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MISCELLANEOUS.

G.O., No. 328 M

DATED 1st March 1895

[Despatch Abstract.]

Hospital at Dindigul.

Suggesting certain arrangements under which the hospital at Dindigul which is managed by the American mission would supply the needs of the town and its neighbourhood in an adequate manner.

BACK PAPERS.

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CHIEF SECRETARIAT, MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

~~Read~~ G.O. d. 18.9.96. No. 1280 M.

READ ~~the following~~ paper :—

Currents 2748 3155 M & 3331 of 94 and 1161 L. of 95.

Order 1.3.95 No. 328 Revenue

The papers read above relate to the condition of the existing arrangements for rendering medical aid to the population of Dindigul, which consist ~~of~~ of a hospital ~~maintained~~ which is managed by the American Mission in the town under the immediate supervision of Dr. Chester, one of its members, and aided by annual grants from the Municipal Council & the Taluk Board.

2. H.E. the G. in C. is glad to take this opportunity of placing upon record his high appreciation of the valuable services which Dr. Chester has for ~~during~~ the ~~past 30 years~~ ~~during which he has laboured~~ here ~~in~~ ~~the District of Madura~~, rendered to

s people of ~~Madura~~ the District of Madura, during the 30 years over which his medical labours there have extended. Valuable, however, as these services have been, it appears evident from the report of the Surgeon-General that the establishment & ~~management~~ general condition of the institution ~~are not~~ under his ~~such~~ charge fall somewhat short of the standard ~~required by Govt.~~ now which is at the present time required by Govt., & which is ~~due~~ necessary to the wants of the ~~the~~ rapidly increasing population of Dindigul. Upon a careful consideration of the question the Govt. is of opinion that although the advantages which would follow the erection of a new hospital, such as that proposed by the Municipal Council of the town & the Taluk Board to meet the needs of the case, are evident, yet the condition of the former's finances ~~which~~ is not at present, owing to the necessity of providing for the water supply scheme now under execution, such as would warrant the considerable expenditure that the proposal would entail.

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CHIEF SECRETARIAT, MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

READ the following paper :—

3. The Govt. therefore considers that in order that matters may, in the interests of the population of Dindigul, be placed upon a satisfactory footing, both the Municipal Council & the Taluk Board would do well to ~~require as a condition~~ decide that future contributions by them in aid of the existing institution should be conditional upon Dr. Chester's accepting the services of a qualified Govt. apothecary, ~~the~~ a proportionate part of whose salary should be paid as usual by Govt., who should be required to do ~~the~~ such work ~~that~~ as is more particularly necessary in the interests of government such as the granting of certificates for ~~the Courts, the examination of the)~~ ~~medical~~ ~~the physical & for public purposes~~ Government purposes, & who should

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Govt. in the ordinary manner to the hospital under Dr. Chester's supervision. The District Med. & San. Officer, who is responsible to Govt. for the health & sanitary condition of the population under his charge should also be permitted to supervise the workings of the hospital, & to receive from it ~~the~~ ~~same~~ the returns ~~& in the same form~~ & reports which are at present required from all other aided institutions.

4. ~~This~~ Under these arrangements the institution for which the American Mission & Dr. Chester have done so much would doubtless supply ~~the~~ the needs of the town and its neighbourhood in an adequate manner

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To C.M.C. Dindigul Fd.
" Pres. T. Bd. Dindigul (through the Pres. Dt. Bd. Madura) Fd.
" Revd. Edward Chester, M.D. Fd.
" Surgeon-General Fd.

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Hospital at Dindigul

Cs. (from orders)

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

Again G.O. dt 18.9.94. No. 1280M.

Current Nos. 2748, 3155 & 3331 M/94 & 161 L/95.

~~From~~

It is not at all necessary to oust Dr. Chester from his hospital — all that is needed is that he should accept qualified, instead of unqualified, assistance; and that, ~~and~~ that his hospital shd. be open to inspection by the D.M.&S.O. in the same way as other hospitals, these are requisites which shd. be insisted on. I adhere therefore to my note of 19/5/94 in G.O. 676M/30.5.94.

I observe that the query suggested in my note of 6/9/94 in G.O. 1280M/18.9.94, as to the tenure of the site of the hospital, does not seem to have been put.

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~~[It was proposed to put this when Govt. had finally made up its mind what to do in the matter, & it~~ [illegible] understood that this was what [illegible]

I [illegible] Dr. Chester.

FOR ORDERS.

Please see the notes and orders in G.O.s dt 30th May 1894, No. 676M. and 18th September 1894, No. 1280M.

