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Local & Munl. (1895) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS.

G.O., No. 701 M

DATED 26th April 1895

[Despatch Abstract.]

Establishment.

Recording papers relating to the proposal to replace the Commissioned Medical Officer at Cochin by an Apothecary.

BACK PAPERS.

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FURTHER PAPERS.

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Office: Please get from Pub. Dept. the papers explaining why the Comm'd. Med. officer is proposed to be withdrawn. The file as sent is unintelligible.

3.2.95.

Please see note from the Pub. Deptt. The papers may it is thought be now recorded

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Note

The papers are not available at present. It has been decided recently to retain a Ind. Medl. Offr. at Cochin (British) and to withdraw one from Cannanore to compensate. A letter is going to India on the subject. A reply from L. & M. regarding the proposed apothecary is not now necessary. The Chairman wrote to the S. G. on the subject and his letter came on to Govt.

F. B.
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Public Department.

Recd 20-12-94.
Ansd 1-3-95.

CHIEF SECRETARIAT, MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following paper :—

Proceedings of the Political Department, dy 14th November 1894, No 797.

Order dy 6th December 1894, No 930.

The Political Department will be requested to instruct the Resident to warn the Cochin Durbar that the Commissioned Medical Officer now stationed at Cochin will be withdrawn from the 1st July 1895.

2. The Government will be happy to render the Durbar assistance in obtaining a private Medical Officer from England should this be desired.

3. The Governor in Council considers that it will be sufficient if the Medical Officer at Cochin is replaced by an Apothecary, to be maintained from Municipal funds. The Local and Municipal Department and the Surgeon General

Govt. of {1894} Madras.

Local & Municipal Dept.
PR, CURRENT No. 3156 M

To

Local & Municipal
Dept

Proceedings, dated 6th Dec 1894
No. 930

Subject.

Requesting the Political Dept to instruct the Resident to warn the Cochin Darbar that the Commissioned Medical Officer now stationed at Cochin will be withdrawn from the 1st July 1895 and referring to the L & M Dept and the Surgeon Genl. the proposal to replace the said Officer by an Apothecary to be maintained from Municipal funds.

General will be requested to remark on this proposal.

(True Extract)

W Francis

Ag: Asstt. Secretary,
For Chief Secretary

Recd 13-12-94

To
The Local & Municipal Deptt. }
" Financial Deptt.
" Political Deptt.
" Surgeon General.

No. 1497 dy 8-12-94

Referred to the Municipal Council, Cochin, for remarks with reference to para 3.

(By order)

W Francis

Ag Assistant Secretary

P.R.
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Fort St George }
17th Dec. 1894 }
S. [illegible]

To The [illegible]

Extract from the proceedings of the Municipal Council, Cochin, at a Meeting held on the 16th February 1895.

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11 Read again G. O. dated 6th December 1894, No. 930, regarding the Commissioned Medical Officer at Cochin being replaced by an Apothecary.

Read also the Chairman's letter to the local Chamber of Commerce, and other papers on the subject.

Proposed by Mr. H. Moidin Kutti, seconded by Mr. Pandernath and carried unanimously, that the Chairman be authorized to address Government and invite its attention to the local condition of Cochin as to trade, population and other important subjects, and to impress upon the Authorities the necessity of having a Commissioned Medical Officer as the Civil Surgeon, and also to represent that the Municipality is unable to meet the salary of an Apothecary (in addition to the cost of the present hospital establishment) as required by the G. O. in question.

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Signed / S. Locke.
Chairman.

(True Extract)

S. Locke

Extract from the Proceedinguig of the Municipal Council, Cochin, at a meeting held on the 16th February 1895.

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Municipal Office
Cochin 16th January 1895.

To,

The Secretary to the Chamber of Commerce.
Cochin.

Sir,

In forwarding herewith a Copy of G. O. No. 930 dated 6th December 1894, I have the honor to request to be favoured with the opinion of your Chamber, with reference to the intention of Government therein embodied, of withdrawing from Cochin the Commissioned Medical Officer & appointing an Apothecary in his stead.

I shall be further obliged by your furnishing me with Copy of the Statistics of the trade of this Port for the past year.

As Cochin is an important Commercial Centre, yielding a large Revenue from various Sources, I think it is absolutely necessary that Government should retain in Cochin, at its cost, a Commissioned Medical Officer in order to afford medical aid not only to the large number of residents of the town, who include in their number several Government Officials, but also to those who require his services as Port Surgeon.

I have &ca
Sd/ S. Locke
Chairman

Chamber of Commerce
Cochin 18th January 189

S. Locke Esqre
Chairman Municipal Council
Cochin

Sir,

In reply to your letter No. 9 of the 16th insta
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enclosing a Copy of G. O. No. 930 dated 6th December 1894, having reference to the intention of Government of withdrawing from Cochin the Commissioned Medical Officer and appointing in his place an Apothecary I am directed to inform you that this Chamber receives the news with much Concern and strongly deprecates such a Change being made.

Viewing the matter solely from a Commercial point, the Chamber is of opinion that the trade of this port demands the Services of a Commissioned Port Surgeon, and serious difficulties and trouble would likely arise were this Appointment left to the Control of an Apothecary.

To give one instance of the troubles which are anticipated Should such a Change in the Medical Officer be made, — I am directed to point out that Cochin is, as you are aware, subject to frequent visitations of Cholera and other diseases in an epidemic form, which usually make their appearance at the busiest time of year, and in order that on such occasions, all necessary precautions and remedies to prevent the disease from Spreading may be enforced, it is of utmost importance that not only a thoroughly Competent Medical Officer Should be in Charge, but one whose position and rank would Command Confidence and respect, and thereby ensure all preventive measures being given effect to, and the Chamber begs to submit that an "Apothecary" is scarcely Capable of furnishing such essential qualifications.

