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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
from 1st to 10th June 1859.*

No. 76. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Department, dated 20th May 1859, No. 790.

Requesting to ascertain whether there be any building at
Tutcherly that could be obtained for the purpose of es-
tablishing a Civil Dispensary, and if so, what would be its
price and the cost of any necessary changes and adapta-
tions and if there is none, a plan and estimate of a new
building should be prepared. } (Vide Public Proceedings from 18th to 27th
May 1859, Nos. 36-37.)

No. 77. ORDER THEREON, 4th June 1859, No. 1366.

Ordered to be communicated to the Chief Engineer who will give effect to the order in para.
5 by means of the District Engineer of Malabar in communication with the Collector.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,
Secretary to Government.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from P. GRANT, Esq., Collector of Malabar; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Calicut, 21st April 1859, No. 32.

I have the honor to forward for the consideration of Government, copy of a letter with its enclosures from the Civil and Session Judge of Tellicherry, regarding the establishment of a Civil Dispensary at that Station.

Dated 13th April 1859, No. 170.

2. As to the advantages, indeed I may say the necessity of such an Institution there cannot be two opinions.

3. Doctor Ross the present Civil Surgeon takes much personal trouble in behalf of the suffering poor, and the very large number of patients who have been under treatment, shews that his exertions have been appreciated, and that the numbers of sick and suffering must be great, when with the present unsuitable means of accommodation, so many have come forward to receive medical aid.

4. By a statement in Dr. Ross' letter it will be observed that in the 6 months he has been in charge, the number of operations performed by him amounts to 1,190, or more than double the number performed in the same space of time by Dr. West or Apothecary MacIntyre.

5. The opinion of the European, East Indian and Native communities as to the project may be gathered from the fact that they have promised to subscribe Rupees 3,387 towards the erection of the building, that out of this sum Rupees 1,192 have actually been collected, and that at this present moment they contribute a monthly subscription of Rupees 46.

6. Few projects of this nature are placed before Government under more promising circumstances, and I believe I am fully justified in recommending it for their favorable consideration.

From H. FRERE, Esq., Civil and Sessions Judge of Tellicherry; to P. GRANT, Esq., Acting Collector of Malabar, dated 13th April 1859, No. 170.

I have the honor to forward copy of a communication received by me from H. M. Ross, Esq., M. D., Civil Surgeon of Tellicherry, under date 5th Instant, strongly urging the establishment of a Civil Dispensary at this station under the rules of the 30th March 1812.

2. I have no hesitation in stating that I concur with Doctor Ross in the belief that the erection or occupation of a separate and distinct building for this purpose, with the requisite facilities for Medical supervision and clinical treatment, would be sensibly appreciated by the population of North Malabar, and is an object fully deserving the attention of Government.

3. The table No. I which Doctor Ross has appended to his letter, is calculated to satisfy even an unprofessional person as respects the important character of the numerous surgical operations which have been performed during the last few months. The benefits derived from European skill and science in such cases, would be greatly extended if a suitable establishment were appropriated to the purpose.

4. On the 17th March 1852, shortly after my appointment to this station, I submitted an application to the same effect, but without success, though my opinion was supported by the favourable recommendation of the late Mr. Conolly. In accordance with the sentiments at that time expressed by the Medical Board, the Government were of opinion that the establishment of

a "charitable Dispensary by Government at Tellicherry" was not then "imperatively called for." At the same time it was intimated that the subject might possibly be reconsidered at some future period.

5. Since the above date it will be observed, circumstances have greatly altered. The average number of Native applicants for Medical aid has more than doubled,* though as yet no proper hospital accommodation is available; and a reference to the list annexed to Doctor

*Number of cases treated, March 1852, 154.
Ditto. do. March 1859, 349.

Ross' letter will shew that private contributions have been given or promised for the erection and support of the proposed Dispensary by Members of the English, East Indian and Native community to the amount of nearly Rupees four thousand, besides subscriptions to the extent of Rupees fifty monthly.

6. I would therefore conclude by expressing a hope that you will submit the above papers for the orders of Government, with your opinion that the same liberal aid which has been accorded in other cases may with propriety be extended to this populous Town, and to the District of North Malabar generally in the manner proposed.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) P. GRANT,
Collector.

From H. M. ROSS, Esq., M. D., Civil Surgeon; to H. FRERE, Esq., Civil and Sessions Judge, Tellicherry, dated 5th April 1859, No. 32.

