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Read the following papers:—

No. 9. To HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL,
Fort Saint George, &c., &c., &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY IN COUNCIL,

We, the undersigned Inhabitants of Wallajapett Taluq, heard with the greatest regret that the Civil Dispensary at Raneepeett, which was of great benefit to the sick poor, was closed under the instructions of the authorities. We were hitherto led to believe that it was founded upon Lungerkhana Funds and was self-supporting, independent of the medicines and services of the Dresser supplied by Government, and whether that it is true or not we have not the means of knowing. Sometime ago, we have subscribed about one thousand and five hundred Rupees to purchase and give a building for the Hospital; whether a suitable building is to be purchased, or erected, is a question which awaits the decision of the Collector. We, therefore, pray that the Governor in Council will be pleased to order the re-opening of the Dispensary at once, as it is our desire to raise a monthly subscription from among ourselves to meet the servants' wages, &c., provided the benefit of the Lungerkhana Funds is really closed against the poor of this and adjoining Taluqs.

For which act of kindness we shall, as in duty bound, ever pray.

WALLAJAPETT,
26th October 1864.

(Signed) M. BALAKISTNA ROW,
Hd. Clerk of the Hd. Asst. Colltr.'s Office, N. Arcot.
and others.

No. 2936 of 1864.

Referred to the Collector, for report upon the whole subject.

(By Order).

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
22nd November 1864.

(Signed) C. G. WALKER,
Under Secretary to Government.

No. 10. From J. D. ROBINSON, Esq., Collector of North Arcot, to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Penamuri, 23rd March 1865, No. 12.

* No. 2936 of 1864.

I have the honor, with reference to the endorsement on the accompanying petition,* to submit the report therein called for.

2. The Raneepeett Dispensary, to which the petition refers, was closed in October last, as no private subscriptions were forthcoming for its support. Petitioners pray that it may be re-opened as they are willing to subscribe towards its maintenance.

3. In the Proceedings of Government, dated 16th May 1854, No. 478, Public Department, sanction was given for the establishment of two Dispensaries, one at Arcot, and another at Vellore, to be maintained out of savings effected in the administration of the Lungerkhana benefactions established in the above named localities.

4. At that time, the cumulative savings of the Lungerkhana Funds amounted to Rupees 11,386; and calculating,* at the then prevailing prices of grain, it was

anticipated that a considerable surplus would annually accrue from the Lungerkhana Funds to meet the expenditure incurred in setting up these two Dispensaries, the annual cost of which was estimated at Rupees 2316 for the Arcot Institution, and Rupees 2460 for that at Vellore.

5. The Arcot Dispensary was opened in January 1855, and that at Vellore in June 1854, a great portion of the accumulated savings being expended in setting up both establishments. Shortly after their establishment, the price of rice began to rise, and the expected savings year by year dwindled away so steadily, that at the end of the official year 1859-60, not only had all the accumulated surplus been absorbed, but the expenditure had exceeded the available assets by Rupees 1253.

6. It was then resolved by Government to abolish the Lungerkhanas gradually, on the ground that the Dispensaries had been found to be the more useful form of endowment, and that the Lungerkhanas, as heretofore administered, encouraged fraud and mendicancy.

7. The Secretary of State for India was, however, averse to the abolition of the Lungerkhanas, and in his Despatch of the 8th May 1860, No. 31, directed that they should be continued on the scale of expenditure to which they had been limited in 1854-55, the Dispensaries being maintained at the same time on their then footing. The Government accordingly directed, in their Order of the 28th June 1860, No. 1069, Revenue Department, that these Dispensaries should be included in the list of Government Dispensaries, and should be reported on in common with them.

8. The annual sum allowed for the Lungerkhanas, under the orders above quoted, was 1200 for that at Arcot, and 4176 for the Vellore Institution, being 5376 for both. This arrangement, which commenced with the official year 1861-62, left free Rupees 4265-15-0 annually, for expenditure on account of the Dispensaries from that year.

