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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
24th October 1867.*

No. 541. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Public Department:—

Sanctioning a grant of Rupees 2,250 towards the }
erection of a building for the projected Dis- } (Here enter 16th October 1867, No. 1,284.)
pensary at Munjeri, in the Malabar District. }

No. 542. ORDER THEREON, 24th October 1867, No. 3,312.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 56.

Communicated to the Superintend-
ing Engineer of the 7th Division.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.
,, Controller of Public Works Accounts.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
16th October 1867.

Read the following papers:—

No. 167. From G. A. BALLARD, Esq., Collector of Malabar, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Calicut, 23rd August 1867, No. 98.

For some time previous to the 30th September 1864, there was a Civil Dispensary and Hospital at Malliappoorum in the Ernad Taluq of this District.

Government allowed Rupees 50 for dieting in-patients, and Rupees 21-8-0 for menial establishment, per mensem, besides providing a Dresser, medicines, &c.

About 698 cases were treated annually.

Annual average of 4 years preceding 1864.

PATIENTS.		
In.	Out.	Total.
132	566	698

The people about Malliappoorum are generally poor and ignorant, and when

Government resolved that Civil Dispensaries should be mainly supported by private funds, as the people were not willing to subscribe, the Civil Establishment was discontinued.

2. Since that time a Police Hospital has been kept up principally on account of the Police Reserve at Malliappoorum.

The Reserve, however, was abolished in September last, and the Police at Malliappoorum only number one Head and six Constables.

The Hospital is however maintained for the treatment of such sick Police as may require it, and of persons wounded in criminal cases, and for *post mortem* examinations.

But there is no provision for the treatment of miscellaneous sick.

The operations of the Hospital since September 1864 are noted.

Wounded cases sent by Police Officers and Sub-Magistrates of Ernad and Waluvanad Taluqs.	Average daily sick of wounded cases.	Dead bodies sent for <i>post mortem</i> examinations by Police Officers and Sub Magistrates of Ernad and Waluvanad Taluqs.
96	2	21

* T. Annachellam Pillay, 2nd Class Dresser. His pay is Rupees 21-8-0, and there is a Hospital Attendant on Rupees 5 per mensem.

3. I am informed by the Dresser* that he has 2 or 3 cases a month of fractures amongst the people about, which he attends gratuitously, but, having no medicines or funds for dieting in-patients, he is neither able to dispense medicines or give admission to in-patients. He tells me that if he had medicines and dieting

funds he could treat a large number of patients.

4. Munjeri, about 7 miles from Malliappoorum, is the Head Quarters of the Taluq of Ernad.

There is the Tahsildar's Cutcherry, Police Station with Subsidiary Jail and Lock-up, District Moonsiff's Court, a Rate School, and a large weekly Fair.

The road system of the Taluq, which is rapidly maturing, will undoubtedly lead to the rise of this place, as four main roads, all opened to carts within the last year or two, cross close to its bazaar.

The country around is not very populous or productive (as compared with the coast tract) but it is advancing. A large portion of the population are Moplahs, and the neighbourhood has been the scene of the most serious Moplah outrages. There is a good deal of endemic fever, and occasional epidemic small-pox and cholera.

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5. Whilst, therefore, much pecuniary support must not at first be expected from the people, I am sure the establishment of a Civil Hospital and Dispensary at Munjeri would be eminently useful, both to a large portion of the Ernad Taluq and to the adjacent portion of the Waluvanad Taluq.

A small Hospital might be built for Rupees 3000 or 3500.

I think about Rupees 750, more or less, might be raised by private contributions for the building.

I do not think that, at present, more than a small sum could be raised for periodical subscriptions, perhaps Rupees 25 to 30 monthly, or thereabouts. But if a Dresser and Attendant were allowed, and medicines supplied, this sum would be enough for the support of a few in-patients. Medicines might be dispensed; and in a few years, as the wealth of the neighbourhood increased, and the benefit of the Hospital became better known, more liberal support might confidently be looked for.

6. For the Police alone, Munjeri* would now be much more convenient a station for a Hospital than Malliappoorum. The increasing Forest Conservancy Establishment about Nelambur would also benefit.

* It is the Head Quarters of an Inspector and 16 men.