2. In the second of these Government orders above referred to, the Surgeon-General's suggestions that the municipal council and the taluk board of Dindigul should offer to purchase the mission hospital and, if successful, take over its control & maintain it at their cost, or that the municipal council should erect a first class hospital of its own and apply the funds at present handed over to Dr. Chester, towards the upkeep of this

hospital, if the mission is not willing to sell its hospital, were commended to these local bodies for consideration and report.

3. The municipal council is willing to have a separate hospital under the control of the District Medical & Sanitary Officer on the lines recommended by the Surgeon-General, but the Sub-Collector of Dindigul in forwarding the council's resolution, points out that there are no valid objections against the continuance of the present system, as the pensioned hospital assistant who is now in charge of the institution may be replaced by a better man and as the present system which has lasted for more than twenty years cannot be considered precarious. He further states that the opening of a separate hospital as recommended by the Surgeon-General would involve a large initial outlay and that the staff proposed by him would cost a good deal more than the present staff maintained by Dr. Chester. He says that the cost of maintaining the institution, though not on the scale recommended by the Surgeon-General, is estimated by the District Surgeon at Rs 2,500, per annum, of which Rs 300 represent the rent of a building, that, as Dr. Chester has no intention of selling his hospital & as there is no other building in Dindigul suitable for the purpose, the municipal council would have to construct a new building, that the Sanitary Engineer has estimated the cost of a fourth class hospital, not a first class one; ~~[illegible]~~ as recommended by the Surgeon General at Rs 12,000, & that the ~~muni~~ municipal council cannot at present find the necessary funds for it. He adds that as Dr. Chester has no intention of closing his hospital although the

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on wh. we can continue to support his Dispensary. The Collr. had he asked (DO) on what terms the site was granted.

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The Ag. Sub. Collector rather begs the question, when he says that but little is brought out against Mr. Chester and his management of the Dindigul Dispensary - but if he had chosen to read between the lines I think he might have seen what was meant, without expecting the S.G. to dot his i's & cross his t's. The fact remains that medical matters there are in a very unsatisfactory state, & Govt. is bound in the interests of the public & its own servants to get things improved. It is a very significant fact that the Municipal Council, in the teeth of the European official & Mr. Chester himself, resolved to start a separate hospital - wh. clearly indicates what the feeling of the inhabitants themselves is.

However I think we must admit that at present the financial condition of the place will not allow of their going in for a brand new hospital.

I think we should ∴ issue an order to the effect that although we recognize the advantages wh. wd. accrue from the erection of a hospital such as that wh. the Municipal & Taluk Boards desire - the financial position would not warrant such an undertaking at the present moment. That Govt. is satisfied from the report of the S.G. that some improvement is required in the present medical arrangements in Dindigul. But before proceeding to detail what in the opinion of Govt. shd. be done, the Govt. takes this opportunity of placing on record its high appreciation of the good services wh. Dr. Chester has rendered in the past [illegible] years, during which time he has laboured in the district of Madura. But however valuable these services have been, it is evident to Govt. that his establishment & dispensary are not such as to satisfy the requirements of Govt. at the present day, or the wants of the greatly increasing population of Dindigul. To put these matters through pending the provision of a new hospital on a satisfactory footing - Govt. would make it a condition of aid in future that he shd. accept the services of a qualified Govt. apothecary - the proportionate part of his salary being defrayed by Govt. as elsewhere - who would do all work for Govt. such as police-certificates etc. The ~~hospital~~ dispensary should also be under the supervision of the D. M. & S. O. who should obtain from Dr. Chester all the returns etc. required ~~(The Govt. apothecary wd. of course assist Dr. Chester in the ordinary work of the dispensary)~~ by Govt. from aided institutions. The D. M. & S. O. is responsible for the sanitation & health of the people in his district, & [illegible] municipal council starts one of its own, the latter is not likely to have as good an attendance, while the cost would be greater and that, considering that Dr Chester has served the municipality in an honorary position for nearly 30 years, he is entitled to more consideration than the council has vouchsafed to him. The Collector while admitting the desirability of the municipal council having an hospital of its own, states that it is in the nature of a luxury at present, that the construction of an hospital must be postponed until there is sufficient money for it without starving more important needs, and that to build an hospital less commodious & man it less efficiently than Dr Chester's, would be merely a waste of money.

being kept in the proper form. Of course the Govt. apothecary will assist Dr. Chester in the ordinary work of the dispensary.

