions.

Also letter No: 271/6-3-95 of the Chairman to Reverend Edward Chester M.D, and his reply thereto.

Resolved that this Council still adhere to their opinion, that the establishment of a separate hospital, under the direct control of the supervising agencies of Government, is not only highly desirable but also very necessary to meet the requirement of the population of Dindigul.

The Council further resolve that they shall, as advised by the Government, continue for the present their usual contribution to the American Mission Hospital, if Dr. Chester accepts the conditions laid down

by

by Government in para 3 of the G.O under reply, and that if he does not, the Government be requested to sanction the establishment of a separate institution as already resolved upon by the Council.

Carried by majority. Two Councillors not voting.

(Signed) T. Rajagopaul
Chairman

(True Extract)

T Rajagopaul
Vc Chairman

or should

MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT

1895.

ENCLOSURE No. 1

In a letter

FROM

The Chairman,
Municipal Council
Dindigul.

Madura District

No. 275

Dated 14th March: 1895

Copy of Council's Resolution No. I 12-3-95

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From

Edward Chester M.D.
Medical Officer,
Dindigul dispensary.

To

The Chairman,
Municipal Council,
Dindigul.

Sir,

In acknowledging receipt of your letter No. 271 dated 7th March 1895, I have the honor to state that, at present, I am unable to pass an opinion, as you request, on para 3 of G. O. No. 328 M. dated 1st March 1895, as I have to make a reference to Government, upon the G. O., as a whole.

(2)

(2) As soon as I receive a reply from Government, I will, without delay, give you the information required.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant

(Signed) Edward Chester M.D.
Medical officer
Dindigul dispensary.
8-3-95

(True copy)

T Majizopaul

Vc Chairman

MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT

1895.

ENCLOSURE **No.** 3

In a letter

FROM

The Chairman,
Municipal Council
Dindigul.

Madura District

No. 275

Dated 14th March: 1895

Copy of Dr. Chester's
reply No: 50/8.3.95

3/1084 M of 95

No: 275

Dindigul Municipal office
March 14th, 1895

Local & Municipal Dept.
CURRENT No. 1084 M

From,

M.R.Ry T. Rajagopaul Naidu garu
Chairman Ml. Council
Dindigul.

To,

The Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort St. George.
(Through the Sub-collector of
Madura).

Sir,

With reference to para 3 of G.O. No: 328 M. Mis, dated 1st March 1895, regarding the continuance of contribution to the Mission Hospital, on certain conditions, I have the honor to forward herewith, copy of the Council's Resolution No: I/12-3-95

2. Copies of this office letter No: 271/7-3-95, to Rev: Edward Chester M. D, and his reply thereto are also herein enclosed.

3 - In this connection, I have to mention that the separate hospital proposed to be opened has, in accordance with the previous resolution of the Council, to be started in a rented building at present.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obt Servant

Vr Chairman

Municipal Department

~~From~~ 1084 M

M. R.y. T. Rajagopaul Naidu Garu
Chairman, Municipal Council
Dindigul

Current No. 1213 G/m
16-3-95

To,

The Chief Secretary to Government
Fort Saint George

COLLECTOR'S OFFICE
18 MAR 94
MADURA

(Through the Sub-Collector of Madura)

Dated 14th
Desp.d 14th
Recd.
} March 1895.

No: 275

CHIEF SECRETARY
23 MAR 1895
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Enclosures . . . Three.

Forwarding copy of Council's Resolution No: I dated 12.3.95 regarding the continuance of the contribution to the local mission Hospital

| with orders

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18.8.95

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Reference on Current No. 1213 d of 1895
16-3-95

Forwarded
Lubin Miller
Actg. Colr.
Dindigul
15th March 1895

Re. No 1386/Genl of 95

Submitted.

Twill
Ag Colr.

Madura
23.3.95

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misc.