Were an Apothecary in Charge when such an outbreak occurred, it is more than likely that there would be (as has already happened before) a general exodus of Cooly labour, thereby greatly impeding business, and seriously affecting the trade of the Port.

Other instances might also be given to shew the necessity for a Commissioned Medical Officer being stationed here, but into further details, it seems scarcely ne[illegible]ary to enter and in Conclusion I would merely draw

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your attention to the following figures showing the shipping and produce trade done here during the Season which closed on the 30th June last.

1684 vessels, representing a nett tonnage of **485,246** called here to land and receive produce and the value of **Exports** was **Rs. 1,15,42,994** and **Imports Rs. 78,84,093** and which figures this Chamber Considers fully justify and demand the Appointment here of a thoroughly qualified and Capable Port Surgeon whose Concern in matters connected with the trade of this Port is at times of Considerable significance.

Requesting that you will kindly transmit to Government the views of this Chamber on the subject now under review and hoping that the Authorities may be persuaded to alter their intention as conveyed in G. O. No. 930,

I have &ca
Sd/ C. H. Black
Hony. Secretary.

(True Copies)

S. Locke
Chairman

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No. 41.

Municipal Office
Cochin, 1st March 1895.

Local & Municipal Dept
CURRENT No. 729 M

From,

S. Locke Esquire,
Chairman, Municipal Council, Cochin

To,

The Chief Secretary to Government
Madras.

UNDER SECRETARY
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PUBLIC &c DEPT.

Sir,

With reference to G. O. dated 6th December 1894. No 930, I have the honor to submit an Extract from the proceedings of the Municipal Council dated 16th Instant, together with copies of the correspondence with the local Chamber of Commerce regarding the proposal to replace the Commissioned Medical Officer stationed at Cochin by an Apothecary.

Ent. No 1497
17-12-94
in this file

I beg to observe in connection with the proposal, that Cochin is a town of considerable importance as regards trade (which is fully detailed in the letter from the Chamber of Commerce), and that its population is also very large, viz: 17,600 inhabitants, of whom about 60 are Europeans, 1,250 Eurasians & the remainder Natives. In addition to this, during the shipping season, a considerable number of Coolies flock for work to the town, from all parts of Malabar, and the result is that they invariably introduce epidemics, such as Cholera & Small pox. This being so, it is very necessary that the Sanitary condition of the town should be carefully looked after, and it can scarcely be expected that an Apothecary, who will have to attend on about 150 out-patients a day, in addition to other duties connected with the Hospital, will have

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any time to look after the wants of the town. At present, the Civil Surgeon has two Subordinates to assist him, and they have so much work to do in the hospital, that they are scarcely able to accept private practice.

I have also to add that Cochin is so isolated that in case of an emergency it would be impossible, without great delay, to procure the Services of a Doctor to assist the Apothecary; the nearest British Station which has a Civil Surgeon being Calicut.

At present the Municipality pays a Hospital Assistant Rs 55 a month, and even if an Apothecary is appointed, it would also be absolutely necessary to retain him, otherwise the in-patients will be neglected. The Council cannot see its way to maintain two medical Subordinates. Under all the circumstances of the case, I am to beg that the Government will be pleased to reconsider its decision, and retain a Commissioned Medical Officer in Cochin.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
your most Obdt. Servant
S. Lache
Chairman.

Local & Municipal Dept.

CURRENT No. 729 M

From S. Locke Esquire.
Chairman, Mun'l Council
Cochin

To, The Chief Secretary to Govt.
Madras.

No 41.

Dated 1st March 1895.

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Enclosures 2.

Reporting on the proposal for replacing the Commissioned medical officer stationed at Cochin by an Apothecary.

(with endorsement)

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~~Transferred to the Public Department.~~

~~Ag Assistant Secretary~~

~~Fort St George
March 95~~

To, The Public Department.

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N.B.—*The reply to this communication should be addressed to the Chief Secretary.*

CHIEF SECRETARIAT, MADRAS.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

Current No. 729 M.

Memorandum.

Dated the 12th March 1895.

No. 400

The Chairman, Municipal Council, Cochin is requested to return G.O. dated 6th December 1894 No 930 Public which was referred to the municipal council for remarks, with Government endorsement dated 17th December 1894 No. 1497.

V.R.
17/3/95

12-3-95

To, The Chairman, Municipal Council, Cochin.

Desp'd 14/3/95

Requesting the Chairman, Cochin municipal
to return a certain G.O.

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No. 59.

Municipal Office
Cochin, 19th March 1895.

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CURRENT No. 1047/

From,

S. Locke Esquire,
Chairman, Municipal Council, Co

To,
The Chief Secretary to Government.
Madras

Sir,

As requested in your memorandum dated 1 instant, No. 400, I have the honor to return the G. O. therein referred to.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obdt. Servant,
S. Locke
Chairman.

Local & Municipal Dept.
CURRENT No. 1047 M

S. Locke Esquire,
Chairman, Municipal
Council, Cochin.

To

The Chief Secretary to Govt.
Madras.

No. 59.

Dated 18th March 1895.

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Enclosure to.

CHIEF SECRETARY
21 MAR. 1895
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Returning G. O. dated
th December 1895 No. 430.

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Note for C.S.

Please see note from the Public Dept. below this paper in the file. Under the circumstances there set out this paper may, it is submitted, be Recorded.

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Letter of Government.

Statement with ditto.

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