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9 Feb

Yes — It will have to be ~~as~~ put as mildly as possible or Dr. C. will not yield an iota. He is a remarkably obstinate man and is, I have no doubt, swayed by the idea that it is I who am trying to injure him, whereas it has been rather the other way. As to the matter in W.'s note, I imagine Dr. C. has practised at Dindigul for some 30 years, if not more —

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4. Dr Chester has also submitted a petition to His Excellency the Governor, (C No. 274) requesting that the present arrangement for supplying the town of Dindigul with medical aid, which has been in successful operation for more than 25 years, may under the existing circumstances be allowed to continue and he points out that the proposal of the Surgeon-General to establish a new and independent hospital & construct a building for it which will cost not less than Rs 8,000, will be beyond the means of the municipality, and that, as an expensive water-supply scheme has been undertaken, it would be unwise

nwise on the part of the ouncil to undertake a measure which would involve such a large additional cost. He also states that while in G.O. dl 18th September 1894, No. 1280 M, it is proposed to cut off all grants on account of his dispensary, not a word is said in appreciation of his past services. In this connection, however, attention is solicited to copy of a D.O. from the Private Secretary to Dr. Chester dl 5th November 1894. (in C No. 2748 M.)

5. The Taluk board states that it considers it desirable to have a separate hospital of its own as the Dindigul municipal council has come to a similar conclusion.

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The Surgeon General appears to have assumed that when the Taluk Board & Municipal grants were withdrawn Dr. Chester's Hospital would at once cease to exist, & that the purchase of the building in which it is located, & the transfer of part of its staff to the new Hospital wd. be easy matters.

It now appears that Dr. Chester will go to America for funds & keep up his Hospital as before even if the local grants are withdrawn.

It therefore seems necessary that if a new Hospital be started in Dindigul it should be capable of quite holding its own against Dr. Chester's.

Para. 6. of the Sub Collector's letter shows that to keep up a staff equal to Dr. Chester's will cost the Taluk Bd. & the Municipality more money per annum than they now subscribe, & an initial outlay of, at the least, Rs 12,000.

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Apparently if a hospital is started by the Municipality & L. Bd. an initial outlay of not less than Rs. 12000 and probably more will have to be incurred. Where is the money to come from? It is plain that Dr. Chester will give no chance of purchasing the present building & will continue to run his hospital come what may, so that the chances are that the new institution unless very superior in every way to the existing one will not be largely patronised. Is the Council with a heavy outlay on account of water works looming in the

near future takes up this hospital business now it will probably get into difficulties. The idea was of course that if the grant were withdrawn Dr. C would close but this he clearly will not do.
The hospital is evidently not what a hospital in Dindigul should be but it is better than nothing & might be improved by intimation that if it is not put on a satisfactory footing and worked on modern lines the grant will be withdrawn. This would probably force Dr. C's hand and bring about what is wanted. The substitution of a competent and smart apothecary for the present pensioned 1st Cl Hl Asst. should be made a sine qua non

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Establishment of a municipal hospital at Dindigul.

FOR ORDERS.

H.M. & Circ

Resubmitted to H.M. for perusal of H.E. the Governor's note & proposals

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Note for H.M.

With refce to the concluding portion of his note dated yesterday within. — It was thought that H.M. desired this refce to be made after ~~the~~ a decision whether the Hospital shd. be taken over or not had been come to. It was at that time uncertain whether either the Taluk Bd. or the Municipality wd. agree to taking it over. If so directed the Collector ~~may~~ will now be asked. ~~state~~

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D. O.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

FORT ST. GEORGE,

~~February~~ 1st March 1895.

My dear Twigg

With reference to the correspondence on the subject of the Mission Hospital at Dindigul, I am to ask you to report to Govt. the particulars of the tenure upon which the land on which the Hospital ~~was~~ is built is now held.

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EDWARD CHESTER, M.D.
19 OCT. 94
DINDIGUL.

My Dear Mr. Grose.

You may remember that once, in Madras, when you were very busy, you most kindly gave me an interview, and heard what I had to say, about having a Pensioned Hospital Assistant, connected with my Dindigul Dispensary.

Things have moved on quietly and pleasantly, in my Dispensary, from that time to this, when a much more serious matter has cropped up. I have addressed the Governor, on the subject, but wish very much that you should know about it.

To save my making a second copy, as I have to do these things with my own hand, would you kindly read the letter, I have addressed to the Governor, and which I am sending under cover to you, and then hand the cover to the Governor's Private Secretary, to give to his Excellency, on his return to Madras.

This all will be a trouble to you, and I have no right to ask you to take it. But I beg in the name of our common Heavenly Master.

Yours sincerely.

Edward Chester

Transfd. to C.S. for disposal with copy of P.S.'s reply to Dr. Chester. For information

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EDWARD CHESTER M.D.
2 OCT. 94
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To

His Excellence, Lord Wenlock
Governor of Madras.

Your Excellence.