I have the honor to inform you, that while I was in Medical charge of this station during the period from 23rd April to the 16th September 1858 and since I have been appointed Civil Surgeon of this station; I have had ample opportunity of observing the Medical wants of the Native and East Indian population, particularly the poorer classes, and from the daily increasing applications for medical and surgical treatment amongst these classes, the want of a Civil Dispensary and the necessity of having one erected has become to me every day more apparent, and it must be apparent to any person who glances at the following comparison of the number of patients treated during six months when Dr. West was Zillah Surgeon, six months when Apothecary McIntyre was in charge of the Zillah and six months since I have been in charge, together with the annexed tabular statement of operations performed by me while in charge.

In Dr. West's 6 months, 530 was the total number treated.

In Apothecary McIntyre's 6 months, 511 ditto.

In Dr. Ross' 6 months, 1,190 ditto.

Amongst the number treated by me a great many were cases which required Hospital accommodation with all its concomitants, as it is quite impossible to carry out the proper treatment in many instances if the patients cannot be constantly under observation and that is impossible in the cases of out-patients. In surgical cases also, where operations have been performed it is essential to the success of the operation in almost every instance, that the patients should be under strict surveillance; that they should be looked after as to food and clothing, &c., that can only be properly attended to in a Hospital or Dispensary. Besides a great many of the patients come from a distance of 30 or 40 miles, for these a Dispensary would be a great blessing; as it is, it is quite impossible for them to get proper accommodation in the Native huts in Tellicherry. I had to accommodate the majority of those operated on in my own godowns as being (although bad) much more suitable than what they could procure for themselves.

I now beg to address you in the confident hope, that you will have the matter laid before the Government Authorities with your support; in order to obtain from Government a grant of land for a site, funds for the erection of a building, and the support of it when erected; together with the necessary establishment of Medical Subordinate and servants, &c.

Before making this representation to you, I have been at very considerable pains to ascertain what amount of assistance may be expected from the inhabitants of the place; and in order to do so more effectually I have gone to the principal inhabitants, explained to them the object I had in view and asked them for their assistance. I am happy to say that in every instance they expressed their readiness to subscribe according to their means

A copy herewith forwarded. and having made out a list of their names and the amount which each would subscribe, I can state with confidence that in the event of obtaining sanction from Government as above requested, 3,500 or perhaps 4,000 Rupees might be expected from the inhabitants of Tellicherry, nearly 1,000 Rupees of which has been already collected, and is, as you are aware in your Treasury for safe custody, besides upwards of 50 Rupees monthly subscription.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) H. FRERE,
Civil and Session Judge.

ORDER THEREON, 20th May 1859, No. 790.

The question of establishing a Civil Dispensary at Tellicherry was first brought before Government in 1852, but, as the necessity for such an Institution there did not then seem to be urgent, the project was not entertained.

2. From the correspondence, however, now submitted, it appears that the establishment at the Station of a Dispensary would be highly appreciated by the Native and East Indian community, especially the poorer classes, whose calls for Medical relief have, it is stated by the Civil Surgeon, been daily increasing. The average number of Native applicants for Medical relief has more than doubled since 1852, though, as yet, no proper hospital accommodation is available.

3. It is observed that contributions from the Inhabitants to the extent of Rupees 3,387-4 have been promised towards the erection of a building. Of this sum Rupees 1,192-8 have been paid up, in addition to which, there is a monthly subscription of Rupees 46-12.

4. The condition prescribed by the Home Authorities on which Government aid may in such cases be granted, being thus in course of fulfilment, the Honorable the Governor in Council will be prepared to accord his sanction to the establishment of the proposed Dispensary, on the amount subscribed for being collected.

5. Enquiry will be made through the Department Public Works whether there be any building at Tellicherry that could be obtained for the purpose of the proposed Dispensary, and, if so, what would be its price and the cost of any necessary changes and adaptations. If there is none, a plan and estimate of a new building should be prepared. This should all be done in communication with the Zillah Surgeon.

6. The Collector of Malabar will report on the site to be given for the proposed Dispensary, if one is to be built, and the cost, if any, at which it can be obtained.

7. Rupees 1,192-8 of the expected contributions towards the construction of a building having, it is shown, been collected, the Sessions Judge will proceed to realize as much more of the subscriptions as he can.

8. The Director General, Medical Department, to whom the foregoing letter and its enclosure, together with these proceedings, will be communicated, will forward, for transmission to the Government of India, a Tabular Statement in the usual form for an Establishment for the proposed Dispensary.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Collector of Malabar.

„ Department Public Works.
„ Civil and Sessions Judge at Tellicherry.
„ Director General, Medical Department.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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