9. The Order contained in paragraph 6 of the Proceedings of Government, dated 10th April 1861, No. 802, severed the connection of the Revenue authorities with these Dispensaries. Up to that time, it had been the practice to include them in the Report on the Lungerkhanas.

10. The expenditure in the Lungerkhanas continues still limited to the amount mentioned in paragraph 8. Meanwhile economy in the general management, and the economical operation of the other restrictive measures introduced by Mr. Bourdillon, have resulted in a considerable saving of the funds. The marginal statement shows the amount of these accumulations in each year, commencing from 1860-61. If to the aggregate amount be added the allotments set apart for the Dispensaries during the three past official years, we shall have a surplus of Rupees 18,818. Unfortunately, as a matter of account, it has been the practice to carry this surplus year by year to the credit of Government.

	Arcot.	Vellore.
	RS.	RS.
1860-61...	1,317	3,559
1861-62...	131	166
1862-63...	206	260
1863-64...	178	208
Total...	1,632	4,193
	60	20

11. As nearly as I can calculate, the average expenditure in each of these Dispensaries, exclusive of European medicines and professional attendance, has been Rupees 700 annually.

12. Thus the original amount set apart for the maintenance of these Dispensaries is, the Government will observe, quite sufficient to meet even the extraordinary charges of professional attendance, on a scale of 25 Rupees for a 2nd Dresser, and of an allowance of 50 Rupees to the Surgeon, as head money.

13. Under the circumstances above detailed, it seems to me incumbent on Government either to direct the refund of all surplus which has been carried in the interim to public credit, and to continue to the Dispensaries their former allotments, or, if that be considered inexpedient, that the original grant, viz., Rupees 9641-15-0 be again set free for annual expenditure, for the purposes of these Lungerkhana endowments. I need scarcely observe that this latter arrangement would

Letter to Board, 9th August 1860, No. 100.

be a retrograde movement. Mr. Bourdillon has so fully exposed all the weaknesses and evils of the system under which these charities were formerly administered, that there can be no question that the reform initiated by him, though in the outset not so successful from a financial point of view as was anticipated, is still a very substantial improvement on the system which it replaced, and, now that we have safe data upon which to resume action, that both Dispensaries should be resuscitated at as early a date as possible.

14. From the subjoined *enolozakes*, Government will learn that efforts have been made at Vellore and Wallajapet to get up a subscription list on behalf of the re-establishment of both Dispensaries, and with some success. My impression is that, were the temporary diversion of the Lungerkhana allotments at once stopped, and were these declared to be prospectively available, together with Intermediate arrears, for the purposes of the Dispensaries, the people would be willing enough to come forward with their private contributions. As it is, there is an apparent bad faith about the present aspect of matters, which must more or less repress any exhibition of public spirit in this direction. I anticipate no difficulty whatsoever in finding suitable accommodation at both places among the public buildings now standing idle; and if Government will be pleased to sanction a refund of arrears, and to declare the original allotments once more available, both Institutions might be revived at once, under a system of management which I could easily arrange, in concert with the Sub-Collector and Head Assistant located at Vellore and Raneepett, respectively.

Free Translation of Urzi from V. LUTCHMIA NAYADU, Tahsildar of Wallaja, to G. BAMBURY, Esq., Acting Collector of North Arcot; dated 22nd October 1864.

The Dispensary at Wallajapet was removed to Raneepett about two years ago. The removal, I am told, was occasioned by failure of the inhabitants of this place to contribute towards payment of the rent of the building occupied by the Dispensary. The merchants of the place have

NOTE.—Since sold to a Mr. Potter, and to be pulled down, I believe, for the material.

now raised subscriptions for the purchase of Mr. Bilderbeck's Bungalow*, for the use of the Dispensary, and have actually paid in Rupees 984, which is now in deposit in the Treasury. The

bungalow is not, in its present condition, worth Rupees 2000 (the sum asked for it by the owner).