Do me the great favorof reading the G.O.18th.Sept.1894, No.1280 M.Misc.,a copy of which I send with this letter,and then the remarks upon it,whichI am sending to you,and which I will make as brief as possible. I think that the present arrangement,for supplying the Town and District of Dindigul,with Medical service,which has been in successful operation,for more than 25 years,had,under existing circumstances,better be allowed to remain as it is. But I confess,in making this statement,I may seem to be specially interested. I am. If matters remain as they are,I am saved the trouble and anxiety of collecting,myself,each year,from individual friends,in India,and America,the money I now receive as a Grant, from the Dindigul Municipality and the Dindigul Taluq Board,for the upkeep of the Dispensary. But,as a Municipal Councillor,and having been for more than 25 years a resident of Dindigul,I am in a position to know,that the proposition of the Surgeon General,to establish a new and independent Municipal Dispensary,in Dindigul,and to build a new Hospital,which will cost not less than Rs.8000/, will be some thingfar beyond the Financial ability of the Municipality. There is now an expensiveWater Scheme commenced,to which the Municipality has pledged its support. Dr.King,Sanitary Commis-

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sioner, in his recent Inspection notes, on the Dindigul Municipality, while favoring a new Drainage Scheme, remarks that he does not expect the Municipality to be able to undertake this, at present, while they have their Water Scheme, requiring all the money they can save. It is hard, then, to see ~~a~~ where this large additional expense, for the establishment and running expenses of a new Dispensary, and then Rs.8000/ for a Hospital building, is to come from. I think I am right in saying, that the present Collector and Sub Collector of Madura favor the existing arrangement of Medical service, and think it would be unwise for the Dindigul Municipality, to attempt a scheme at this time, which would involve so much additional expense. The use of the present Dispensary and Hospital buildings, which cost Rs.10,000/ and which have been recently repaired, at an expense of Rs.800/, I have given free of rent, to the Municipality and Taluq Board, for a period of over 13 years. The Surgeon General remarks that when the project of the Palghat-Dindigul Railway is carried out, the town of Dindigul will be even more important than now. But this will add but little to the Medical service of the Dindigul Dispensary, as all India Railways have their own Apothecaries, for the benefit of their subordinates and employees. He further says that the services of a properly qualified Government Medical Officer are required, for the Medico-legal investigations, in Criminal cases. I have had such a Government Medical Officer, attached to the Dindigul Dispensary, since its establishment. And to prevent delay in the making of post mortems, in connection with criminal cases,

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have, within the past three years, added another Govt.Hospital Assistant ,to the Dispensary staff, to be at Head Quarters, while the Govt.Hos.Assistant might be absent from Dindigul, giving evidence at the Civil and Sessions Court. I have myself, always most willingly, attended to the duties of Sanitary Adviser to the Municipality. I have also regularly given Medical attendance to the Government Officials, and their families, whenever occasion called for it. Mr. Charles Kough, who has just retired from the~~the~~ MadrasCivil Service, but who was, for a number of years, Sub Collector at Dindigul, has often said to mutual friends, that I was the instrument, under God, of saving the lives of twon of his children. Another Civilian, who is still in India, said the same in regard to his wife. I sentthree Native women, of good family and well educated, to Madras, with their husbands, to study and practice, for the prescribed period, in the Govt.Lying-In Hospital. These all received Diplomas . I gladly met the expense of this from my own purse. Five different ladies, in Dindigul, three the wives of Civilians, were assisted in their confinement, by one or another of these Native nurses, the need for a nurse coming at an earlier time, than was expected, and before the Eurasian nurse reached Dindigul. We are constantly granting Medical Certificates, at the Dindigul Dispensary, with the exception of one or two kinds, where the parties are sent to the District Medical and Sanitary Officer, Madura. There is no occasion for friction, between the District Medical and Sanitary Officer, Madura, and myself, and there has been none. I am, as

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s he is, directly under the Surgeon General, with the Govt. of Madras, to whom I regularly send my Monthly and Annual returns. The Dindigul Dispensary, under my charge, has thrice been inspected by Deputy Surgeon General, Dr. Johnston, twice by Dy. Surgeon General, Dr. Wilson, and once by Surgeon General Dr. Bidie., all of whom reported most kindly ~~of~~ and favourably of my work, in their Inspection Notes. The present Surgeon General knows nothing of my Medical work, and the working of the Dindigil Dispensary, except as he has heard it from others. And as in the extract of his letter, given with G.O.1280, M.Misc. and in the wording of the G.O. itself, while it is proposed to cut off my entire grant, and virtually set me adrift, not a word is said, in appreciation of my past services, for Government, which have been wholly gratuitous, I am constrained to feel, that there has been an unkind feeling towards me, at the bottom of this whole movement. I may remind your Excellency, that at the request of Government, to provide more Hospital Assistants, for the Minor Dispensaries of the Madura District, I superintended, for seven years, the Local Fund Medical School, at Dindigul. In this service, I also, most willingly, gave my services gratuitously. Twenty nine men, connected with this Medical School, passed the regular Govt. Examination, at Trichinopoli or Madras, and received the Diploma of Third Class Hospital Assistants. Forgive me for having trespassed so much upon your valuable time. I could not well be briefer.

