L. & M.
00-5-8-96.

Local & Munl. (1896) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS.

G.O., No. 38 L

DATED 8th January 1896.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Female Hospital Assistant at Madanapalle.

Requesting, with remark, the Surgeon-General to reconsider and state whether he cannot see his way to withdrawing his objection to the retention of Mrs. Gopal Nair the ---- until such time as the taluk board is able to engage a female apothecary.

BACK PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.	G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

FURTHER PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.	G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

[G. / 24.]
1,000—15-11-95.

DEPARTMENT.

Papers to be read in proceedings :—

Again G.O., dated 189 , No.

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Current No. 986 L of 1895, dated 28th March from Secy. Countess of Dufferin Fund

" " 2992 L " 1895, " 10th Oct. " Surg. General

" " 3498 L " 1895, " 23rd Nov. " do.

3543 L 1895 29th Nov. " Secy. Countess of Dufferin Fund.

ORDER. No. 38 Local dt 8-1-96

A copy of the last of the ~~[illegible]~~ letters read above will be forwarded to the Surgeon General with the request that he will reconsider the question & state whether, in view of ~~this~~ letter which only appeared here, ~~also~~ of the fact that the apothecary, with whom Mr. Gopal Rao quarrelled, has now been transferred, he cannot see his way to withdrawing his objection to her retention at Madanapalle, until such time as the ~~Dufferin Fund~~ Taluk Board is able to engage a female ~~one~~ apothecary.

(from orders). 7/1/96.

WWS
24-xii-95

To The Surgeon General
" Hony. Secy. Countess of Duffn. Fund
" Presdt. Dt. Bd. Cuddapah

P.O. 986, 2992 + 3498 + 3543 + O
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Despd. 10/1/96

Female Hospital Assistant a
Madanapalle

FROM ORDERS.

C. S. 38 L

Cir Nos 986 L. 2992 L, 3498 L and 30

Held

For orders

Mrs Gopal Nayar, ~~a fem~~ a Hosp: Assistt trained by the Countess of Dufferin Fund Committee on behalf of the Madanapalle Taluk Bd has been working in the Madanapalle hospital since 1891. She did not get on well with the male Apothecary in Charge of the hospital and was Charged with insubordination and inefficiency and the Surgeon General accordingly ordered her transfer to Cuddapah in August 1894, to work in the hospital there under the supervision of the Dt. Medl. Officer as he Considered that being only of the third Class Hosp: assistants grade, she was unfit for an independent Charge. The Surgeon General also ~~desired~~ requested the D. M. O to try and get a separate dispensary for women started at Madanapalle under the Charge of a qualified Medical woman of not less than the Apothecary grade. The S.G's order however, was not given effect to, as difficulties were apprehended regardi alary of Mrs Gopal Nayar since the hospital at Cuddapah belonged to the Municipal Council. The proposal to open a separate dispensary for women at Madanapalle has also since fallen through, as in view of the remarks of Government in para 4(4) of its order No 484 L dd 13-3-95 "that the Madanapalle Taluk Bd spends over 24% of its general receipts upon medical relief and has not sufficient funds to enable it to provide adequate maintenance grants for the roads in its charge" the Taluk Bd resolved at its meeting of the 16 Sept 1895 that it did not consider the opening of a separate dispensary for women necessary so long as a competent female hospital Assistant was attached to the present hospital.

2. The Surgeon General however considers that it wd be most desirable in the interests of discipline that Mrs Gopal Nayar shd be moved from Madanapalle and given some employment under the fferin Fund where she wd be made to under the immediate superintendence of a Commissioned Medical Officer who shd be informed of the facts of the case with the view of correcting her tendency to intrigue against her immediate superior and shd instruct her in her professional duties so that she wd not display the extreme carelessness that was reported by the A.S. D.M.O. namely that she had diagnosed a case of inflammation of the lungs as secondary syphilis and had not examined the patient's chest properly nor his urine at all. Dr Sibthorpe also takes exception to the Taluk Bd's statement that Mrs G. N. is a competent female hospital Assistant. The Dufferin Fd Committee on the other hand, states that while it is in favour of the principle of branch dispensaries being held ~~are~~ by women holding at least the qualifications of an apothecary, it is not disposed to recommend the advisability of Mrs G. N.'s transfer until the Taluk Bd actually engages an apothecary. Orders are therefore solicited as to whether the Surgeon Genl's recommendation that the hosp: asst