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2nd October 1865.

and when purchased, it would require a further sum of Rupees 700 or 800 for its repair. I therefore, in my Urzi of the 11th July 1864, No. 85, proposed to Mr. Robinson the propriety of erecting in a proper locality at Wallajapet a new building for the Dispensary, but no reply has yet been received. Dresser Parthasardi Moodelliar told me yesterday that orders had been received from the Deputy Inspector General of Hospitals for closing the Dispensary at Raneepett, and they had accordingly been carried out. This is much to the misfortune of the people. This Dispensary has been opened by Mr. Bourdillon, the charge being met from the Lunkerkhana Funds. I have had no occasion to peruse the correspondence on the subject, and I am therefore unable to give any account thereof. The Board of Revenue have, as represented by Mr. Fraser, in 1862, recorded that cumulated savings from Lunkerkhana Funds were available for this Dispensary, and these Proceedings I perused a year ago in the Head Assistant Collector's office. Such being the case, I am unable to account for the abolition of the Dispensary at Raneepett. I respectfully request that you will at once give the subject your merciful consideration, and adopt proper measures for the continuance of the Institution.

(Signed) V. LUTCHMIA NAYADU.

(Free Translation).

(Signed) J. D. ROBINSON,

Collector.

From W. F. HATHAWAY, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector of North Arcot, to G. BANBURY, Esq., Acting Collector of North Arcot; dated Vellore, 29th November 1864, No. 427.

With reference to my letter, 215, of the 14th June last, I have the honor to inform you that I called a meeting of all the chief inhabitants of the place, for them to decide whether they wished to have the Civil Dispensary continued, by means of private subscriptions, or not.

2. I told them shortly how the matter stood, and left it to them to decide. I was surprised to find that they were very anxious to support it, and that they all at once came forward with subscriptions, many putting their names down at once for sums of 100 and 50 Rupees. Altogether a sum of 1100 Rupees odd has been subscribed.

3. However, as it has not yet been paid up, it will not do to be too sanguine. The people are aware of the advantages of a Dispensary, and, on the whole, are desirous that it should be continued; but I doubt whether it will ever be very cordially supported. There is no inclination to make use of it personally in case of illness, and it is looked upon as merely a relief for the perfectly indigent and destitute. This is the object most to be desired, viz., that the Institution should itself be popular and taken advantage of, as there is no intrinsic use in the mere subscriptions and the keeping on the Dispensary, if none are ready to make use of it. At present, in spite of the very large population of this town, the applications for relief are very few, and, on going there, one sees the whole building empty, except, perhaps, one or two patients at the most.

4. This is the thing that I am most anxious to remedy. I asked the Dresser whether he could not interest the people a little more in the Institution, and get them to make use of what they are willing to subscribe for; but I was told that he was unable to go amongst the people or speak to them about it, as he had always to be in attendance at the Dispensary itself. Seeing then that there was a Dresser attached to the Sub-Collector's office, who had nothing to do all the year round, except when in tents at Jummahbundy time, I told him also to attend at the Dispensary and assist the other Dresser, and see what he could do towards interesting the people in the matter; but I doubt whether he has sufficient energy to do much.

5. On the whole then, I should propose that the Civil Dispensary be continued for another year, by means of the present subscriptions, but that then it be closed, unless the books show a larger number of admissions, and a greater willingness on the part of the people themselves to take advantage of the benefit offered.

(True Copy).

(Signed) J. D. ROBINSON,

Collector.

2nd October 1865.

No. 11.

ORDER THEREON, 2nd October 1865, No. 1026.

The above letter is a report called for from the Collector of North Arcot upon a petition from certain residents of Raneepett, in that District, complaining of the closing of the Civil Dispensary there, and representing that the Dispensary had been originally instituted and supported from surplus Lunkerkhana Funds.

2. It appears that when the late Honorable East India Company took charge of the District of North Arcot, they found, at Vellore and Wallajapett, Lunkerkhanas which had been established by the Carnatic Government, and for which a yearly allowance was made. Feeling themselves bound by these obligations, they continued the charities by a yearly grant of Rupees 9641-15-0, and on this footing the Institutions continued for many years.