Most Respectfully Yours Edward Chester M.D.
Medical missionary
American Madura Mission

Private Secretary to H.E. Madras

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Proceedings of the Madras Government.

Read again G.O. dated 25th.January I894,No.84 M.Miscs.

Read the following,

From the Surgeon General with the Govt. of Madras,dated 2nd,Aug.I894No.Tour I9I.

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(24) -- -- -- -- Dindigul is about the second most important town in the Madura District,with a population of over 20,000,on the main line of theRail:that it is the Head Quarters of a Sub Collectoran Assistant Engineer,and a Salt Inspector:also that there is a District Munsiff's Courtand the Head Quarter Establishment of the Taluq.There is also a considerable mercantile and manufacturing community. In the near future,it will probably be even more important,when the project of the Palghat-Dindigul Railway iscarried out. The servicesof a properly qualified Government Medical Officer,arerequired for the Medico-legalinvestiggations,in criminal cases,for the duties of Sanitary adviser to the Municipality,for the Medical attendance on Government Officials, and for the granting of Medical Certificates etc.

It is most desirable thathe should be in the usual way underthe orders and control of the District Medical and Sanitary Officer. I would therefore suggest that the Local Bodiesshould

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Order 18th. Sep.1894 No.1280 M. Misc.

The recommendations in Para.4 of the Surgeon General's letter, read above, will be commended to the Municipal Council, and the Taluq Board of Dindigul, which at presentcontribute towards the cost of the Mission Dispensary, for consideration and early report.

(True extract)

(signed) ~~W.~~F.W.Ashpitel.

Under Secretary P.W.D.
For Chief Secretary.

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Dindigul Municipal Council, passed at a Meeting held October 19th.1885.

Present,

Gabriel Stokes Esq.	Chairman.
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" Syed JamialamSahib Avgl.	"
" V.S.Pichamoutheen Rowter Avgl.	"
" R.P.Vadakunnu Pillai Avgl.	"
" V.S.MohaideenMarakiar Rowtar Avgl.	"
" S.M.Verabudra Pillai Avgl.	"
William Young Esq.	"

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5 ReadMahazarfrom the inhabitants of Dindigul, transferred by The Collector of Madura, praying for the establishment of a separate Dispensary, with a Hindu Apothecary, inDindigul, for reasons stated in the Petition.

The statements in this Mahazir, are malicious and untrue. Every effort is made in the present Dispensary, far more than in any Local Fund Dispensary, to meet the want and wishes of the Native Community, quite irrespective of caste or creed. The funds available, whether from Local Fund or Municipal sources, are ...

(True Copy)

K. E. Goodier
Private Secretary to Maharani

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quite unequal to providing Medical treatment and comforts ,in any way approaching those available in the present Dispensary. The experience of over 20 years,qualifies ~~the~~ and justifies the fullest confidence in Dr.Chester's disinterested ness and skill. The Council are therefore unanimously of opinion,that this mahazar,which is merely the outcome of the factious spirit,unfortunately lately fostered in the Town ,calls for no action.

(Signed) G.Stokes

Chairman.

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5th November 1894.

My dear Sir,

I am desired by H.E. the Governor to acknowledge your letter to him dated 2d October which the Hon'ble Mr. Grose sent on the day before yesterday. Under His Excellency's instructions I am referring your letter to the Chief Secretary to Government for consideration and disposal in the proper Department of the Secretariat. Meanwhile H.E. the Governor begs you to note that the G.O. which you stigmatize as unappreciative, is an ad interim reference only and does not deal finally with the case. When the proper time comes His Excellency does not doubt that you will be fully satisfied with the endeavours of this Government to do full justice to the very valuable services which you have rendered to Dindigul for so many years.

Believe me
Yours sincerely
(Sd). C. F. MacCartie.

(True Copy)

Private Secretary [illegible]

~~Petition~~ Letter from Rev. Edward Chester M. D.
Dindigul

Dated 2nd October 1894

Transferred to the Chief Secretary to Government for disposal, with copy of Private Secy's reply to Dr Chester for information.

(By Order.)

Amcdattu

Private Secretary.

Government House,
Guindy
5 November 1894.

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Local & Municipal Dept. (189) Department.

P.R. CURRENT No. 2748 M

G.O. No 2675 M. 94
1355 M. 1-10-94
1280 M.M. 18-9-94
676 M. 20-3-94 (Confl.)
84 M.M. 25-1-94
1417 M.M. 17-10-93
1057 M. 14-8-93

From

C. F. MacCartie Esq. I.C.S.
~~The~~ Private Secretary to the
Right Honorable the Governor.

To

The Chief Secretary
to Government,
Department.