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order

Recorded pending receipt of Mr. Chester's letter

WC 5.4.95

P.R.
1/4/95

Since received C. No. 1187 [illegible]

I am afraid that there is nothing to be done but to start a separate hospital as suggested in the note. I regret this, for I'd far rather that Dr. Chester had met Govt. halfway, but I don't see what else to do.

The required info. as to the tenure of the site of the hospital should be procured without further delay. Mr. Twigg seems not to have replied to the G.O. of March 1, in the G.O. of the same date.

20/4/95

I think, too, that we must allow a separate hospital to be started

23/4

I am sorry that Dr. Chester is so obdurate - but other arrangements must now be undertaken. When complete Govt. should acknowledge Dr. Chester's labours in the past with gratitude & but they are now as [illegible] and we might express regret that he does not see his way to fall in with the wishes of Govt. as to their continuance.
W.
25 Apr

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

Again. G.O. dated, 1st March 1895, No. 328. M.

Current Nos. 1084 and 1187.

From

FOR ORDERS.

Please see the notes and orders in G.O., dated, 1st March 1895, No. 328. M.

2. In para. 3 of the above quoted order, the Government suggested that in order to place the existing arrangements for affording medical relief to the population of Dindigal on a satisfactory footing, the Municipal Council and the Taluk Board of the place would do well to decide that future contributions by them in aid of the Mission hospital, Dindigal, should be conditional (1) upon Dr. Chester's accepting the services of a qualified Govt. Apothecary, a pro-

-portionate part of whose salary should be paid as usual by Government, who should be required to do such work as is more particularly necessary in the interests of Government, such as the granting of certificates for Government purposes, and who should work in the ordinary manner in the hospital under Dr. Chester's supervision, and (2) upon his consenting to permit the District Medical and Sanitary Officer to supervise the working of the hospital, receiving from it the returns and reports which are at present required from all other aided institutions.

3. The first of the currents read above is a letter from the Chairman of the Municipal Council, forwarding a copy of the Council's Resolution expressing its willingness to continue the payment of the contribution on account of the hospital subject to the condition specified in para. 3 of the G.O above referred to, and stating that if Dr. Chester does not agre to these conditions, the Governmen should be requested to sanction the establishment of a separate institution, which is considered to b not only highly desirable, but also very necessary to meet the requirements of the people of Dindigal.

4. The second current is a letter from Dr. Chester in whic he states that he is unwilling to accept the services of a qua-lified Government apothecary in the place of the hospital assi-tants whom he has carefully trained and who have been working under him for several years past, or to be placed under the supervision of the District Medical and Sanitary Officer of Madura, which woul simply be a matter of irritatio and worry to him. He further

Says that even if another dispensary is opened at Dindigal, and he is deprived of the grant which he has been receiving for so many years, there would be no cessation or change in his medical work, and that he is willing to continue to give his services and the use of the present hospital buildings gratis, and to make the Dindigal dispensary as useful in the future as in the past, if he is allowed to continue his work selecting his own subordinates and being under the direct orders of the Surgeon-General.

P.R. 9/4/95 The only consistent step that can now, apparently, be taken is to ask the Municipal Council & the Taluk Board to start a Hospital of their own. It will cost them more than they now pay to keep up one of the standard of Dr. Chester's, & they must be content with a rented building.

W 10.4.95

There appears to be nothing else to be done. Dr. Chester offers [illegible]

FOR ORDERS.

merely ~~to [illegible]~~ continuing present arrangement unchanged in any way

LD 19/4/95

Dr. Webster and the Dindigal Dispensary.

FOR ORDERS

H.M. & circ.

H.C. [illegible]

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Dr. Chester's Dispensary –

Dindigul municipality

FOR ORDERS.

Hunt Circ

Chief Secretary's Office,

2nd May 1895.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

My dear Twigg,

Please expedite your reply to my D.O. of the 1st March 1895, calling for certain information regarding the land on which the mission hospital at Dindigul is built.