[illegible] moved from Madanapalle on that of the Taluk Bd supported by the Duff: Fd Committee that she shd be retained at that place shd be accepted by Government. In favour of the latter suggestion attention is solicited to the letter from the Presdt of the Madanapalle T Bd of the 28th May 1895 (in Cur No 2992 L) from which it appears that ~~the female hosp asst~~ Mrs G. W. and the late apothy did not get on well together, but that since the arrival of the new apothecary the state of affairs at the hospl. is satisfactory. In view of the fact that the Tk. Board have not sufficient funds to pay a female apothecary to take charge of the proposed new dispensary, & of the recommendation of the Dufferin Fund committee, it is submitted that Mrs G. W. may be retained at Madanapalle, especially as, if she is transferred, there will be a difficulty about her pay.

W.W.P.
16.xii.95

Female Hospital Assist
Madanapalle

(Orders)

A.M.

[G/25]
600—23-7-95.

DEPARTMENT.

C. No.

FOR ORDERS.

It is a difficult matter to come to any conclusion as to what should be done in this case. On the one side is the Sg. Genl. & discipline — on the other the Dufferin Fund Committee. As for the matter it goes for nothing and is not worth the paper it is written on.

A satisfactory settlement might perhaps be attained by sending the S.G. the Committee letter and asking him whether in view of this and of the fact that the apothecary with whom Mrs Gopal Row had quarrelled having been removed he cannot see his way to withdrawing his objection to her remaining at Madanapalle until such time as the Committee can find a female apothecary to send there. He will at any rate be given the opportunity of gracefully retiring and if he does not avail himself of it he cannot blame Govt. if it finally decides in opposition to his views.

J.P.
19/12/95

This may be done — in fact, there is nothing else to do — the Madanapalle people trained the woman & say they want to keep her; so I don't see how she can be removed, especially as the S.G. is not, apparently, prepared with another place for her.

H.S.
20/12/95

Female Hospital Assistant
Madanapalle

FOR ORDERS.

H. M

To

The President
Lady Dufferin's Committee
Madras Branch.

May it please your ladyship.—

We the officials, mirasidars, merchants, traders, ryots and other residents of Madanapalle most respectfully beg to submit to your ladyship the following humble memorial feeling confident that it will meet with kind consideration at your ladyship's hands.

2. It is now a little over seven years since the people of Madanapalle petitioned the Madras Branch of the Lady Dufferin's Committee to supply the local civil hospital, with a duly qualified female Hospital Asst, a want which was very sorely felt at the time. But while fully sympathising with the wishes of your ladyship's memorialists, the Committee were unable to comply with their request, as no passed female Hospital Asst was available at the time.

3. Your ladyship's memorialists are however grateful to record that in August 1891, their prayer was granted and expectations realized, when in compliance with their humble request, the services of Mrs. Gopal Nai who had then newly passed out from the Madras Medical College, as an Hospital Asst, were placed at the disposal of the local civil dispensary

4. That the Madras Branch of the Lady Dufferin's Committee should have thus taken the earliest opportunity of meeting with the wishes of the towns people and designated to Madanapalle a female Hospital Asst, from the first batch of passed female medical pupils, is an act of extreme kindness and consideration, which shall always be remembered by your ladyship's memorialists with grateful feelings.

5. While expressing their gratitude for having been supplied with a female Hospital asst, your ladyship's memorialists, at the same time beg to bear testimony to their grateful appreciation of the services rendered by Mrs Gopal Nair to the women and children of Madanapalle. During the past three years and a half that she has been labouring in our midst. Mrs Gopal Nair has endeared herself to all classes of the Community irrespective of Caste or creed, by her kindness, courtesy and above all her ready sympathy and willingness to help.

6. Your ladyships memorialists beg to observe that their women shut up in the seclusion of their zenanas are at a great disadvantage at times of ill-health and sickness. They would rather quietly and without a murmur bear their bodily pain than undergo the ordeal of being treated by a male Hospital Asst. It is therefore with feeling of genuine thankfulness that your ladyship's memorialists beg to add in this Connection, that Mrs Gopal Nair's skilled medical aid has always been eagerly utilized by the people of Madanapalle towards the mitigation of physical suffering on the part of their women and children. That her services have been fully appreciated by the public at large is further amply borne out by the fact of large and ever increasing number of out-patients (women and children), in addition to those, who on account of the purdah system, are treated in their homes.

