

Public Works (1896) Department.

G.O., No. 2102 W

DATED 18 July 1896

[Despatch Abstract.]

Dispensary at Daggurata — Pro
Public Dept regarding the transfer of the
to local authorities, Communicated
to Suptg Engineer II Circle

To

Subject.

Requesting that Surgn. Genl
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

READ the following paper :—

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Letter from the Surgeon General ,
dated 13th May 1896, No. T/98.

ORDER .- No. 606, dated 10th June 1896.

The Surgeon General will be request-
ed to submit matured proposals on the subject, after consider-
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(True Extract)

W. D. Sullivan

For Chief Secretary.

To the Surgeon General.

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Copy of letter from the Surgeon General
dated 13th May 1896, No. 1198.

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4 I consider that it is absolutely necessary for a Dispensary to be maintained for the men employed in these works and that it is most advisable that it should remain on the same footing as it is whether situated at Duggirala or any other part selected by the Public Works Department in as much as the officer of the Public Works Department in charge must have a Medical Subordinate at his disposal that he can send for in emergencies. The likelihood of cholera breaking out at any time has also to be borne in mind and on such occurrence it would be extremely awkward to have to ask for the services of

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and assist the Civil Apothecary in charge taking charge especially of D.P. employees, both in and out-patients, but his main work would be amongst the cooly gangs all along the various canals.

By this arrangement he would be available for the whole District, the Municipality would gain the occasional services of another Medical subordinate, Government be saved the cost of the upkeep of a comparatively useless Dispensary and an attempt would be made to relieve the District of the constant source of danger which large gangs of Coolies, many of whom come from a distance, now present.

The Executive Engineer, Western Division, states that he would object to a transfer of the Dispensary to local authorities. This has not been suggested in this report so it is sent direct and the suggestions in it are being sent to the Executive Engineer for his opinion and forwardal.

Three recommendations of the District Medical and Sanitary Officer are under the consideration of the G. P. W. My recommendations are contained in paras 4, 5 & 6.

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