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Local & Munl. (1899) Department.

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G.O., No. 1648 L

DATED 8-11-'99

[Despatch Abstract.]

Dispensary for women & children, Negapatam

Sanctioning with remarks the proposal of the Municipal council of Negapatam to open a dispensary for women & children & the entertainment of the required establishment.

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Local & Munl. (B99) Department.

CURRENT No. 2506 M

From The Chairman
Municipal Council
Negapatam

No. 573

OFFICE OF SURGEON GENERAL
7- OCT 1899

Dated 15 - 9 - 99
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SUBJECT.

Out-patient Dispensary for women & children
— Enclosing the Municipal Proceedings on the establishment of an — and requesting sanction of Government for the entertainment of one lady Apothecary 1 Compounder 1 nurse & one Peon for the same, estt

Endorsement no 2895/misc of
Forwarded.

Sir, The entertainment by the Council of a qualified lady practitioner is praiseworthy, & may be approved. It is, however, to be hoped that the dispensary over which she is to preside will be fully equipped according to the Standard Scale.

Order.

H. C. Stokes

via

COLLECTOR & MAGISTRATE,
19 SEP 1899

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No. 1042 dt 6-10-99

Referred to the Surgeon General for early remarks.

(By order)
A Edgington
Assistant Secretary

MG
27-9-99

To The Surgeon General

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The proposal of the Municipal Council to open a dispensary for women and Children and the entertainment of the required Establishment, for which a proposition statement in the prescribed form should have been submitted, are sanctioned.

2. The attention of the Municipal Council is drawn to the Surgeon-General's remarks in para. 2 of his letter.

V.R.
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To

The Chairman, M.C. Negapatam
thro' the Collr of Tanjore
" Surgeon General

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Enclosure No. 2 to Letter No. [illegible] d/ [illegible]

Proceedings of the Municipal Council Negapatam at a Special meeting held at 5 P.M. on Saturday the 2nd September 1899

Present

The Honourable Mr P. Rathnasabapathipillai avl Chairman
2 Mr V. Sinna Maricar Sahib avl Dy Vice Chairman
3 Captain J. P. James
4 Captain J. S. Dalens
5 D. S. McConnelly Esqr
6 Mr Swaminathapillai avl
7 Mr L S Subramania Iyer avl
8 " M. K. Vappa Kandu Ravuthar avl
9 " S. Alia Maricar avl SB
10 " M. S. Ramasamipillai avl
11 " V. Latchoomana Naidugaru
12 " A. R. V. Gurusamipillai avl
13 " R. Duraisami Naidugaru
14 " Mayandi Chettiar avl
15 " P. Rungasabai Moodaliar avl
16 " V. Muttunadoo Chettiar avl

1 Read application from Miss A. C. Austin, a Female Lady Apothecary, offering her services for employment in this Municipality. This Appln cabled to the Honorary Secretary to the Countess of Dufferin's Fund requesting to ascertain

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her terms, and the letter received
from Miss A C Austin
stating her terms & with the
previous resolution on the
on the Subject and the Connected
papers.

Note. The question of providing
the town with a Lady Medical
practitioner has been long
pending. The Council instructed
me in Resolution No 23 dated
13th April 1899 to advertize for
applicants. One Miss Austin
a passed Apothecary Candidate
has applied, and the Secretary
to the Countess of Dufferin Fund
supports the application.
A Dispensary on a Small
Scale for women and Children
may be established without
delay at a Cost of about Rs 1050
per annum, and the lady
practitioner may be per-
mitted to have private
practice also. As a final
final reply has to be sent to
Miss A C Austin immediately
as she may have other offers
I have called this Special
meeting, and I request the
favor of a full attendance
of the Council to consider
this important Subject.

Resolution. — The Council
resolves to open a Dispensary
at Vizagapatam for women and
Children. The terms of Miss
A.C. Austin a passed Lady
Apothecary asking for a Salary
of Rs 50 per mensem and
free quarters, are accepted.
The following will be the
Scale of establishment
which will be entertained
for the Dispensary.