Yours sincerely,

2/5/95

To

J. Twigg Esq. I.C.S.

Desp 2/5

Camp. Tiruvadur

15th May 1895.

Price

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Cg.
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2/5/95

To

J. Twigg Esqre. I.C.S.

Despd.
2/5

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Chester's Dispensary -

Madura
5th May 1875

CHIEF SECRETARY
8 MAY. 1895
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Dear Mr. Price

I had the office records searched for information as to the Dindigul Hospital site without much result, and then sent the matter to the Sub Collector (Batten) I am sending him a reminder and

The Tahsildar's report shows th

municipality

hope to be able to give you the information you ask for shortly.

Yours sincerely

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municipality

CHIEF SECRETARIAT
14 MAY 1895
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Madura
11th May 1895

Dear Mr. Price

I should be much obliged if immediate orders could be passed regarding appellate powers for Subramonia Aiyar the new Deputy Collector for Melur. Cases are accumulating.

Wired [illegible] on the 11th inst

Telegram despatched on the 11th May 1895

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municipality

Batten reports that the site appears to be Govt. property. We can find no trace of how it came into the hands of the Mission, and Dr. Chester says it was bought from the S.P.G. I think Dr. Chester is mistaken, and had nearly finished my report on the subject when I found it necessary to make another reference to Batten. I hope to send the report in a few days.

Yours truly

J. Curry

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Dr. Chester's Dispensary –

Dindigul municipality

FOR ORDERS.

Hunt Circ

CHIEF SECRETARY

18 MAY. 1895

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Camp. Tiruvadur
15th May 1895.

D.O.

Dear Mr. Price

1. With reference to your D.O. of the 1st March regarding the Dindigul Hospital site I find that in 1870, before the hospital – or dispensary – was built, the site was exempted by Govt. from *Revenue assessment. (G.O 24th Novr. 1870, No. 1858). A Lying in hospital and some other buildings had already been erected upon it, but I am sorry to say no records have been found showing when it came into the hands of the Mission or of Dr. Chester, or upon what terms.

x. Rs 1.12.11. on acres 1.26.926, being not quite the whole extent of pattah No. 1186. v. para 3.

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G.O. 30/5/72 No 727

4. In para 13 of a letter dated 14th Feb 1872 to the Chief Secretary, Dr Chester, writing with regard to grants from Local and Municipal funds towards the cost of the Dispensary says "Government is doubtless aware that the four detached houses for in-patients, and the Lying-in Hospital in connection with the Dispensary just erected on a piece of land belonging to the Dindigul dispensary are, with the land, the property of the Dindigul Municipality. It is distinctly understood that this will be the case with the building for which the grant already referred to is made, and any Hospital buildings erected by the aid of Dindigul Municipality or the Local Funds Board."

5. It is upon the piece of land thus acknowledged by Dr Chester to be Municipal (? Government) property that the Dispensary or Hospital was built, the foundations being laid in 1872. The Municipality contributed Rs 500, the Local Funds 1500, and Govt. from the Famine relief fund 1500.

G.O. 6/2/74 No 201

6 In para 4 of his letter of 29th Novr 1873 to the Chief Secretary Dr Chester writes "And I would, in conclusion respectfully request Government to have the goodness

~~to p~~ to pass such an order as will, on the payment by me of Rs 2000 to the Local Fund Board Dindigul Circle, and the Dindigul Municipality, free me from any covenant I may have made up to this time, either verbally or in writing, on account of the above gifts × × ×

to pass over, in the case of my death or leaving India for good, all lands and buildings belonging to the Dindigul dispensary, to the above mentioned Dindigul Municipality or Local Fund Board Dindigul Circle, or either or both of the aforesaid bodies."

7. The Government in its order of 6th Feby 1874 No. 201 decided that the lien on account of the Famine relief donation should lapse after 5 years, and that there was no objection to Dr. Chester's

refunding the Local Fund Board's and Municipal grants, and so freeing himself from any obligation incurred by their receipt. The amount however has never been refunded.