CHIEF SECRETARY
6. NOV. 1894
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Dated 5 } November 1894.
Received }

Enclosure 5

Subject.

Transfers a ~~petition~~ Letter from Revd. Edward Chester requesting that the present arrangement for supplying the town & district of Dindigul with medical service may be allowed to remain.

Recorded

N 19/2/95

To lie over pending receipt of replies
o. d/ 18th September 94 No. 1280 M. from
municipal Council and the
luk Board of Dindigul.

12/11/94

Proceedings of the Taluk Board
Dindigal dated 16th November 1894.

Present:—

J. A. Cumming Esq. Asst. Sub Collector
& President.
M.R.Ry. P. Venkateswarayar Avl.
Tahsildar & Vice President.

Members:—

Rev: Edward Chester M.D.
M.R.Ry P. Rangasami Ayangar Avl.
" Sheik Mohideen Sahib Avl.
" Mahamed Magthum Rowther Avl.

Proceedings No. 124 of 1894.

Read G.O. No 1280 M. Mis dated 18th September 1894, about the opening of a new dispensary at Dindigal the cost of the upkeep of which is to be borne by the Municipality and the

Taluk

Taluk Board instead of giving Contribution to the American Mission dispensary.

Resolution:- The Taluk Board will await the result of the action taken by the Municipality."

(Signed) J. A. Cumming
President.

(True Copy)
J. A. Cumming
President.

1/3155 M of 94

Taluk Board office
Dindigal 27th Nov. 94

No. 194.

Local & Municipal Dep
CURRENT No. 3155 M

From
The President, Taluk Board
Dindigal.

To
The Chief Secretary to Government
Local & Municipal Deptt.
Madras.

Through
The President, District Board.
Madura.

Sir,

With reference to G. O. No 1280. Mis. of 18.9.94, Calling on the Taluk Board Dindigal to consider and report about the proposal of t Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras about t opening of a new dispensary instead of one maintained b Dr. Chester for which, the Boar gives a contribution, I have the honor to state that no decide action has yet been taken b the Municipal Council and that the Taluk Board has resolved to await the result of the action of the above body. A copy of the Taluk Board's Resolution No 124 of 16.11.94 is enclosed for reference.

I have the honour to be
Sir,
Your most obedient servt
J Ven Catesunu
for President
30.11.94

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30/11

~~(Current) No.~~ 4569 of 1894
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LOCAL FUND DEPARTMENT.

Local & Municipal Dept.
CURRENT No. 27 DEC
CHIEF SECRETARY
3155 M
GOVERNMENT

From

Mr. S. The President,
Taluk Board,
Dindigal.

To

The Chief Secretary to Government,
Local and Municipal Department
MADRAS.

Through the President, District Board,
MADURA.

Dated 27th } November 1894
Despatched 1-12-94 }
Received }

NO. 194

Enclosure. one

COLLECTOR'S OFFICE
2 DEC 94
MADURA

Stating that the Taluk Board has resolved to await the result of the action taken by the Municipal Council Dindigal about the opening of a new dispensary at Dindigal.

Cms 2748 K/94 dc
1754 dated 17-11-94

R. C. No. 4569
5. 12. 94.

Submitted
Lulu Miller
Pres. D. B.

Madura }
5. 12. 94 }

Extract from the Proceedings of the Dindigul Municipal Council passed at a meeting held on November 26th 1894.

Present:-

J. A. Cumming Esq. Ag. Chairman
Revd. Edward Chester M. D. Councillor
M. R. Ry P. S. Mohamed Magdoom Rowther Al. - do.
" T. Rajagopaul Naidugaru - do.
" V. S. Pichaimaithen Rowther Al. - do.
" M. Arockiam Pillai Al. - do.
" M. N. Soobbien Chettiar Al. - do.
" K. Anantanarayana Iyer Al. - do.

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III. Read letter dated 19th November 189 No: 1130 from the District Medical and Sanitary Officer, Madura amounting to Rs 2,501 asked for in the Council's Resolution No. 4 of the 2nd idem.

The Council is of opinion that it is desirable to have a separate hospital under the control of the District Medical and Sanitary Officer on the lines recommended by Government.

(Signed) J. A. Cumming
Ag Chairman

(True Extract)

T. Rajagopaul.
Fort Chairman

MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT

1894.

ENCLOSURE No. 1

In a letter

FROM

The Chairman,
Municipal Council
Dindigul.
Madura District

No. 198

Dated 9th December 1894

Copy of the Council's Resolution No. 3 dated 26th November 1894

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No: 198

Dindigul, Municipal office
December 9th, 1894.

