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[Despatch Abstract.]

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Fixing ^{with a mark} the _____ in regard to their
construction, ^{and} maintenance and other sanitary
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G.O., Nos. 1196, 1197 P., dated 28th September 1898.

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To the Plague Commissioner.
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2. The replies to this invitation were received in the months of June and July, and included a communication from the Kazi of Madras. They have been perused with much interest by His Excellency the Governor in Council, who now proceeds to pass orders on the main questions involved. In doing so, the Government has the advantage of the further experience gained in watching the methods adopted in other provinces of India, whether they coincide with its own or differ from it.

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Copy to the Government of India, Home Department.

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H. TREMENHEERE,
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LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

Papers to be read in Proceedings:—

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To: The Plague Comr.
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Local & Munl. (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 198

From

The Plague Commissioner

In Order S.

The point whether the ~~grant~~
 Contribution, whatever it is, should
 be debited to Provincial or to local
 funds, has also to be considered.
 (as has said it will
 2/10/98.
 Give grants; the money of
 course would be Prov.

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SUBJECT.

The P.C.'s promise of half charges
 for construction may be supported.
 For maintenance, the P.C.
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 he wants it calculated "per
 patient". This seems awkward, as to be uniformed what contri-
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Information that he returned by wire
 Hamburg as to what they
 then before we promise anything
 but information can not be got
 I think the point is the limited
 of 1/2 paise for construction alone
 in the present and when it comes
 to maintenance what it may
 be necessary to do will doubtless
 be plain. It may be necessary
 to help some more than others.
 and it is not I think desirable
 to lay down a definite scale applicable
 to every institution.

3/10/98
 4.10.98

I don't think it will be possible
 use to ask Hamburg. They haven't made
 such a brilliant success there - Besides, what
 may have suited there, where they have many wealthy
 men, may not suit here. The half grant for
 construction may certainly be given, on the conditions
 stated by the P.C. - For maintenance, I don't see
 how we can give grant for patient. Subject to the
 condition that the sanitation & supply of food must
 be with the approval of the local medical officers and
 C.O.s (as in Madras Resident) I think we may authorize
 the P.C. to make grants not exceeding half actual
 cost, to be paid, with growth, in arrears to the
 manager or managers approved by C.W. (or
 Post as the case may be).

All these Grants should be made.

BS

4/10/98

A.G.O. shd. issue to all districts.

~~The grant for treatment is~~
~~to be paid to the patient~~
~~half of the cost of the~~
~~patient's treatment~~

[L. & M.]
 250-13-10-97.

G.N. 348

C.N. 98

Madras,
 28th September/98.

Dear Mr. Hannick,

The Commissioners at their meeting
 held last evening were anxious to know
 whether Government is prepared to con-
 tribute towards the maintenance of
 caste Hospitals and if so to what ex-
 tent, and they also wish to be enlighten-
 ed as to the amount of grant from Go-
vernment towards the construction.

A question was raised as to the
 duties of Vigilance Committees and I
 shall be glad to have your opinion on
 the matter.

Yours sincerely,

R. S. M.

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NOTE FOR THE Sec. d. & Mr. Dept.

The accompanying letter is put up for very early orders.

As regards construction I have told Mr. Ellis that $\frac{1}{2}$ the charges will be paid by Government - provided the charges are considered reasonable - In any case of dispute or doubt the Govt will reserve the right to estimate the value of work done & material by the D.P.W.

As regards maintenance - I cannot find from Nathan any definite information as to what happened in Bombay or the places on the matter - apparently in some cases help was given by charging fees for patients - Probably the best way would be to give a grant per patient - or if the Hospital is placed, as all the hospitals are, under the Sanitary & Public Health & Engineer General's supervision say a half grant for maintenance.

The Engineer General is told in

in Mr Thomas Cornwallis
matter - As it is specially
stated that very early orders
to the question of Contributions
for maintenance is necessary
to submit the paper at once -
with a suggestion that
proceeds that - the rate has been
approved by the Health Officer of
the City - & proceeds that the
management of the Hospital is
conducted on the satisfaction of
the Surgeon General - a grant for
maintenance be given up to say
one half the cost -

W. Hammett
P.L.

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LETTER OF GOVERNMENT.

STATEMENT WITH DITTO.

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