Yours truly
J. Swill

[G/9]
2,000—23-1-95.

Current No. ~~[illegible]~~

LAM DEPARTMENT.

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×9/7/74 G.O. 113 – 114

From

J. Twigg Esq. Sre I.C.S.

No.

Dated 15th May 1895

Received 18th „ „
Regd 20th „ „
Enclosures

SUBJECT.

Regarding the Dindigul Hospital Site.

Refer
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300—28-5-94.

Land Rev DEPARTMENT.

~~No.~~ d.o.

From the Collector of Madura

Dated 15th May 1895.

FOR ORDERS.

Please see H.M.'s query of 6.IX.94 in G.O. no 1280 Rev of 18.IX.94 regarding the tenure of the site on which the Dindigul dispensary stands.

2. In 1869, when Government first began to contribute to the dispensary the present buildings were apparently not in existence but Dr Chester was collecting funds for a Lying-in Hospital.

3. In 1870 acres 1-26-926 of paimash no 1186 of Silapadi village (cattlestand poramboke) on which the then dispensary and Lying-in hospital stood were exempted from assessment - G.O. no $\frac{1858}{24.XI.70}$ which is probably the G.O. to which H.M. refers.

4. In 1871 the Vice President of the Municipal Commission first mooted the question of extending the buildings. The Government approving this stated that it was highly desirable that the building should be taken over as a local and municipal one, and directed that Dr Chester should be asked if he agreed to this - G.Os no $\frac{\overset{892}{\cancel{182-183}}}{21.XI.71}$.

5. Dr Chester does not appear to have agreed to this but proposed to carry on the dispensary with its additions on the distinct understanding that any buildings erected with the assistance of ~~the assistance~~ of the Municipality or the Local Fund Board were, with the land on which they stood, the property of the Municipality. He also stated that the existing houses and land were Municipal property. His proposals were approved in G.Os nos $\frac{\overset{1279}{\cancel{163-164}}}{30.X.72}$.

Dr C's original dispensary was inside the Mission Compound. The present dispensary is outside that compound & on the other side of the road leading up to the Sub Collr's house
WS

I dont think this can be the order I spoke of, because in Nov. 70 I was not in Dindigul but in Cuddalore as Sen: C. Cl.]. WS

So far as I can judge, the only conclusion is that the site of the Hospital & the buildings on it dont belong to Dr C. at all, but to the Govt. - I think he should be called on to show his title, or, if he cannot do so, to hand over the site & buildings
WS
4/6/95

Circ:

I agree that Doctor Chester shd be told to show his titles before any thing else is done
JG 8/6

W
11 June

6. In 1874 Dr. Chester repented of this condition and asked Government to free him from it on his paying back to the Municipality and Local Board the amount of their contributions towards the buildings. Government consented to this but the money was never paid. G.O. no 201/16.11.74 and Mr. Twigg's d.o.

7. In G.O. no 636/6.10.94 it was further observed that Government had no power to interfere with the condition made in respect of the grant of Rs 1500 from surplus famine funds towards the building of the dispensary, viz: that on Dr. Chester's death or departure from India the buildings should revert to the Municipality.

8 The 1871 buildings were erected at a cost of Rs 3600 of which Rs 1500 was contributed from surplus famine funds, Rs 1000 by the Local Board, Rs 500 by the Municipality and Rs 100 by private persons. It is not known what the original buildings cost but it is clear from Dr. Chester's admission quoted above that they belong to the Municipality. And there is no evidence of later additions having been made. It would therefore appear that the whole Rs 5000 worth of buildings spoken of by Dr. Chester in his letter to H.E. the Governor could be claimed at any rate on his death or departure from India by the Municipality. As for the repairs to which he refers, Municipal and Local funds have undoubtedly been expended on them.

