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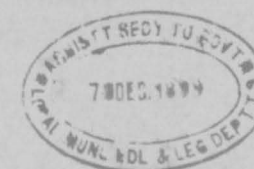
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FROM
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H. Mounsey.. Esq., I. C. S.,
COLLECTOR OF THE
Coimbatore District,

To
THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
Local & Municipal DEPARTMENT,
Madras.

SIR,

I have the honour to reply to G. O. No. 1741 M.Mis of the 22nd Ultimo.

2. In G. O No. 264 M. dated 27th February 1899 the Chairman of the Municipality was requested to report upon the Surgeon-General's remarks "no steps appear to have been taken regarding the construction of a new hospital, though the present hospital building has been condemned by all the inspecting officers from time to time". Apparently the Chairman could get no information from the Secretaries of the Hospital committee.

3. I have all the papers before me now & from them I find that in April 1896 the Surgeon-General suggested that a properly arranged hospital should be built on a more open & larger site than the present one. This suggestion was referred to a sub-committee of councillors, but no action apparently was taken on it. In May 97 the Surgeon-General again reminded the council of his suggestion. In June 97 a public meeting was held to concert measures to celebrate the Jubilee & a resolution was passed to construct a new Hospital in a healthy & convenient locality of the town. A sub-Committee was appointed to raise funds & ~~action was taken by them~~ ^{but} Nothing much seems to have been done. ^{after} but Mr. Bradley left the station & Mr. Butterworth was appointed in November 97 as Chairman

man of the Committee. A general meeting was then held at which it was decided to hold meetings at Taluk Head Quarters, have a house to house collection in Coimbatore & if Rs. 15,000 were not collected by these means to have another public meeting. The Divisional Officers were asked to arrange for meetings & circulate subscription lists. Another meeting, as funds did not come in generally, was held on the 31st January 98, in which resolutions ~~XXXXXX~~ to obtain subscriptions were passed. In May 98 another meeting was held in which it was decided to open another subscription list & appoint sub-committees. By July 98 a sum of Rs. 1418-3-4 & Rs. 1496 promised & two gentlemen (Rai Bahaour A. T Tiruvenkata sami Mudaliar & Tiruppur Angappa Chettiar) ^{each} had promised to ~~XXXX~~ build ^a wards. An estimate was then made of what might be expected. It was believed that from what was paid up & promised Rs. 3850 might be expected, for two wards ~~promised~~ Rs. 6,000 might be allowed, that that the Municipality & District Board would give Rs. 5,000 each, that the sale of the present site might fetch Rs. 5,000 & that further subscriptions to the amount of Rs. 4,000 might come in-- or a total of about Rs. 29,000.

4. A meeting was then held in August 1898 & the Local Fund Engineer asked to submit a rough estimate of the cost of the Hospital. A sub-committee appointed to select a site selected one ~~between~~ between the tank & the bungalow which is now occupied by the District Court. In September 1898 the Local Fund Engineer stated that type-design of Hospital such as would be wanted for Coimbatore would cost Rs. 88,191. His letter was sent to the permanent District Medical & Sanitary Officer who proposed a number of omissions to reduce the cost viz., laundry, mortuary, matrons' quarters, Hospital Assistants' quarters outhouses, ambulance shed, one of the female wards & isolation ~~ward~~ ward. Deducing the cost of these the amount wanted was still over Rs. 66700. Up to this date it had always been assumed that the new Hospital could be built for a little over Rs. 30,000 exclusive of cost of site. On this being pointed out the District Medical & Sanitary Officer then suggested that only the buildings that must be pucca be built to commence with & this he considered might be done for Rs. 37,500 & that another Rs. 500 could do for the temporary buildings, or say Rs. 38000

altogether. If the cost of site be added to this it would come to well over Rs. 40,000. Mr. Cumming, who was chairman of the committee when this letter was received, endorsed on it for the consideration of the committee. He then left the station & shortly afterwards resigned his post on the committee.

5. Soon after I came to the station the District Medical & Sanitary Officer asked for my help; I told him I was ready to do ~~what~~ what I could but not being a member of the committee found I could do nothing. He got the Secretaries of the committee to call on me, & I informed them similarly---- they however took no action. The District Medical & Sanitary Officer several times spoke to me about it, & each time I said that as no one would ask me to take part in the matter I was unable to do anything of my own initiative. The fact is, the scheme was looked upon with the most extreme apathy as ~~for~~ the townspeople objected to a Hospital away from the town. At last, induced thereto by the District Medical & Sanitary Officer, the committee asked me at the end of September last to become their chairman. To this I replied that from conversation with the District Medical & Sanitary Officer, I found that Rs. 50,000 at least was required to carry out the purposes of the committee, but that the most favourable estimate of receipts was Rs. 29,000 & that this estimate was made before plague expenditure had depleted the District Board & Municipal balances & that Rs. 8000 from public subscriptions was several thousands more than could be reckoned on. In fact as ~~actually~~ the money actually available was quite insufficient to attempt to build a new hospital, I considered the project must fail especially as the townspeople were quite satisfied with the present site & would not subscribe to a project they ~~in~~ did not approve of (this I had ascertained to be a fact). I finally declined to act on the committee if it were still going to try & ~~it~~ carry out a plan that must fail or if it succeeded would only do so after the lapse of many years---- but I added

if
that the committee were willing to try & direct such sums as had been or may be collected to the improvement, enlargement or development of the present hospital, I was quite willing to join them.

6. At my suggestion a public meeting was called to consider my letter. At this meeting on the 22nd October I was not present but Captain Williams I. M. S., was in the chair & it was unanimously resolved that "the meeting regrets that subscriptions necessary for the erection of an entirely new hospital on a new site do not seem likely to be forthcoming & that therefore the committee be asked to make the best of the sums collected for enlarging & improving the condition of the present hospital".

7. I had previously ascertained that Rai Bahadur A. T. Tiruvengkatasami Mudaliar's offer of a lying-in-ward would hold good under the altered circumstances. A copy of the resolution by some delay reached me 4 days ago & I have accepted the offer of the chairmanship of the committee & now intend to have what is possible done.

8. On the 3rd Ultimo the District Medical & Sanitary Officer addressed the committee as to his ideas of what should be done. He stated that the objections to the present site are two.

- i. The dust which blows in from the road--- which he admitted could be overcome by assiduous watering of the roads---- which is done now & by cultivating the compound which is also being done.
- ii. The cramped space available.

My proposal ~~is~~ is to take away the insanitary huts behind the hospital & thereby prevent it being cramped & give room for the new buildings which can be erected from the sums collected. These new buildings the District Medical & Sanitary Officer considers should be the building of an operating theatre & four wards for surgical & medical cases male & female respectively. Other improvements such as removal of latrines & laying on of running water were also suggested.

9. Now that I have become since last week Chairman of the Jubilee Hospital Committee I will see that action is taken towards the desired end. In the meantime I have answered the reference order No. 1741 M. Mis of the 22nd Ultimo without addressing the Jubilee Hospital Committee as all the papers they have ~~x~~ on the subject

are before me as chairman of that committee.

10. I am calling a meeting for next week for action in reference to the resolution of the Public General meeting of the 28th October last.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

C. F. Monmsy

Acting Collector.

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