3. In 1854, it was found that the amount yearly granted was not expended, and the Government, respecting the obligation which by ancient prescription lay upon them, of expending the endowment for charitable purposes, sanctioned the establishment of Dispensaries at each of these places, out of the surplus funds, and allotted certain sums to be devoted to each of the four charities, two Lunkerkhanas and two Dispensaries.

4. It was subsequently brought to notice that there were no longer any savings available from the Lunkerkhana, owing to the enhanced price of grain, and the Government for some time paid larger sums for the support of the four charities, with the intention of eventually allowing the Lunkerkhanas to die out. The Secretary of State, in reviewing these proceedings, objected to this intention being carried out, stating that he was not "prepared to sanction even the gradual abolition of the "more ancient benefaction of the Lunkerkhanas," but sanctioned the division of the funds, in the proportion fixed by Government, between the two classes of Institutions. The Dispensaries having been for some time established, orders were given in 1860 (G. O., No. 1069, of the 28th June; Revenue) that they should be included in the list of Government Dispensaries, and be reported on with them. They thus became merged in the general list, and when, in 1863, orders were passed compelling the provision of local aid for the support of Dispensaries, the rule was applied to those Institutions, the fact being overlooked that they were on a footing essentially different from that of the other Dispensaries. This was not, however, forgotten in the neighbourhood, and the people, knowing that the Dispensaries were established from ancient endowments, objected to relieve Government from what they felt to be an obligation of weight, and, in consequence of no subscriptions being forthcoming, the Raneepett Dispensary was closed.

5. From the Collector's letter it appears that savings have been effected in the Lunkerkhana expenditure since 1860-61, and that the allotments, at the old scale, for the Dispensaries have not been spent for the last three official years, so that Government have saved an aggregate amount of Rupees 18,818, on the original Lunkerkhana endowment, since 1860-61. Mr. Robinson states that the annual cost of each of the Dispensaries does not exceed Rupees 700, and that the allotment of 1854 would provide, besides this, Rupees 25 per mensem for a 2nd Dresser, and the allowance of Rupees 50 for the Surgeon, and he strongly urges the immediate restoration of the Dispensaries, and restitution of the funds above adverted to, remarking that the apparent bad faith of the transaction represses any exhibition of public spirit. He says that there will be no difficulty in finding suitable buildings, and that he can guarantee good management.

6. The Government regret that the Dispensaries were allowed to be closed, without the circumstances of the Institutions being brought prominently before them, and consider that it now only remains that the earliest possible measures be taken for restoring the Establishments at Vellore and Rancepett, the latter being a more suitable station than Wallajapett. The Government sanction the annual payment of the allotments to Dispensaries which were made in the orders sanctioning their institution, viz., Rupees 2460 annually to Vellore, and Rupees 2316 to Rancepett. With reference to the re-payment of the arrears of Rupees 18,818, the Government would be glad to be informed of the purpose to which the Collector proposes to apply the amount, which has been carried to the credit of Imperial Funds.

7. The Revenue Board will resume their supervision of the working of the Institutions, as coming within the scope of Regulation VII of 1817.

8. Had they not been withdrawn from the Board's charge, by G. O. dated 28th June 1860, it is probable that the nature of their origin, as derived from an old charitable endowment of the former Native Government, would not have been left unnoticed, when their abolition was contemplated.

(True Extract).

Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Collector of North Arcot.

Principal Inspector General, Medical Department.

Revenue Department.

Accountant General.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

From

Raneeput Dispensary

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As this question is not a simple one, and as the prompt of ~~the~~ draft seems to be, at least open to question, I think it better to submit a Memorandum on the subject than to draft an order.

~~The~~ ^{the} Company taking an ancient Obligations, seem to have found Anglo pharmaceuticals established at Vellore & Walajahpet, and to have continued them by a speedy sanction of Rs 9648..15..0.