9. Dr. Chester appears to have stated that he bought the land from the S.P.G. mission. Whether this be so or not Mr. Twigg's statements as to the entries in the Revenue accounts would seem to show that it was never theirs to sell.

This is not correct. I myself handed the land over to him. If he bought the land from the S.P.G. let him produce the sale deed
M

If there was a sale by the S. P. G. Mission there must I presume have been a sale deed and that ought to show the numbers and area of the land sold. Might not the Collr. be asked to pursue this point further

CGT
28.5.95.

29/5/95

Reply to H.M.'s query regarding tenure of the site on which Dind dispensary stands.

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WARD CHESTER, M.D.

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1,000—18-3-95.

Land Rev. - DEPARTMENT.

CHIEF SECRETARIAT, MADRAS.

Memorandum. 852/24/6/95

~~Read the following~~

~~With reference to his demi-official letter dated 15th May 1895 on the subject of the tenure of the site on which the Dindigul Mission Hospit stands~~

The undersigned is directed to request that, the Collector of Madura ~~is requested to~~ will call upon the Rev: Dr. Chester to show by what title he holds either the site or buildings of the Dindigul hospital. If he maintains his contention that the former was purcha from the S.P.G. mission, he should be asked to produce the sale deed.

(from orders)
16/6/95

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To

The Collector of Madura

Despd 24/6/95

Note for C.S.

The orders of H.M.'s are not quite in accordance. May this go as it stands or should Dr.

Tenure of site of the Dindigul dispensary.

C.S

852/95

(from orders)

~~With reference to the~~
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Issue [illegible]

Copy & despatch
keep paper [illegible]

Current No. 1161 Cotts of 1895
Date 31.7.95

No. 57.

30 JUL 95
SUB COLLECTOR'S OFFICE

EDWARD CHESTER, M.D.
30 JUL. 95
DINDIGUL.

From
Edward Chester M.D.
Medical missionary, American Madura Mission.

To The Ag. Sub Collector, Madura

Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your memo., R.C. No 1161 Cotts. 18-7-95. forwarding copy of Memorandum, dated 24-6-95, No. 852, "requesting that the Collector of Madura will call upon the Rev Dr Chester, to show by what title he holds either the site or building of the Dindigul Hospital"

2 My delay in replying to this paper, is owing to a severe attack of Influenza which prevented me from attending to any business.

Chester's Hospital

3 Since this matter was first brought to my notice, I have reason to believe that the S.P.G. Mission had no congregation nor schools, in Dindigul town, and that their Mission work was principally at and near Ammenaickanur and Ahmalipatti, and certain portions of the Lower Pulney Hills.

4 Both Mr. George S. Hickey and Mr. Henry S. Hickey, who have been for many years, living and practicing as Pleaders, in the town of Dindigul, tell me that they remember their father, Rev H. S. Hickey, owning certain land, which he held on puttah, in the town of Dindigul, at or near the present site of the Dindigul Dispensary and also at or near the piece of ground, now occupied by Mr. J. Heimpel, as a Cigar Factory.

5. Rev. A. Savaramuthu, a Native Pastor, now in my emplo served under Rev. Edward Webb from whom I took over charge of the Dindigul Station, when he left for America, about 1860.

6 Pastor Saveramuthu tells me, that Rev. Mr. Webb pur chased from Rev. Mr. Hickey, the bit of land, now the site of the Dindigul Dispensary. He further says, that for a number of years. Mr. Webb allowed him, and Muttwoalu, for many years, a peon in the Sub Collector's office, to cultivate this bit of land, he Mr Webb, paying the Annual tax.

7 Pastor Saveramuthu further states, that as soon as I took over charge of the Dindigul Station, from Mr. Webb, I continued to allow these two to cultivate this bit of ground, paying

the tax, as Mr. Webb had done.