	Rs
Lady Apothecary at Rs 50 =	600
Quarters and Dispensary rent at Rs 15 - - - - -	180
1. Compounder @ Rs 9 -	108
1. Nurse @ Rs 5 - - - -	60
1. Watch and waterman @ Rs 6 -	72
Contingencies @ Rs 5	60
Medicines -	150

The Chairman is requested
to arrange for the establishment
of the Dispensary at once
in anticipation of Sanction
of government.

(True Extract)

/ Chairman

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OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

Negapatam, 14th September 1899.

From The Hon'ble M.R.Ry P. Ratnasabhapati Pillai Avargal,

Chairman, Municipal Council,
Negapatam.

LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPT.
CURRENT No. 2506 M

To
The Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George,
Madras,
Local and Municipal Department.

Through the Head Assistant Collector and the Collector of Tanjore.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose an extract from the Proceedings of this Council dated the 2nd Instant regarding the establishment in this Municipality of an Out patients' Dispensary for women and children.

2. Female Medical aid had been a long-felt want in this town, especially with its large mohomedan population of Gosha women. In view to supplying this want, the Council resolved to train a lady for the Apothecary Grade in a medical College under the auspices of the Countess of Dufferin Fund, and accordingly one Mrs Da'Costa had been selected for training by

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by the Secretary to the Committee. Mrs Da'Costa entered upon her studies in October 96 upon a stipend of Rs 25 per mensem from this Council. She however, did not complete the Course having absented herself in the middle of the Course. The stipend was therefore withdrawn by the Council and it was resolved to engage a passed Lady female Practioner at once. Mrs A. C. Austin a passed female Lady Apothecary has now been selected by the Secretary to the Committee and approved by this Council.

3. As Mrs Austin was likely to receive offers of engagement elsewhere, it has been thought advisable to engage her services at once in anticipation of Sanction of Government. She has already joined her appointment. Pending the making of a provision in the ensuing revised budget of the current year, the cost of the new dispensary is proposed to be met from the savings in the salary of the Municipal Secretary which place has been vacant from April last.

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4 The following establishment will be entertained for the present:—

One female Lady apothecary with free quarters	Rs 50/- per mensem	
One Compounder on	Rs 9/-	"
One Nurse on	Rs 5/-	"
One Peon (watch & watchman) on.	Rs 6/-	"

5. I request the sanction of Government.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obdt Servt.

Chairman

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Local & Munl. (1899) Department.

CURRENT No. 2810 M.

Order

From Surgeon General
D. Sinclair M.B.&C.
Surgeon-General
with the Govt. of Madras

No. 313

Dated 26th October 99

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SUBJECT.

Expressing his concurrence with the proposal to establish an Out-patient Dispensary for women & children at Negapatam.

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Enclosure No. 4 to Letter No. [illegible] d/ [illegible]

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Civil Surgeon's office
Negapatam 3rd Sept. 1899.

To

The Chairman
Municipal Council
Negapatam

Sir

With reference to the resolution passed yesterday for opening a dispensary for women and children I have the honor to inform you that no provision was made for equipments. The minimum cost of the equipments for a small dispensary will probably be Rs 900. I therefore request you will call for another special meeting to consider if this amount is not available to postpone the opening of a separate dispensary till funds are available and to allow the female apothecary to work in the Out-patient Dept. at Negapatam Dispensary till further orders as it was done in Madura in 1893

I have &c
(Sd) D. Gnanam Pillai
Civil surgeon.

(True copy)

Donovan
Captain &c
Personal assistant Surgeon-General
with the Govt. of Madras.

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Ref. on ct. No. 1971

Civil Surgeon's office
Negapatam 12th Septr. 1899

To
The Chairman
Municipal Council. Negapatam.