7. While expressing their appreciation of the services rendered by Mrs Gopal Nair, your ladyship's memorialists, however, have learnt with no little anxiety and dismay, that it is in Contemplation by the authorities to transfer her to a different sphere of labour at no distant date. Just at a time when she has succeeded in gaining the Confidence of all classes of people by her industry and the interest she manifests in her work and when our women putting aside their national prejudices and Conservatism, have fully learnt to appreciate skilled medical aid administered by one of their own sex, our bright hopes are in danger of being dispelled and we are in imminent risk of being deprived of the services of the female Hospital Asst, whose work here has been so much valued and blessed.

8. The beneficent scheme inaugurated by Lady Dufferin was launched into existence

4 R. Srinivasa Rau B.A. Headmaster, High School Madanapalle

-5 K. Kristnachary. Accountant. L. C. N. Madanapalle

-6 B. Venkatasubbarama Chetty X (Sowcar)

-7 V. Lakshmanasharma Asst. High School Madanapalle.

28 K. Subba Rao. Dy. Sub Magte's office Madanapalle.

29 Y. Hanumantha Rau. Asst. Teacher Madanapalle.

30 [illegible]

31 R. Madhava Rau, Pleader, Madanapalle

32 Hamiah [illegible] merchants.

33 [illegible]

34 K. [illegible] Rau

35 [illegible] merchants.

36 V. Venkatasubbiah Clerk Taluq office

37 [illegible]

38 [illegible]

39 [illegible]

40 [illegible]

41 A. Somasundram Hd. clerk Dy. Sub magte office

42 [illegible]

43 [illegible]

44 [illegible]

45 [illegible]

46 [illegible]

47 Narayanasawmy Aiyar Inventor and Musical Instructor

48 T. [illegible] Pleader

50 [illegible]

51 C. Narasimhulu Chetty Clerk [illegible]

52 [illegible] Pleader

53. [illegible]

54 [illegible] Rau Pleader (1st Grade)

55 G. Gopalakrishna Aiyar pleader Madanapalle

56 [illegible]

57 [illegible]

58 [illegible] Arthapoti Clerk Madanapalle

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62 K. [illegible] Iyengar Taluq office — do —

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67 H. Lakshmiah Setty.

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99 C. K. Rathna [illegible]

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101 V. [illegible]

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112 [illegible]

113 [illegible]

114 [illegible]

115 [illegible]

116 R. Gopalan [illegible]

117 [illegible]

118 A. Venkatta [illegible]
Clerk Munsiff's Court.

119 W. C. Kristnaswami
Dy. Nazir, Dis. Court.

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Amin Dist. Munsiffs Court.

122 [illegible]

23 C. Raghunandy
vakil

124 N. Kondalelly

M. Narrainappah
Sub Registrar.

125. C. Hanuma [illegible] Mad. L. F. Overseer.

126. K. Ramiengar / Rev: Inspector. Kottakota

127. G. Narraiah; Ag Tahsildar

28- P. [illegible] - [illegible] (Dist. Munsiff)
[illegible].07

129 N. Venkataramana [illegible]
Pleader

130. G. William S. [illegible]
Magistrate

131. Silas Burder F. A. Head Master American Mission Boys School: Madanapalle

132 C. Kristnasamy Naidu Pensioned
Postmaster,

133 [illegible]
Postal Servant

R. Narayana Rau
Assistant teacher
High School

135 J. Ramayya — Do

136 [illegible] (Telugu Pundit — do

137 [illegible]

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Madanapalle }
1st March 1895 }

3/[illegible]/95

Madras Branch
Countess of Dufferin's Fund

At the request of Her Ex. the Lady President, the enclosed Memorial is circulated for the information of the members of the Committee & for such remarks as they may have to offer. The special attention of the gentlemen forming the Sub-Committee is drawn to it.

As set forth in the Memorial the Madanapalle people 7 years ago applied for a female Hospital assistant & in 1891 the Fund sent them Miss Gopal Rao. It is believed she was as popular as the

Memorial states, & worked without friction with the local apothecary up to a short time ago.