8. He further says, that when I found I could not conveniently carry on the work of the Dispensary, in the Mission bungalow, that I determined to utilize this land, for Hospital and Dispensary buildings and that I paid to him, Pastor Savaramuthu, Rs 7/- as a present, as compensation for his stopping his cultivation

9 I continued paying tax, on this land, for some years, but as soon as I had buildings erected, and was holding my Dispensary in there, I applied to Government for remission of the tax, on account of the buildings being used only for Dispensary purposes, and Government kindly acceded to my request. I have not this G.O. before me, but I know that I have not paid any tax, on this land, for many years.

Apparently So 1858 Re. / 24-11-70 Chang-

10 Rev. Edward Webb never returned to India, and is now living in the United States. I have written

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to him, to tell me if he knows what he did with the sale deed given by Rev. Mr. Hackey

15 I have also asked the treasurer of our Madura Mission to look over the deeds, in the mission safe, at Madura.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obdt. Servt.

Edward Chester MD
Medical missionary, American
Madura Mission.

1st August
1895.
Madura

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J. H. Walton

Ag Dst Collector
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Forwarded with reference to Government memorandum no 852 dated 24 june 1895.

J. Currie

1st August 1895.
Madura

Ag Collector

Local & Municipal DEPARTMENT.

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FROM

THE COLLECTOR, of

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Chester ~~as to~~ explaining the title under which he
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the Dindigul Hospital.

Madura 1st Aug.

Dear Mr. Price

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FOR ORDERS.

Please see the notes and orders on the first two of the currents read above & on the D.O. from the Collector of Madura, dated 15th May 1895. The last of the currents is Dr. Chester's reply to Government memorandum No. 862 dt. 24th June 1895, calling upon him to show by what title he holds either the site or the buildings of the Dindigul hospital.

V.R.
7/8/95

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only a squatter.

No village accounts are forthcoming for the years previous to the G.O of Novr. 1870; but as that order of exemption from assessment presupposes payment of assessment previously by the American Mission, I presume the occupation of the land was recognized the authorities.

Believe me

Yours truly

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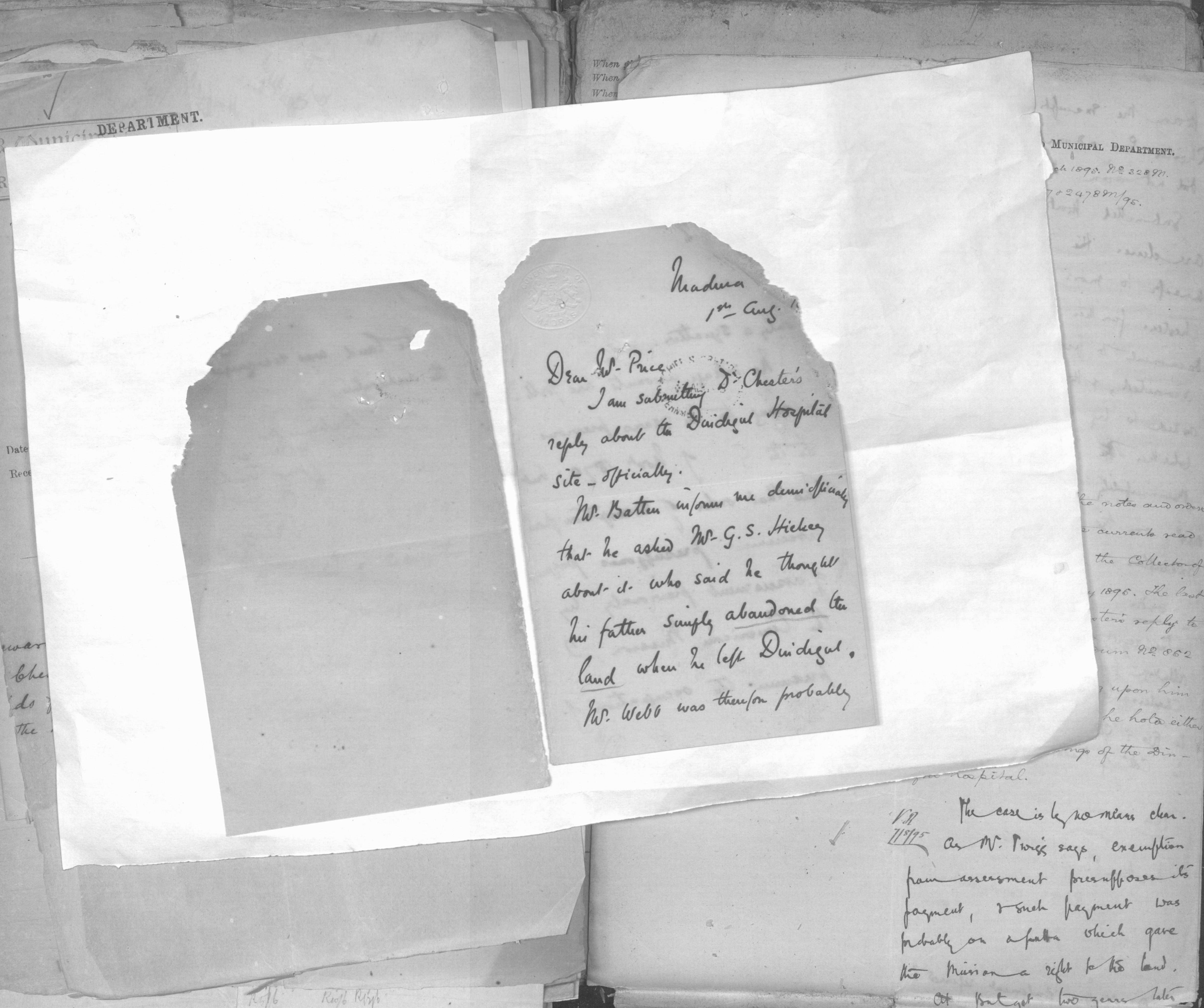