Sir,

I have the honor to request you will be good enough to place the following suggestions with regard to the opening of the Dispensary for women & children in the Negapatam Municipality and my letter No. 1971 dated 3rd September 99 before the council at the next meeting:–

1. The Dispensary being intended to afford relief to the sick poor in the municipality, its site should be within easy reach of all classes.

2. The building selected by the Chairman for locating the dispensary is unsuitable for the following reasons:–

(a) It is far removed from the heart of the town and is not accessible to all classes.

(b) It is badly lighted and ventilated and constructed in such a fashion as not to admit any alterations being made in the rooms to adopt them for examining or dressing purpo

3. I propose that St. Antony's primary school building which is about to be vacated may be rented or acquired. It fulfils all the conditions for a Dispensary and is within easy reach of all class Father Louis who is in charge of the building is willing either to rent or sell or to repair or alter as the civil surgeon may deem fit to

to adapt it for dispensary purposes.

4 I do not consider there is urgent need for opening the dispensary at once before providing it with necessary medicines and equipments and the entertainment of a competent staff

5. The Lady Apothecary being a fully qualified practioner should be afforded every facility for practising her profession

6. If the municipality is not able to provide the dispensary with necessary medicines &c at present, the Lady Apothecary should be employed on the female side of the existing institution till the opening of the Dispensary.

7. It is not desirable that a part of the Dispensary buildings should be occupied for unlimited period by the Lady Apothecary She should be provided at a reasonable distance from the Dispensary or within the Compound with free quarters

8. The Chairman has asked me for loan of 1/12 part of the stock of medicines to be indented for the dispensary. I do not shall agree with him A Dispensary ought to be started properly with at least necessary means for relief of the Class to which it is intended, the initial impression should not be slight the institution or to place no confidence in practitioner for want of means to afford relief under these Circumstances I hope the Council will take into Consideration my reasons for deferring the opening of a dispensary till such

such period it is provided with means for affording medical relief. Dispensaries for women & Children are in existence in the various parts of the Presidency and there is no necessity for a trial It is bound to become popular if facilities be afforded by the municipality. I further beg to state that the object is a laudable one and requires the special Consideration of the Council

I enclose indents for medicines. Instruments &c on the minimum scale for a small dispensary approved by the Government which should be forwarded to the medical storekeeper for valuation The furniture &ca may be procured locally.

I have &c.
(Sd) D. Cunnamalai
Civil Surgeon

(True Copy)
Duncan
Captain I.M.S.
Personal Assistant
Surgeon-General
with the Govt. of Madras.

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Enclosure No. 6 to Letter No. [illegible]

Negapatam
29th September 1899

We inspected the town on the morning of the 28th instant with a view to obtaining a suitable building for the dispensary for women and Children and have fixed on a house situated in the Nadanvar Coil East Street which we consider as very Centre and within easy reach of all classes.

The Dispensary may be located there for the present and if in the Course of time a more suitable building is obtainable the advisability of transferring the Dispensary there may be then Considered

Sd/ D. C. McSweeny
Sd/ P. Ratnasabapathy Pillai

(True copy)

Forwarded to Mr. Ry. D Cunnan Pillai avl. Civil Surgeon Negapatam for favor of signature & return.

Sd/ P. Ratnasabapathy Pillai
Chairman Dt. Council

(True copy)

Donovan
Captain I.M.S.
Personal Assistant Surgeon-General
with the Govt. of Madras.

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Enclosure No. 7 to Letter No. [illegible] d/ 26.10.99

My Dear Sir,

Now that the building difficulties have been settled. I expected that there would be no further difficulties in the way of opening the new Dispensary I am told that no work would be done till certain samans are provided. Any further samans required will be provided forthwith. I request you will kindly look into the matter and see that the Dispensary is started. There are complaints on all hands. I request the favor of your cooperation.

I am
Yours Sincerely
(Sd) P. Ratnasabapathy

To D. Gnanam Pillai Esqr.

(True copy)
Donovan
Personal Assistant Captain IMS
Surgeon-General
with the Govt. of Madras.