From certain papers received however from the Surgeon-General's Office it would appear that the male apothecary, a newly appointed man, had some disagreement with Mrs Gopal Nair which was duly reported to the District Surgeon. From the same papers I learn that in response to our Circular letter a branch× out-patient Dispensary was just about this time sanctioned by the Taluq Bord' & the Municipal Council, which if carried into effect would doubtless have done away with all cause of frictio

× That is a dispensary for the treatment of out-patients only; in serious cases the advice of the Apothecary in charge of the Main Hospl. would be available.

The District Surgeon it wo appear wrote to the civil apothecary endeavouring to keep the peace between the two parties and having done so reported his action to the Surgeon General, who thereupon issued an order that Mrs Gopal Nair was to be transferred to the Municipal Hospital at Cuddapah to work there under the District Surgeon: & it is apparently this that the Memorialists refer to.

In connection with the question raised in Resolution XV of the last Meeting it must be borne in mind that Mrs Gopal Nair was a purely local ser

employed, as the Memorial
shows at the special request
and by the Madanapalle
inhabitants, and it is
presumed paid by them.
The Memorial appears to be
a representative one, inasmuch
as it includes amongst
others the names of the acting
Tahsildar, the District Munsiff,
and the Stationary Sub
Magistrate.

R. J. Lawley. Major
Honorary Secretary

Guindy
6th March 1895

In my opinion it would be a great mistake for the Dufferin Fund Committee to interfere in any way with the Local authorities in this case. This Miss Gopal Nair has been reported for insubordination and for carelessness in her professional work and as far as I can judge from the reports before me she was quite unfitted for an independent charge as the charge of a branch Dispensary would be. I have already suggested to the Local authorities at Madanapilly that they should obtain the services of a properly qualified woman for this charge, one holding a Medical Qualification not less than that of an Apothecary.

I am very strongly against young third Class Hospital Assistants, either male or female, being placed in such independent charges as their professional training does not nor has it ever been meant to, fit them for such charges. As Hospital Assistants which their designation expresses they are meant to work under the ~~[illegible]~~ supervision of a more experienced Medical Officer. As a matter of experience one have found that many of the male Hospital Assistants after a few years of such training are fit to hold minor independent charges and many of them are so trusted. We may hope for the same results among female Hospital Assistants in time but with such young women as Miss Gopaul Nair it is neither fair to her

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I concur generally that apothecaries are more fitted for independent charges & I brought forward the resolution for the abolition of ~~[illegible]~~ the Hospl: Asst Scholarships partly on this ground; but we must not forget that Hospl: Assts are holding independent charges all over the Presidency – further Mrs G. Nair has now had several years training under experienced men – I don't think the petition is a bogus one, as the letter addressed to the prominent officials by Her Ladyship was duly recd by those officials & they never repudiated their connection with the ~~sign~~ petition – The petition should be forwarded to Govt: –

24/3/95

W.B. Browning
Surg. Major

No. 17.

Government House
Guindy
28th March 1895.

From

The Honorary Secretary
Countess of Dufferin Fund
Madras Branch.

To

The Chief Secretary to Government
Local & Municipal Department
Fort Saint George

Sir,

I have the honour by desire of His Excellency The Patron of the Madras Branch of the Countess of Dufferin Fund to forward a petition from certain residents of Madanapalle protesting against the removal of Mrs. Gopaul Nair, the female Hospital Assistant of that town, together with the views of the Committee in original on the points raised in the Memorial, with the request that the matter may be referred to the Collector for enquiry and report through the Surgeon General.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obdt servant,

W.B. Browning Surgeon Major,
Honorary Secretary.

Local & Municipal Dept.
R. CURRENT No. ~~85~~ 986 L
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From

The Honorary Secretary
Countess of Dufferin Fund
Madras Branch

To

The Chief Secretary to Government
Local & Municipal Deptt
Fort Saint George

Dated 28 } March 1895.
Received }

CHIEF SECRETARIAT
30 MAR. 1895
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
N. 17

Enclosures. 2.

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Enclosures to Letter No 1571
25/5/95

TO BE RETURNED WITH REPLY

CURRENT No. 707
6/8/5

No. 594

Referred to the President, District Board, Cuddapah for enquiry and report, through the Surgeon General.

(By order)
C. Stokhunter
Acting Assistant Secretary
28.IV.95.