From,

The A/g Chairman,
Municipal Council,
Dindigul

To,

The Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort Saint George
(Through the Sub Collector of Madura)

Sir,

With reference to G. O, 18th September 1894, No: 1280 M. Mis:, I have the honour to forward herewith a copy of the Council's Resolution No: $\frac{3}{26-11-94}$ regarding the establishment of a separate hospital at Dindigul

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedt. Servant

The council afford the alternative

Municipal Department.

Current No. 3714 Ec of 1894
Date 17.12.94

From
The Ag Chairman,
Municipal Council,
Dindigal

To,
The Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort Saint George
(Through the Sub Collector of Madura)

Dated 9th
Desp^d^ 1 December 1894.
Rec^d^

J. A. CUMMING
10 DEC. 1894

No: 198.

Enclosure .. one

Submitting copy of the Council's Resolution No: $\frac{3}{26-11-94}$ regarding the Establishment of a separate hospital in
indigul

Madura Sub Collector's ~~Magistrate's~~ Office,

No.

15th December 1894

From
J. A. Cumming Esq
Ag Sub COLLECTOR ~~MAGISTRATE~~ OF
Madura

To
The Collector of
Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith letter No: 198 d/9.12.9 from the Chairman, Dindigal Municipal Council, anent the establishment of a separate hospital in Dindigal & in doing so, I offer the following remarks as the matter has already formed the subject of correspondence with this office – vide this office No: $\frac{[illegible]}{24.2.94}$

2. The subject resolves itself into this – is the present system unsatisfactory, if so, can the council afford the alternative

Surgeon-general in his letter embodied in Government order dated 18th Septr: 94 No: 1280. M. Misc.

3. The extract from the Surgeon-generals' letter in the above Government order, does not disclose in what respect the present system is objectionable. It merely lays down that it is most desirable that the Medical officer should in the usual way be under the District Medical and Sanitary officer. I am informed by Doctor Chester that several previous Surgeon-generals have been of a different opinion and I presume the Civil Surgeons of Guntur, Negapatam &c are not under the Dt. Medical & Sanitary officers. In this office letter No: $\frac{122}{24.2.94}$, reporting on a mahazar impeaching the hospital administration, it was pointed out that the memorialists had not made out any case against it. I was present at the two council meetings in which this matter was discussed and the only definite objections urged against the present system were that Doctor Chester's chief assistant is a [illegible] hospital assistant (1st class)

[illegible]

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American Mission may at any time sever the connexion. The former reason is not sufficient to condemn the system and is removable. It is rather late in the day to describe as precarious a system that has lasted well over 20 years and which the mission has never given the slightest indication of desiring to terminate — as a matter of fact Doctor Chester is desirous of continuing the connexion. Ere now, the council has by a strong (if not an unanimous) vote, eulogised the hospital & repelled an attack made on it. I say therefore that the Council has not considered the question on its merits.

4. The other aspect of the question is the matter of cost. The Council asked the District Medical & Sanitary officer to furnish an estimate. It amounted to Rs 2,50 per annum, but it is not in accordance with the Surgeon-general's scheme.

5. It provides Rs 300 per annum for rent. Doctor Chester has no intention of selling his

The lady apothecary is at present located in a native dwelling house & complains of the inadequacy of the accomodation. The Surgeon-general says a first class hospital should be built. The Council did not ask for any estimate, but the Sanitary Engineer, on my request as Chairman, sent plans for a fourth class hospital which would cost about Rs 12,000, without providing accomodation for the lady apothecary. Even this is a large sum for a Municipality whose income for the current year is estimated at Rs 26,370 (exclusive of balance). It has its hands full too with a water scheme, the estimate for which had to be reduced so as to provide for only 3/4 of its present population – which is contrary to the principles guiding such schemes – as that was the utmost it could afford. He may well ask how it will be able to afford a first class hospital for some considerable time to come.

6. In his estimate, the t Medical and Sanitary officer rovides for a lowest grade apothecary, smaller staff & no midwife, while the [illegible] hospital assistant (1st [illegible]

[illegible]

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Apothecary and a third class Hospital assistant. The estimate comes to Rs 2,200 against Rs 2,473 the present cost to the Municipal Council and Taluq Board. Of this, the Municipality contributes only Rs 625 and the Taluk Board Rs 1848. The strength of Doctor Chester's staff (A) & the staff proposed by Doctor Reeves (B) are as per margin.

A – 1 (pensioned) 1st class Hospital assistant.
1. Second class Hospital assistant.
1. Unpassed Hospital assistant.
3. Compounders.
1. Waterman
2. Ward coolies.
2. Midwives –
1. Toti.

B
1. Apothecary on Rs 75. ✓
1. Compounder on Rs 7. ✓
1. Ward cooly on Rs. 5. ✓
1. Cook on Rs —— 5.
1. Toti on Rs —— 4.