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Enclosure No. 8 to Letter No. 323 d/

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List of Furniture

One writing table	Rs 12
Two cane bottomed Chairs	Rs 5
One Examination Table	Rs 6
One Compounding table	Rs 15
Two almirahs large	Rs 44
Two almirahs small	Rs 24
Two benches without back	Rs 12
One american Clock	Rs 15
Total	Rs 133

Negapatam }
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Sd D. Gnanam Pillai
Civil surgeon

(True copy)

Donovan
Captain

Personal assistant Surgeon-General
with the Govt. of Madras.

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Enclosure No. 9 to Letter No. 325 d/ 26 10 99

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COPY of Minute III from the Civil Surgeon Vizagapatam to the Secretary Surgeon General with the Government of Madras.

R. C. No. 2306, dated 17th October 1899.

It will be observed from the enclosed letter of the Chairman to the Government that a special meeting of the Council was called on the 2nd September 1899 to decide upon the securing of the services of a female Apothecary for reasons assigned therein & to open a dispensary for women and children. A scale of salaries for the establishment and allotment for medicines were drawn up by the Chairman at an annual cost of Rs 1000 to be met from savings in the salary of the Municipal secretary and it was also resolved that the "Chairman is requested to arrange for the establishment of the Dispensary at once in anticipation of sanction of Government"; upon this the Chairman issued orders in the Council room to send a deferred telegram to Miss Austin at once. I addressed the Chairman on the following day upon the advisability of postponing the opening of the dispensary till provision was made by the Council for equipments vide letter A. Thereafter the Chairman asked me for the loan of a month's supply of medicines from the main hospital to be returned from the supply of medicines to be obtained for the Women & Children's Dispensary

2. As I considered that this part of opening the dispensary would only tend to [illegible] the object I submitted letter dated 12th September 99 with suggestions for considerations an [illegible]

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an indent for medicines and equipments and a list of furniture in accordance with appendix IX of Civil Medical Code to be placed before the Council.

3. Miss Austin arrived on the 7th September 99 She told me that she saw the Chairman and was ordered by him to occupy a part of the building which he selected for dispensary purpose. I inspected the building on the following day and found it unsuitable for reasons pointed out in my letter marked B.

4. As Miss Austin was unemployed, the dispensary was not ready or the staff entertained I ordered her to prescribe for the female portion in the Negapatam Dispensary on 13th September 99

5. The Council after going through my letter dated 12th September 99 resolved that the female apothecary should work in Negapatam hospital till the dispensary was fully equipped and the staff entertained and a sub-Committee consisting of Messrs McConechy, the Chairman and myself should select a building for locating the dispensary. A building was inspected and selected in the centre of Negapatam town only on the ground of its situation as a temporary measure subject to be transferred at any time when suitable building was obtainable vide letter C. In the meantime I asked the Chairman to entertain the staff and to furnish the Dispensary and to obtain the medical store supplies and equipments, but his only object was to open the Dispensary and then to furnish it at leisure &

and he pressed me by constantly writing to start the dispensary. I herein enclose one of his letters for perusal marked D.

6. He received a Calf table from the main Hospital with my permission. He sent two chairs and a large writing table from the Municipal office. An almirah was purchased and a form was taken from the main hospital. These were the furniture that were collected till the 3rd instant. I sent a supply of medicines to last for a month & a few necessary appliances and a pocket case. He then desired that the second nurse of the main Hospital should be kept at the disposal of the apothecary till one is entertained and the dispensary was opened on the 4th instant.