V.R
23/4/95

~~Fort Saint George,~~ }
1st May 1895. }

The President, Madanapalle Taluk Board, is requested to report on the petition generally, & specially as to its bona fides & representative character

J. Heretine
President
District Board

3-5-95

OFFICE OF SURGEON-GENERAL
25 SEP. 95
WITH GOVT. OF MADRAS.

COLLECTOR'S OFFICE
MAY 95

6/5/95

COLLECTOR'S OFFICE
1545

Register & send on

16
8/95

To

The President, District Board,
Cuddapah.

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(189) DEPARTMENT.

2992 L

From

SURGN. MAJOR-GENL. C. SIBTHORPE, F.R.C.P.I.,
SURGEON-GENERAL WITH THE
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,
~~Madras~~,

To Tinnevelly

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ENCLOSURES.

Dated 10th } October 1895.
Recd 15 OCT. 95 }

No.

En. 1 & C No. 986 L Recd.

Subject.

Forwards the endorsement of ~~correspondence~~ ~~received with~~ from the President of the Cuddapah Distt. Board ~~No. 852 D 22. 9. 95~~ 19 & recommends that female Hospl. Asstt. Mrs Gopal Nair be removed from Madanapalle for the reasons stated.

(With Endt.)

3.—500 -9-3-95.

Cur. Nos. 986 and 2992 L

No. 1609

Transferred to the Honourary Secretary, Countess of Dufferin Fund, Madras Branch.

(By order)
W. L. Phillips
Acting ~~Under~~ Assistant Secretary

V.R
1/11/95

~~Fort Saint George,~~ }
7th November 1895. }

To

The Honourary Secretary,
Countess of Dufferin Fund,
Madras Branch

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Madanapalli
Taluq Boards office
28th May 1895

No: 1571

OFFICE OF SURGEON-GENERAL
25 SEP. 95
WITH GOVT. OF MADRAS

J. H. Munro Esq. B.A.
President
Talook Board
Madanapalli

To
The President Dist. Board
Cuddapah,

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Madanapalle
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No: 1571 28th May 1895

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J. H. Munro Esq. BA
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the fault of the former. I understand that since the arrival of the new apothecary Mr. Cooper, the state of affairs at the Hospital is satisfactory.

The papers received with your Endorsement are herewith returned.

I have &c:

(Signed) J. H. Munro

President.

A True Copy

DISPOSAL No. 852
L. F.
22·9·95

Submitted to Government through the Surgeon General with the Government of Madras with reference to Endorsement No: 594/1·5·95, which is herewith returned.

Current No. 2887 of 1895
1895

Local Fund Department.

From

THE PRESIDENT,

District Board.

To

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVT.

LOCAL FUND DEPARTMENT,

Fort Saint George. Through
The Secy Surgeon General with the Govt of Madras

Dated 19th
Despatched 22nd September 1895.
Received

No. 852

ENCLOSURE 4 (Packet post)

SUBJECT,

Reporting on the petition from certain residents of Madanapalle protesting against the removal of Mrs. Gopaul Nair Female Hospital Asst. Madanapalle with the connected papers.

R.K.

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for President

No. Inn 2/3

Encl.

From

SURGEON MAJOR-GENERAL C. SIBTHORPE, F.R.C.P.I.

SURGEON-GENERAL WITH THE

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

OFFICE OF SURGEON-GENERAL
WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

Tinnevelly ~~Madras~~ 10th October 1895

Local & Municipal Dept.
CURRENT No. 2992 L

~~Madras~~,

To

THE Hon'ble the Chief Secretary to Government
Local & Municipal Deptt.

SIR,

In forwarding the correspondence received with the President of the Cuddapah District Board's No. 852 of the 22d September 1895 in reply to your endorsement No. 594 dated the 1st May 1895, I have the honor to report that the original petition of some of the inhabitants of Madanapalle dated the 1st March 1895 was clearly founded on an order which I had issued to the District Medical and Sanitary Officer Cuddapah on the 13th August 1894 in the following words:-

"Order female Hospital Assistant Gopal Nair to work at head quarter hospital under your own supervision. This female is only of the 3d class Hospital Assistant class and is unfit for an independent charge. Try and get a separate dispensary started at Madanapalle under the care of a female Apothecary."