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7. It is apparent therefore that the starting of a separate hospital will mean a large initial expenditure for a council that has no money to spare. The staff proposed by the Surgeon-General would cost a good deal more than the present staff and as Doctor Chester has no intention of closing his hospital of their own [illegible]

The lady apothecary is [illegible]

likely to have so many patients as the hospital has already & the proportional expenditure will be much greater. I am assuming the Taluq Board will transfer the whole of its grant to the Municipal Hospital, but it may consider Doctor Chester's still entitled to some portion of it, as he has many patients from the Taluk.

8. Considering that Doctor Chester has served the Municipality in an honorary position for nearly 30 years, he is entitled to more consideration than the Council has vouchsafed to him. It has not even put on record any expression of its obligations to him — a somewhat significant omission.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most obedient
servant

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Collector.

Current No. 282/mpl of 1894.
Date 22-12-94

From

The ~~Ag Sub~~ COLLECTOR ~~MAGISTRATE~~ of
Madura

Local & Municipal Dept.
CURRENT No. 3331/M
P.R.
N.S.

To

The Collector of
Madura

Dated 15th
despatched 20th } December 1894.
Received

733 No. 1894

Enclosures (2).

SUBJECT.

Submitting with remarks Dindigal Chairman's letter with copy of Council's resolution regarding the establishment of a separate hospital in Dindigal.

COLLECTOR'S OFFICE
MADURA

CHIEF SECRETARY
27 DEC 1894
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Cur No 3155 L/94 Lc

Local & Municipal Dept.
CURRENT No. 3331/M

E. C. No 282/mpl of 1894.

Submitted.

There does not seem to be any reason why the Dindigul Council should not have it's own hospital if and when it can afford it, but it is certainly in the nature of a luxury at present and it's construction shd be postponed till there is sufficient money to build it without starving more important needs.

2. To build a hospital less commodious than the present one & to man it less efficiently than does Dr Chester, wd be merely to waste money, for no one wd go to it.

Leslie Miller
A.C.M.
22.12.94

Madura
22nd December 1894 }
despd 25th

CHIEF SECRETARY
27 DEC 1894
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Local & Municipal Dept
CURRENT No. 161 L

No 9

31 JAN 1895

Forwarded.

Dt Bd Office
Madura
19.1-95

President
D.B.

Proceedings of the Taluk Board, Dindigal.

Dated 19th December 1894.

Present:-

M. R. Ry. P. Venkateswaraiyar Al. Rao Sahib
Tahsildar & Vice President.

Members:-

G. S. Hickey Esquire.
M. R. Ry. Mahomed Magthum Rowther Al
" Mahomed Ibrahim Rowther Al.
" C. V. Krishnasami Aiyar Al.
" G. Krishnasami Reddiar Al
Moulvi Syed Mahomed Mustapha Sahib Bahadur.

Proceedings No 127 of 1894.

Read G. O. No 1288 M. Mis dt 18. 9. 94 calling on the Taluk Board, Dindigal, to consider and report about the proposal of the Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras about the opening of a new dispensary at Dindigal

Dr Chests for the upkeep of which the Board gives a contribution.

Resolution No 3 of 26. 11. 94 of the Municipal Council, Dindigal about the above subject.

And also the mahazar of the people of Dindigal and its adjoining villages of 12. 12. 94 praying for the opening of a new dispensary.

Resolution:— The Taluk Board consider it desirable to have a separate hospital at Dindigal as the Dindigal Municipal Council has come to a similar conclusion.

(Signed) P. Venkateswaraiyer
19. 12. 94. Vice President

(True Copy)

No. 217

Taluk Board's Off
Dindigal. 8th Januar

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From:

J. A. Cumming Esquire
President, Taluk Board
Dindigal

To

The Chief Secretary to Govern
Local & Municipal Depart
Madras.

Through

The President
District Board, Ma

Sir,

Adverting to G. O. No 1280 M.
of 18. 9. 94 calling on the Taluk Boa
to consider and report about open
a separate hospital at Dindigal
proposed by the Surgeon-General
with the Government of Madras
have the honor to forward
of the Taluk Board's Resolution No
of 19. 12. 94.

I have the honor to
Sir
Your most obedient Ser

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LOCAL FUND DEPARTMENT.
Local & Municipal Dept.

From CURRENT No. 161 L

THE PRESIDENT,

TALUK BOARD,
Dindigal

To

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
LOCAL and MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT
MADRAS.

COLLECTOR'S OFFICE
10 JAN 95
MADURA

Through the President, District Board,
MADURA.

Current No. 37 of 1895
Date 10/1/95

Dated 8th January 95
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Enclosure. One

Forwarding Copy of the Taluk Board's Resolution on the question of opening a separate hospital at Dindigal.

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READ AGAIN G.O., No. 189 , DATED

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