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Passing orders on replies from the Local and Municipal Department and the Surgeon-General to a memorandum from the Financial Department regarding the contributions paid by Government to certain municipal, local and other hospitals and dispensaries.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following papers:—

Memorandum No. 27, Financial, dated 28th September 1895.

From the annual reports on civil hospitals and dispensaries [column 3 (b) of statement No. V] it would appear that the following contributions are paid by Government to Municipal, Local and other dispensaries, under orders issued several years ago, and under special circumstances which may have since altered considerably. The Local and Municipal Department is requested to consider whether there is any necessity to continue the concessions in future:—

District.	Dispensary.	Class.	Proportion of Medical Officer's salary.	Special allowance from Government	Medicines.
Anantapur	Gooty	P.	(1808) Difference of pay of Military apothecary.	Rs. 1,603	..
North Arcot	Ráripétai	L.	..	2,066	..
	Vellore	M.	..	2,200	..
South Arcot	Tiruvannámalai	L.	Quarter pay (Rs. 450)	..	27
Bellary	Sanduru	P.	Do. (Rs. 132)	..	..
Ganjám	Parlakimedi	M.	Do. (Rs. 287)	..	..
	Chicacole	M.	Full pay (Rs. 1,471)	..	..
Górávari	Cocanada	M.	..	600	..
	Ellore	M.	+ 312 ..	..	..
	Narsapur	L.	+ 73 ..	..	..
Kistna	Bezavada	M.	95 (menial servants)	..	129
	Répalle	L.	..	..	..
Madras	Triplacane	M.	Full pay of one apothecary and two hospital assistants (Rs. 2,833).	..	..
	Ramaswamy Lying-in Hospital.	P.	(Rs. 3,540)	300	..
	Native Infirmary	P.	..	..	2,670
Madura	Kodaikánal	L.	Full pay of the apothecary (Rupees 1,626).	..	120
	Ramnád	L.	..	80 (for police sick).	..
Malabar	Cannanore	M.	..	110 (for police sick).	..
	Cochin	M.	..	520	..
	Manantoddy	L.	Difference of pay of Military apothecary (Rs. 221).	..	..
	Palghat	M.	One-eighth pay (Rs. 945)	..	..
	Ponnáni	L.	..	50 (rent from endowed lands).	..
	Tellicherry	M.	..	240	..
	Vayittiri	L.	Quarter pay (Rs. 546)	..	12
	Palghat Branch	M.	Rs. 360 (menial servants)	..	..
Nellore	Podili	L.	..	..	39
Nilgiris	Coonoor	M.	Full pay of medical subordinate (Rs. 300).	1,300	..
	Devala	L.	Do. (Rs. 488)	..	..
	Gúdálúr	L.	Do. (Rs. 1,788)	..	169
	Kóttágiri	L.	Do. (Rs. 1,213)	..	177
	Ootacamund	P.	Do. + a peon on Rs. 7 (Rs. 684).	Half the subscriptions collected.	270
Tanjore	Kumbakónam	L.	..	Use of post-mortem examinations (15).	..
	Negapatam	M.	..	144 (rent of police ward).	..
	Tanjore	L.	..	2,610	..
Vizagapatam	Jeypore	G.	..	1,101	..
	Bimlipatam	M.	Quarter pay of menial servants (Rs. 365).	..	..

* Met from Sir Thomas Munro's Endowment Fund.

† Why not in other dispensaries? (One-eighth contribution?).

G.O., No. 1692 M., dated 21st October 1895.

G.O., No. 976, Financial, dated 7th December 1895.

Order—No. 976, Financial, dated 7th December 1895.

The Surgeon-General will report fully on the undermentioned items in the list:—

Dispensary.	Class.	Government allowance. Rs.
Gooty	P.	1,603
Sanduru	P.	132
Ramaswamy Lying-in Hospital	P.	3,540
Native Infirmary	P.	2,670
Jeypore	G.	1,101
	P.	684
Ootacamund	P.	270
	&c.	

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

To the Surgeon-General.

G.O., No. 365, Financial, dated 8th June 1896.

Read—the following paper:—

From Surgeon-Major-General C. SIBTHORPE, F.R.C.P.I., Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Ootacamund, 11th May 1896, No. T-83.

With reference to G.O., No. 976, Financial, dated the 7th December 1895, I have the honour to explain as follows:—

Item No. 1, Civil Hospital, Gooty—Government allowance, Rs. 1,603.—The President of the Taluk Board, Gooty, reports that the annual contribution from Government towards Munro's hospital and chattram is Rs. 2,050, of which the charges relating to Munro's chattram for the year 1894 amounted to Rs. 446-14-4. The balance, viz., Rs. 1,603-1-8, was, as usual, shown under special allowance given by Government towards the upkeep of the hospital. But from perusal of G.O., No. 446, Financial, dated the 28th February 1884, it will be observed that from the year 1884-85 the hospital and chattram at Gooty should have been transferred to the Local Fund Board. I am not aware of the existence of any order why this question was deferred.