If Rupees 500 is allowed for a Police Ward in a new building, and Government is pleased to allow Rupees 2000 more towards the general building, I will undertake to raise not less than Rupees 750 by private subscription. The building might be completed in six months. The Police Dresser† and Attendant† might be moved to Munjeri, and medicines allowed for dispensing. Periodical subscriptions, as abovesaid, would be raised for current expenses of dieting, up-keep, &c., and a very great boon would be conferred on that part of the District.

7. I am aware that I ask rather more assistance than the general orders of Government allow; but the importance of encouraging resort to the European system of medicine has been impressed in several recent Government Proceedings, and what I propose would be a great and really appreciated blessing to the locality.

8. There is now a Civil Hospital and Dispensary in active operation at Goodaloor, South East Wynaad; one is sanctioned, and will be immediately commenced, at Vythery (South Wynaad); and I am about submitting, in communication with the Planters of North Wynaad, a proposition for the establishment of one at Manantoddy.

At Cannanore, medical advice is obtainable, but a Civil Hospital and Dispensary is wanted there, or at some place to the North.

There are now Civil Hospitals and Dispensaries at Tellicherry, Calicut, Palghat, and Cochin.

If others can be opened at (1) Badagherry or Quilandi; or between those places; (2) Ponani or Betutpudiangadi; (3) Wannienkollom, in the Waluvanad Taluq, close on the Railway; and (4) Chowghat, a glance at the map will show that, with the Hospital now proposed at Munjeri, the benefit of European medical treatment would be brought within moderate distance of almost every part of Malabar. I am making inquiries as to the prospects of private support at the respective places.

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I trust, if Government will show what I venture to term well-timed liberality on the present occasion, it will assist the accomplishment of the general scheme.

P. S.—The Superintendent of Police quite approves of the removal of the Police Dresser from Malliappoorum to Munjeri, if accommodation is provided at the latter place.

No. 168. From G. A. BALLARD, Esq., Collector of Malabar, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Calicut, 23rd September 1867, No. 107.

Adverting to my letter, of the 23rd August 1867, No. 98, I have the honor to state that I have received reports from the Tahsildars of Ernad and Waluvanad regarding the local support that may be expected towards the erection and maintenance of a Civil Hospital and Dispensary at Munjeri.

2. The Tahsildars report that about Rupees 750 and 500, towards erection of a building, and Rupees 25 and 15 per mensem for current expenses, may be expected from the Taluqs, respectively, at first, and that as the advantages become felt further contributions may be looked for.

3. I trust Government may see fit to pass favorable orders on the subject very shortly, in which case the Hospital may be built and opened before next monsoon.

No. 169. ORDER THEREON, 16th October 1867, No. 1284.

The Collector of Malabar points out that when the Dispensary at Malliappoorum was closed for want of local subscriptions, a Police Hospital was retained for the Police Reserve. This Reserve has been since abolished, and the Police Force now consists of only one Inspector and six Constables. Mr. Ballard recommends that the Police Hospital should be closed at Malliappoorum, and that a Dispensary should be established at Munjeri, the Head Quarters of the Taluq of Ernad, where there is a Tahsildar's Cutcherry, a Police station and Subsidiary Jail, a District Moonsiff's Court, Rate School, and a large weekly Fair.

2. Munjeri is likely to increase in importance. There is here a good deal of endemic fever, and occasional outbreaks of cholera and small-pox. A sum of 1250 Rupees could be raised locally towards building the Dispensary, and about 40 Rupees a month in subscriptions for current expenses, which latter amount would probably increase when the benefits of a Dispensary were experienced.

3. For Police purposes, namely, for an Inspector and 16 men, a Hospital is more required at Munjeri than at Malliappoorum, and the charge for a Police Ward may be set down at 500 Rupees, so that the Government contribution to the general building, estimated at Rupees 3500, would be 1750 Rupees. This, though a larger contribution than is usual, is, Mr. Ballard urges, justified by the peculiar circumstances of the Division; and a Dispensary at Munjeri would help to complete the general plan for affording medical aid which is being carried out in the Malabar District.

4. The Governor in Council accordingly sanctions a grant of Rupees 2250 towards the erection of a building for the projected Dispensary, including a Ward for the Police.

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5. On the completion of the Dispensary, the Police Dresser and Attendant will, as proposed, be transferred from Malliapporum to Munjeri, and the required supply of medicines will be furnished.

(True Extract).

G. P. Cantelmo
Chief Secretary.

To the Collector of Malabar.

- „ Inspector General, Medical Department.
- „ Accountant General.
- „ Inspector General of Police. ✓
- „ Public Works Department. ✓

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