The fact is that I ought not have issued such an order to the District Medical and

Sanitary Officer as I have since ascertained that female Hospital Assistant Gopal Nair is a servant of the District Board and the Head Quarter hospital at Cuddapah is a Municipal one - Since my experience in this case I for some time have adopted the practice of addressing the Presidents or Chairmen of such bodies through the District Medical and Sanitary Officers and Collectors when I wish such transfers carried out - The rules published in G.O. No. 1049 M. dated the 1st July 1895 will, if properly acted upon, obviate such cross purposes as have occurred in this case in future - The District Medical and Sanitary Officer at once pointed out to me that there would be difficulties about this woman's pay and on the 10th Sept. I directed him to arrange the pay with the Local Board - I also pointed out to him that third class Hospital Assistants, male or female, have neither the training nor experience fitting them for independent charge and that it was most undesirable that they should be placed in such responsible positions as an independent charge and that they ought to have the benefit of close supervision and training by more experienced Medical Officers than themselves for some years, before being so employed - I also told him that it was most desirable that a Lady Apothecary from the Dufferin Fund, or one holding even a higher qualification, should be selected for the proposed dispensary for Caste and Gosha women it was proposed to start at Madanapalle.

2. My order of the 13th August was sent as I had ascertained that female hospital Assistant Gopal Nair was working at variance with her superior officer Civil Apothecary Wale who was in charge of the Madanapalle hospital - The District Medical and Sanitary Officer (Surgeon-Captain Fearnside) on the 31st July forwarded a report dated the 27th June 1894 from the Civil Apothecary through me to the Secretary of the Dufferin Fund in which he had charged her with insubordination and whe the District Medical and Sanit y Officer seemed to think was partially due to a want of leniency on the part of the Apothecar towards the Hospital Assistant - The correspondence now before me show that this friction between these two

officials had been going on since January 1894.

3. In October 1894 I received a long petition with 302 names of the inhabitants of Madanapalle in which several complaints were made against Civil Apothecary Wale and highly extolling the work of female Hospital Assistant Mrs Gopal Nair. This I referred for enquiry and report to the District Medical and Sanitary Officer Cuddapah who had been recently changed and Surgeon Captain Pereira was acting. I wrote that this petition appeared to have been got up in the interests of the female hospital Assistant and that it appeared most desirable that she should be moved with as little delay as possible from Madanapalle. He did not reply until the 20th of March 1895 when he wrote as follows:– "A few of the people who subscribed their names to the above petition were assembled by me and there can be no doubt but that it was got up in the interests of the female hospital Assistant.

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This is doubtless the one now under reference dated the 23rd Feby 1895.

(I hear that another one has just been similarly got up and sent to Lady Wenlock.) – The state of affairs in the Madanapalle hospital as regards Mr Wale and the female Hospital Assistant as well as some of the menial servants of the establishment, is such that I consider that both he and Mrs Gopal Nair ought to be removed to other stations – It is impossible that the work of the institution divided against itself as it is, can be efficiently carried on and I therefore recommend that both the Apothecary and female Hospital Assistant be transferred elsewhere as I consider both are to blame – Mr Wale for general want of tact in dealing with Mrs Gopal Nair and the hospital servants and Mrs Gopal Nair for slack work in addition to endeavouring to set the hospital servants and others against Mr Wale – Since Mr Wale's appointment to Madanapalle there has been one long succession of complaints either from or against him which has become well nigh intolerable and how the hospital establishment is so divided by personal animosities that it is very doubtful if any real amount of honest work can be done. The Taluk Board Madanapalle have contributed towards Mrs Gopal Nair's Education and therefore consider they have a claim upon her services but if it is brought before them that she has been reported upon as not yet fit for an independent charge and that by her differences with the Apothecary in charge of Madanapalle hospital has seriously hampered the efficient working of that institution they may be brought to see that it would really be in their interest to have the female hospital Assistant transferred to some large institution until such time as she may be reported upon as fit to undertake an independent charge and in the meantime consider the ways and means by which the difference in the salary for a female practitioner of the Apothecary grade might be met. If Mrs Gopal Nair is transferred to Cuddapah as proposed the question of how her salary is to be met will have to be considered since the hospital in Cuddapah is a Municipal Institution."