7. I inspected the Dispensary on the 12th instant. The attendance for the first day was 7, on the 11th instant it was 91. On the 13th it fell to 68. The medicines are nearly exhausted. The furniture supplied up to date are the following:

1. Writing table from Municipal office.

5 Chairs { 2 Bath room Chairs
2 Cane bottomed Chairs
1 Bug proof chair

1 Calf table (used as compounding table)
Property of Negapatam vaccine Depo

2. Forms without back one belonging to the Municipal Hospital Negapatam.

1 Large Almirah

1 Small Almirah for poisons

1 Time piece nickel plated Rs 3/.

The Establishment consists of:-

1 Apothecary. 1 Compounder 1 Peon 1 Nurse (Dresser)

8. From the foregoing it will be observed that the council did well in securing the services of the Female Apothecary and it was expected that the Dispensary would have been furnished and equipped in a very short time so as to open the Dispensary in anticipation of sanction of Government but upto date no prompt action has been taken in this Direction.

9. The whole of the furniture required for a small dispensary according to the minimum scale given in the Appendix IX of the civil Medical Code can be procured for less than Rs 150/. including the carriage from Madras. A list marked E with probable cost is appended. The indent for medicines and appliances submitted by me was based on a daily average sick of 100 at an annual cost of about Rs 200/. The sum of Rs 150 allotted under this head is insufficient

10. The probable cost of the instruments should be obtained from the Medical Storekeeper to Government, Madras Command.

1. Under the head of Dispensary & quarters for the Apothecary Rs 15 is allotted for a month. This is insufficient. The house now occupied by the Apothecary is rented at Rs 7 and the dispensary at Rs 12. A suitable dispensary building cannot be rented for less than Rs 15 The allotment under the head should be raised to Rs 25/. a month.

12. The building now selected by the Committee for locating the Dispensary is a large native dwelling house with a number of small rooms and an open courtyard in the centre quite unsuited for dispensary purposes. It was selected on the ground that it is situated in the centre of the town of Negapatam, but I consider that a dispensary for women and children being a special one should be located in the centre of the municipal town where women and children from all parts of the town may seek aid and utilise the services of the Apothecary. St Antony's school building which is situated in a spacious compound on the border of a public road is well lighted and ventilated and is admirably suited for the purpose. Besides, the two divisions of the municipality are towards its north and the Division of Negapatam is on the south and the extreme limit of the two divisions viz Negapatam and Velipalayam are within a radius of 1/4 mile. Nagore a large Mahomedan centre is about 3 mile and the school building faces the Mahomedan street where a large number of Gosha women is likely to avail themselves of European treatment and is not far from the main hospital to which patients for indoor treatment may be easily transferred and the medical officer is available for consultation. The building being intended for charitable purposes can be rented for a moderate sum.

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13. In conclusion I have to remark that if the chairman had consulted me in arranging for the dispensary. I would have cordially rendered my assistance but he took the initial step in selecting a dispensary building without my knowledge and having no idea of the equipments to be required for such an institution drew up a scale of salaries for the establishment with a small allotment for medicines and totally omitted to provide for furniture, surgical instruments & appliances and one other point which is most important of all that escaped his attention was the impression of the people on the efficiency of the apothecary when she cannot afford aid even in cases of trivial nature for want of means, the difficulty of changing their views when once impressed and the consequent effect on the popularity of the institution

14. Under these circumstances the chairman should lose no time in fitting up the Dispensary.

(True copy)

Donovan

Captain I.M.S.

Personal assistant Surgeon-General
with the Govt. of Madras.

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Office of Surgeon General
with the Government of Madras
Madras 26th October 1889

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From
Surgeon General D. Sinclair M.D., C.S.I., Hon.
Surgeon General with the Govt. of Madras.

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To
Secretary to Government
Local & Municipal Department.

Sir

In returning your Endorsement No. 1042 dated the 6th instant with its annexures, I have the honor to express my concurrence with the proposal to establish an Out-patient Dispensary for women and children at Negapatam and to entertain the medical and hospital staff specified in the Proceedings of the Municipal Council for working the same.

2. I beg to enclose for the information of Government copy of a report on the subject from the Civil Surgeon Negapatam which shows that the arrangement of details for starting the Dispensary was not quite satisfactory

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

D Sinclair

Surgeon General.
Surgeon-General
with the Govt. of Madras.

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