Item No. 2, Dispensary, Sanduru—Government allowance, Rs. 132.—No special allowance is given by Government, but one-fourth of the pay and charge allowance of the medical subordinate is borne by Government on account of the British subjects obtaining medical aid from the institution—vide G.O., Mis. No. 2152, of 26th September 1883, and G.O., No. 483, dated 27th April 1892. This amounted to Rs. 131-11-6 for the year 1894.

Item No. 3, Ramaswamy Lying-in Hospital—Government allowance, Rs. 3,540.—This sum represents salaries to medical officers paid by Government and is arrived at as follows:—

	Rs.
Salary of the First-class Military Assistant Surgeon a month	150
Sub charge allowance	30
Clinical	50
Total for a month	230
Salary of the First-class Hospital Assistant	55
Presidency allowance	10
Total	65
Grand Total for a month	295
For the year, 295 × 12 =	3,540

G. O., Mis. No. 1798 L., dated 30th September 1896.

(4) As regards the contribution paid towards the maintenance of the hospital at Chicacole, the Surgeon-General states that this station, which was once a Civil Surgeony, was reduced in 1887, that the medical subordinate in charge has hitherto been allowed to draw his pay from Provincial funds, and that this arrangement should now be modified by calling upon the municipality to pay seven-eighths of his pay and allowances as in other cases. Dr. Sibthorpe adds that Chicacole is one of the appointments proposed to be reserved for a Military Assistant Surgeon in his letter, No. 513, dated 22nd November 1895, recorded in G.O., No. 52, Public, dated 10th January

1896. But as the medical subordinate here, besides attending to the ordinary Government work, has to look after the health of the military details and pensioners and to keep up the medical cases of the men on sick leave as well as the correspondence with the different Military authorities, it is for consideration whether a larger contribution than that recommended by the Surgeon-General should not be allowed in this case.

(5) A sum of Rs. 600 is contributed by Government towards the maintenance of the Cocanada hospital under G.O., No. 682, Financial, dated 12th May 1881, for services rendered and medicines supplied to the seamen, police and other Government subordinates and for conducting post-mortem examinations. The Surgeon-General considers that it would be better to recover the cost of treating the seamen and the police patients from the Marine and Police departments, respectively, and to do away with this contribution. He recommends a similar course in regard to the contribution of Rs. 80 paid to the Ramnad hospital towards the cost of medicines for treating the police sick and that of Rs. 110 paid to the Cannanore hospital towards the menial staff of the hospital for treating the police sick, and states that the Inspector-General of Police concurs in this view. He also adds that the question of payment of contribution to local bodies for treating the police sick will be dealt with in his report to Government called for in memorandum No. 1369, Judicial Department, dated 13th June 1895. This report has now been received, but has not been finally disposed of—*vide* paragraph 4 of G.O., No. 800, Public, dated 3rd August 1896.

(6) No orders are required in regard to the two sums of Rs. 129 and Rs. 39, respectively, shown against Répalle and Podili, as they represent the cost of a case of cranium dissecting instruments supplied for chemico-legal examinations and of articles supplied by the District Magistrate in 1894 for chemico-legal purposes respectively.

(7) In the case of the Triplicane dispensary at Madras, the Surgeon-General states that, under G.O., No. 1100 M., dated 21st August 1893, the pay of two civil apothecaries and two civil hospital assistants is borne by Government, and that no further action appears desirable until the question of the reorganization of the hospital referred to in G.O., No. 1966 M., dated 25th November 1895, is settled. This proposal may be approved.

(8) The sum of Rs. 50 shown against the Ponnáni hospital in Malabar is not a contribution from Government, but the rent of lands set apart by the Walavanad Kara Samookam in aid of it—*vide* paragraph 13 of the District Board President's letter, No. 43 L.F.D., dated 9th January 1896, printed in G.O., No. 515 L., dated 17th March 1896.

(9) The two sums of Rs. 240 and Rs. 144 shown against Tellicherry and Negapatam, respectively, represents the rents paid by Government for the use of the wards set apart for the police sick at Rs. 20 and Rs. 12, respectively, per mensem. The Surgeon-General states that these rates are too high and may fairly be reduced to Rs. 10 and Rs. 5, respectively, per mensem. This recommendation may be approved.

(10) The Municipal Council of Palghat has not reported upon the necessity for continuing the contribution of Rs. 360 towards the cost of the menial servants attached to the Palghat branch hospital. From the accounts received with the administration report of this municipality for 1894-95, however, it appears that no such contribution was received from Government in that year. The Surgeon-General may be asked to report the source from which he obtained his information.