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Submitted that until matters are clearer ~~this~~ it would be unsafe to move; that the result of Mr. Chester's further searches for documents to prove his title be awaited, & that Mr. Twigg be asked to try & find out whether the Mission [illegible] [illegible] was paying the assr. on the site before its exemption.

× para 13 of his letter in G.O. No. 727 d. 30th May 1872

Apparently it was according to Dr. C's present statement but what about his statement in 72?

N.S. Order. 17/8/95 G.O. 1352 Misc.

"The result of the further enquiries alluded to at the close of Dr. Chester's letter will be awaited."

To Rev. E. Chester. R.D. P.O. 10.8.95
To Collr. of Madura P.O.
Despd. 22/8/95

D.O. G 23-8-95

Despatched
Return after desp. 17/8
Copy of D.O. also 22/8/95

My dear Twigg.

Refce., correspondence about the site of the Dindigul Dispensary.

in your D.O. of 15th May, that the land on which the Dispensary buildings stood was Municipal property, was made in February 1872, whereas the exemption of the land from assessment was ordered in November 1870, two years earlier. ~~It is difficult to understand, therefore, how~~ If the Mission ~~can~~ was ~~have been~~ paying the assessment previous to the exemption in 1870 ~~If they were~~ ~~it was~~ ~~paying it~~ it ~~probably~~ presumably had the land on patta, & in that case Dr. Chester wd. not have been likely to have admitted in 1872 that the land was the Municipality's. ~~It seems probable that either the Municipal Council was paying the assr. previous to 1870, or that between that year & 1872 it obtained some right over the land.~~ The records upon which the Collector of Madura's letter No. 249 10.9.70 to the Sec. to the Bd. of Rev., read in G.O. 1858 24.11.70 might perhaps clear up the point, & I am to ~~should be~~ ask that you will kindly search for ~~them~~ and examine them if found.

10.8.95

15/8/95!

Despd. 23/8/95

Tenure of site of the Dindigul dispensary

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~~B. M. circ.~~

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