I took no further steps on this as far as concerned Mrs Gopal Nair as I had already written to the President of the District Board Cuddapah on the 4th of March calling his attention to G.O. No 2249 of the 3rd November 1894 L. Mis and asking him what steps had been taken to carry out the arrangements alluded to in it. I also sent him the correspondence alluded to in paragraph 2 of this letter for his information which clearly showed how Mrs Gopal Nair had been insubordinate to the Apothecary, which correspondence had, in error, been sent to the Honorary Secretary of the Dufferin Fund - G.O. No. 2269 of the 3d. November 1894 L. Mis communicated my remarks with the concurrence of Government to the President of the District Board - As far as concerns Mrs Gopal Nair my remarks dated the 20th October 1894 were "as regards the proposed employment of the female hospital Assistant in charge of a separate dispensary - I have previously drawn the attention of the Board through the District Medical and Sanitary Officer Cuddapah to the fact that she is not professionally qualified for an independent charge and suggested she should be sent down to Cuddapah and kept working there under the immediate supervision of the Medical Officer until she gains much more Experience than she can have had any opportunity of doing - The [illegible]ported upon as "the [illegible]anapalli [illegible] [illegible]ale dispensary at [illegible] [illegible]pean should be in charge of

a duly qualified Medical woman with professional qualifications not less than that of an Apothecary." I only received the reply dated the 19th September 1895 of the President of the District Board on the 23d September 1895 in which he refers me to G.O. No. 484 L dated 13th March 1895 - In this Order under Grant III the proposal to open a separate dispensary for women and children at Madanapalle in which the lady hospital Assistant now in the Madanapalle hospital will be put in charge, (page 7 of G.O. para 12. II dated 15th December 1894) is directed to be submitted in a separate communication. As regards the conduct of female Hospital Assistant Mrs Gopal Nair he refers me to the correspondence now under reference viz his Endorsement No. 852 dated 22d September 1895 on letter No. 1571 dated 28th May 1895 from the President of the Taluq Board - from it will

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be seen that the President as the result of his enquiries states "the female hospital Assistant and the late Apothecary did not get on well together - This may not have been entirely the fault of the former. I understand that since the arrival of the new Apothecary Mr Cooper the state of affairs at the hospital is satisfactory." It will be seen in my Memo dated the 7th March 1895 as a Vice President of the Dufferin Fund which was before the President of the Board ~~that~~ " that Mrs Gopal Nair had been reported for insubordination and for carelessness in her professional work -

4. The charge of carelessness in her professional work had been made by the Acting District Medical and Sanitary Officer Cuddapah, Assistant Surgeon Evers, who in an inspection report dated the 19th November 1894 reported Civil Apothecary Wale for not keeping good order in the hospital and allowing it to be untidy, and stated that "it is evident that both the female hospital assistant and Mr Wale have been quarrelling over very little matters and tending to make the hospital unpopular". He reported the female hospital assistant for keeping her surgical dressings in the same box with the patients' dirty linen and antiseptic lotions alongside chatties for urine. He also stated she had diagnosed a case of inflammation of the lungs as secondary syphilis and had never examined the patient's chest properly nor had she examined the same patient's urine though the patient was unconscious at the time he saw her. He also considered it necessary to order Mr E. Gopal Nair not to reside in the house allotted to Mrs Gopal Na

as he considered he had abetted the disorder in the hospital - This Inspection report was sent to the new Acting District Medical and Sanitary Officer (Surgeon-Captain Pereira) on the 28th February to make enquiries and to report what steps he had taken to remedy the unsatisfactory state of the hospital. he reported on the 31st March 1895 the steps he had taken which were satisfactory but he did not mention what was the result of his investigations concerning the charges against Mrs Gopal Nair - The President of the District Board having received the usual copy of the same Inspection report containing the charges against Apothecary Wale and female hospital Assistant Mrs Gopal Nair sent me copy of it on the 1st February 1895 and stated that the President of the Madanapalle Taluq Board requested that Mr Wale may be transferred as Mr Wale was not popular with the European residents of Madanapalle and that it was desirable that a good European Apothecary should be posted there - I complied with his request though I received several petitions from the Native Community petitioning against Mr Wale's removal.