(11) The Devala hospital on the Nilgiris has ceased to exist and no orders are therefore required in this case.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) A. T. ARUNDEL,
Ag. Chief Secretary.

To the Financial Department.

From K. C. MANAVEDAN RAJA, Esq., President, District Board, Anantapur, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 14th September 1896, No. 25.

Adverting to G.O., No. 1201 L., dated 1st July 1896, I have the honour to forward herewith a copy of the resolution passed by the Gooty Taluk Board at its meeting held on 4th September 1896 on the question of continuing the Government grant to Munro's hospital and chattram, and to state that I fully endorse the views of the Gooty Taluk Board.

ENCLOSURE.

EXTRACT from the Proceedings of the Gooty Taluk Board, dated 4th September 1896.

4. Read Resolution No. 6, dated 13th July 1896, of the district board, referring, for remarks, paragraph 2 of G.O., No. 365, Financial, dated 8th June 1896, regarding the question of continuing the Government grant to Munro hospital, Gooty.

Resolution. The taluk board are unanimously of opinion that, if the Government want Munro chattram and dispensary to be maintained in proper order in memory of the great man in whose name they were built, the present grant must be continued; otherwise, they will go to ruin, as the taluk board cannot maintain them in their present state. The present allotment of the taluk board for Grant III, Medical Services, already exceeds the proportion expected to be contributed by them towards the same.

No. 1218.

Transferred to the Financial Department.

(Signed) A. L. HANNAY,
Ag. Assistant Secretary.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
26th October 1896.

From Surgeon-Major-General C. SIBTHORPE, F.R.C.P.I., Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, the 13th November 1896, No. 530.

With reference to paragraph 3 of G.O., No. 365, Financial, dated 8th June 1896, as to the question of the continuance of grant by Government or otherwise to the dispensary at Sandur, I have the honour to report that the following reasons, which were originally advanced when seeking aid from Government for the upkeep of the dispensary, in my opinion still hold good:—

(1) That there is a considerable through traffic between Bellary and the Kúdligi and Harpanahalli taluks, and as there are many small British villages on the border of that State at the distance of only a few miles from Sandur, it was soon found that a considerable number of Her Majesty's subjects were treated for various ailments in the course of a year;

(2) That there is also a forest establishment permanently residing in this State for the management of the Government leased forest and a small establishment in permanent charge of the military buildings on Ramandrug, and these employes of Government are freely admitted to treatment when necessary in the Sandur dispensary; and

(3) That during the hot season of the year Ramandrug is visited by Europeans from Bellary, both official and non-official, with their servants, and a sub-post office is fixed there for the season, and Sandur being nearer than Hospet or Kúdligi, application is usually made to this dispensary in case of sickness.

As the reasons then advanced still exist and as many of the patients attending the dispensary are from the Bellary district—the Sandur State being very small—I am of opinion that the aid given by Government heretofore should be continued.

2. As regards Ootacamund, I am of opinion that the reasons which justified the grant of the Government contribution still continue. The committee consider that the institution would have to be closed otherwise, as the voluntary contributions cannot be augmented. In 1895-96 these amounted to Rs. 12,000, while the expenditure for the same period was Rs. 16,000 exclusive of pay of medical subordinates.

Ootacamund is a larger and more important station than when the Government contribution was originally granted, and the addition of the army head-quarter staff and the office of the Chief Commissariat officer makes it still more important. Moreover, there is no other institution in the place to furnish medical aid.

3. The information regarding the Jeypore dispensary was forwarded already—*vide* my letter, No. 328, dated 27th July 1896.

From Surgeon-Major-General C. SIBTHORPE, F.R.C.P.I., Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 21st December 1896, No. 580.

With reference to memorandum, No. 2592, Financial, dated the 9th December 1896, I have the honour to state that the amount of Rs. 360 therein referred to does not relate to the Palghat branch dispensary but to the institution at Pallipor Lazaretto, as will be seen from page 116 of the annual report on civil hospitals and dispensaries for 1894.

2. As regards paragraph 2, I beg to state that only one-eighth of the pay and allowances of the civil apothecary is borne by Government. During the year 1894, a Military Assistant Surgeon was in charge of the institution whose pay was Rs. 200 in addition to a staff allowance of Rs. 30 per mensem. The contribution paid by Government in such cases was the difference between the pay of the 1st-class Military Assistant Surgeon and the civil apothecary of the same standing *plus* one-eighth of the pay of the latter, and the amount shown in the statement evidently appears to have been based on this principle.

ORDER—No. 179, Financial, dated 20th February 1897.

As it appeared from the annual reports on civil hospitals and dispensaries for 1894 [column 3 (b) of Statement No. V] that contributions were paid by Government to certain municipal, local and other hospitals and dispensaries under orders issued several years previously and under special circumstances which might since have altered considerably, the Local and Municipal Department was requested to consider whether there was any necessity to continue the concession to the local and municipal institutions and the Surgeon-General was directed to report fully on other cases. The Government, having taken into consideration the reports read above, resolves to pass the following orders.