5. It will be seen from the above that female hospital Assistant Mrs Gopal Nair still remains at Madanapalle. I consider it would be most desirable in the interests of discipline that she should be moved from that place and given some employment under the Dufferin Fund where she would be made to work under the immediate superintendence of a Commissioner

Medical Officer who should be informed of the whole facts of the case with the view of correcting her tendency to intrigue against her immediate superiors and should instruct her in her professional duties so that she would not display the extreme carelessness that was reported by the Acting District Medical and Sanitary Officer Cuddapah, Assistant Surgeon Evers.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obdt. Servant
C. Sibthorpe.
Surgeon-Major-General
Surgeon-General with the Govt. of Madras.

(1895) Department.

Local & Municipal Dept.
CURRENT No. 3498L

From
Surgn.-Major-Gen. C. Sibthorpe, F.R.C.P.I.,
Surgeon-General with the
Government of Madras,
Madras,

To

No. 517

Enclosures.

Dated 23rd } November 1895.
Received }

No.

CHIEF SECRETARY
27-NOV. 1895
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Subject.

Remarking upon the necessity of a separate Dispensary at Madnapalle for Caste & Gosha women for such women as would or could not attend the Ordinary Out-patients Department of the ~~Municipal~~ Local Fund Hospital.

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Office of Surgeon-General
with the Government of Madras,

No. 577
Encl.

Madras, 23rd November 1895.

Local & Municipal Dept.
CURRENT No. 3498 L

From

Surgeon-Major-General C. Sibthorpe, F.R.C.P.I.,
Surgeon-General with the
Government of Madras,
Madras,

To

The Honourable the Chief Secretary to Government,
Local and Municipal Department.

Sir,

Cur. No 2992 L in the file.

In continuation of my letter No. Tour 2/3 of the 10th October 1895, I have the honour to report that on the same date, I wrote to the President of the District Board, Cuddapah calling his attention to paragraph 3 of my letter No. 561 dated the 20th October 1894, which Government sent to him with its concurrence in G.O. No. 2269 L. mis, dated 3rd November 1894 and wrote that it appeared to me that such proposals should be submitted to the Committee of the Dufferin Fund through me under G.O. No. 1049 W L Local and Municipal, dated the 1st July 1895.

in G.O. 2269 L/3-11-94

2. On the 14th October 1895, he sent me the following extract from the Madanapalle Taluk Board Proceedings passed at their meeting held on the 16th September 1895. "The Board does not consider a separate female hospital

spital necessary so long as a competent female spital assistant is attached to the present ospital."

3. I may point out that no separate hospital was proposed but a separate dispensary for Caste and Gosha Women and for such women as would or could not attend the ordinary Out-patient Department of the Municipal hospital, and that this dispensary should be placed in charge of a duly qualified woman holding the qualification not less than that of an Apothecary.

Note
The Taluk Bd evidently uses the word "hospital" in the general sense of a medical institution.

4. As far as this correspondence is concerned, the question is whether the Board are in a position to decide if Mrs Gopaul Nair is "a competent female hospital assistant." I consider the correspondence clearly shows she is not competent and is untrustworthy.

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

C. Sibthorpe

Surgeon-Major-Genl.
Surgn.-Genl. with the Govt. of Madras.

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LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

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CURRENT No. 3543 L

From

The Honorary Secretary
Countess of Dufferin's Fund
Madras Branch

No. 85

Dated 29/11

Received 2/11

Enclosures — C Nr. 2992 h retd.

SUBJECT

Stating that the Executive Committee of the Countess of Dufferin Fund are not disposed to recommend the advisability of Mrs Gopal Nair's transfer from Madras [illegible] until the Lg Bd actually engages an apothecary—

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No. 85

Government House.
Guindy
29th November 1895.

Local & Municipal Dept
CURRENT No. 8543 L

From,

The Honorary Secretary
Countess of Dufferin's Fund
Madras Branch

2 DEC 1895

To

The Chief Secretary to
Government
Fort St. George.

Sir,

With reference to your Endorsem No. 1609 dated 7th November 1895 forwarding the papers concerning Mrs Gopal Nair for a further expression of the opinion of the Dufferi Fund, I have the honour to inform you that whilst the Executive Committee, as they have frequently expressed, are in favour of the principle of Branch Dispensaries being held by women holding at least the qualification of an apothecary, in the present ca however, until the Taluk Board actually engages an apothecary, they are not disposed to recommend the advisability of

The papers were merely transferred to the Fund.

Mrs Gopal Nair's

Mrs Gopal Nair's transfer.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most Obedt Servt
R. E. Lawley Major.
Honorary Secretary

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