2. The grants at present made to the undermentioned hospitals will be continued:—

Gooty.	Sanduru.
Ranipettai.	Kumbakonam.
Vellore.	Tanjore.

3. *Tiruvannamalai and Bezwada*.—Government, in G.O., No. 800, Public, dated 3rd August 1896, sanctioned the abolition of the medical institutions provided for the police in these two towns. The contribution paid for the treatment of the police sick in a separate ward at Tiruvannamalai and for the menial servants of the police hospital at Bezwada will, therefore, be discontinued.

4. *Parlakimedi, Vayittiri, Ellore, Narsapur, Manantoddy and Palghat*.—In the case of the hospitals at Parlakimedi and Vayittiri, Government contributes one-fourth of the pay and allowances of the medical subordinates in charge on account of the treatment of police sick. The contribution in the case of the other four institutions is only one-eighth. The Government sees no reason for this distinction. A contribution of one-eighth only will be continued to each of these institutions.

5. *Chicacole*.—Provincial funds contribute the pay of the medical subordinate. The Surgeon-General reports that this station was once the head-quarters of a Civil Surgeon, but that its status was reduced in 1887. He is of opinion that it is now time that the municipality should be called upon to meet, as in other cases, seven-eighths of the pay and allowances of the medical subordinate. Chicacole is one of the stations which it is proposed to reserve for a Military Assistant Surgeon. The

Local and Municipal Department considers that a larger Government contribution than that recommended by the Surgeon-General should be allowed, as the medical subordinate, besides attending to the ordinary Government work, has not only to see to the health of the military details and pensioners but also to keep up the medical cases of the men on sick leave and carry on correspondence with the different Military authorities. A contribution of one-fourth of the pay and allowances of the medical subordinate will, under these circumstances, be made in future.

6. *Cocanada, Cochin, Bimlipatam*.—There appears no reason why in these cases Provincial funds should contribute more than the usual proportion, viz., one-eighth of the pay and allowances of the medical subordinates attached; a contribution to that extent only will, in future, be made. Should, however, any considerable number of seamen be treated at these dispensaries, the municipalities concerned may address Government with a view to a suitable contribution being made from Port funds.

7. *Ramnad and Cannanore*.—Contributions of Rs. 80 and Rs. 110, respectively, are now made by Government to the hospitals at Ramnad and Cannanore in consideration of services rendered to the police at those two stations. In the orders which will shortly issue on the subject of police hospitals, provision will be made for remuneration at a fixed rate to local fund and municipal hospitals where police are treated. These two special contributions will then cease.

8. *Ramaswami Lying-in Hospital and Native Infirmary*.—It was decided in paragraph 4 of G.O., No. 365, Financial, dated 8th June 1896, to await the report of the committee, referred to in paragraph 2 of G.O., No. 1808 M., dated 31st October 1895, in these two cases. They will now be dealt with in the Educational Department as a part of the proposals in connection with the Rayapuram Medical School.

9. *Kodaikānal*.—The full pay of the medical subordinate and an annual grant of Rs. 120 for medicines are borne by Government. It will be considered in the Local and Municipal Department, when the new Municipal Bill is passed and Kodaikānal is converted into a municipality, whether the Government grant might not be materially reduced.

10. *Tellicherry and Negapatam*.—The contributions to these institutions represent the rents paid by Government for the use of the wards set apart for the police sick at Rs. 20 and Rs. 12, respectively, *per mensem*. The Surgeon-General considers these rates too high and recommends their reduction to Rs. 10 and Rs. 5, respectively. This recommendation is approved.

11. *Coonoor*.—The Government contributes annually a special allowance of Rs. 1,300 and also the full pay (Rs. 25) of a 3rd-class hospital assistant, the difference between this sum and the pay of the 1st-class hospital assistant entertained under G.O., No. 2470, Financial, dated 22nd December 1879, being borne by the municipality. As Coonoor is now a flourishing municipality which can well afford to pay for its own dispensary, His Excellency the Governor in Council considers that the liberal aid hitherto extended to it can no longer be continued. The Government contribution will accordingly be reduced to Rs. 1,000 for 1897-98 and thereafter to the usual contribution of one-eighth of the pay and allowance of the hospital assistant.

12. *Gudalur and Kottagiri*.—As the localities are exceptional, the existing arrangement by which the pay of the medical subordinates in charge of these dispensaries is met from Provincial funds will, for the present, be continued.

(True Extract.)

for Chief Secretary.

To the Local and Municipal Department.

- " Public Department.
- " Educational Department.
- " Judicial Department.
- " Marine Department.
- " Surgeon-General.
- " Accountant-General.

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