In 1854, it was found that the amount ~~of~~ ^{was} not expended,

ment of dispensaries at each place, out of the surplus funds, ~~distributed~~ and laid down certain sums to be devoted to each purpose, Zungkhana & dispensary - with the intention of eventually allowing the Zungkhana to die out. - The Secretary of State forbore this, not being prepared to sanction even the gradual abolition of the more ancient benefaction of the Zungkhana, but sanctioned the division of the funds as carried out by Govt between the two classes of institutions. -

It subsequently appeared that the savings from the Zungkhana funds were not continuing owing to the high price of grain, & Govt

for some time failed to advance amounts for the support of the five institutions (2 Zungkhana & 2 dispensaries) - The dispensaries were then advised to be reported upon with the rest of the Civil Dispensaries, & thus they became so merged in the general list that when orders were issued for compelling the local support of dispensaries, they were applied to these institutions - and the result has been that the people, who knew that the dispensaries were established for emergency relief, have objected to relieve Govt from what they felt to be an obligation of weight & consequently no subscriptions being forthcoming, Nampet

Dispensary was closed. — As I
drafted the order which directed
its being closed, I am in a position
to state that, ~~as~~ I did not know
the special circumstances of the
case, & the dispensary report made
no mention of them, the order was
issued by J. H. in ignorance (prae-
teritely speaking) of the points in
which these dispensaries differed
from the civil dispensaries generally.
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hause ~~expenditure~~ ^(at the old scale) since 1860-61
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\$25 for a 2^d dispenser, & \$50
for the surgeon — per manum —
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the areas above alluded to: —
Remarking that the apparent
lack of faith of the transaction
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no difficulty in finding buildings
for the purpose, and that he
can guarantee good manage-

ment. —

Under the view of the case
thus briefly put forward,
I should submit that Govt.
is ~~not~~, tho' not legally, certainly
morally, bound to continue the
endeavour for the benefit of
the neighbourhood — and, as
having been an unwitting
agent in directing the closing
of the dispensary, I trust I
may not be considered pre-
sumptuous in having thus
endeavoured to put the ~~case~~
before you for its true
light.

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C.W.

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Dated 23rd March 1868
No 12.
29/36 1/64
7th October 1864.

2. In his letter, in answer to a reference
made on a Petition from
certain inhabitants of Malley-
fist Pabey, the Collector of
North Arcot District, accepting
the circumstances under which
the Rancepet Dispensary
was closed under orders
of Govt. in 1862.

3. The previous history of the
connection between the Dis-
pensary and the Khans
in this District has been

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what was done, & the result of it. It was found that all the work of the Dispensary was done in a very haphazard manner. The accounts were not kept, and the money was not properly accounted for. The result was that the Dispensary was not able to keep its accounts, and the money was not properly accounted for. The result was that the Dispensary was not able to keep its accounts, and the money was not properly accounted for.

The Dispensary was closed, as was stated, for want of funds.

His Ex. in Council will be prepared to issue orders for the reopening of the Raneeple Dispensary, experimentally for one year, at the end of which time, unless satisfactory results, sufficient to defray all expenses, except those of medicine & attendance, have been made, the reasonable prospect of continuance. The Collector will be requested to carry out the arrangements further as suggested in his letter.

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E.M.C. 16th May 1854
No. 178.

Letter
To the Secy of Rev.
20th March 1854.

E.M.C. 6th March 1856.
No. 453.

From Secy of Rev.
To Secy of Govt. Dept.
23rd April 1856. No. 1212.

	Rs.
Estimated saving.	5110.3.4.
Actual saving.	1160.10.6.
Actual cost + dispensary.	5725.5.2.
Consequent deficit.	4564.10.8.

Memorandum

1. Government originally sanctioned the establishment of civil Dispensaries at Arcot & Villor on the understanding that the whole expenses, except cost of medicines, should be borne by the Langakthina Fund existing at those places. The then Collector of North Arcot reported that a considerable balance was already to the credit of these Langakthina Funds, & that a surplus might be expected in coming years.

2. The continuance, of high prices, however, caused a deficit in 1854-1855, in noticing it.

The Government preferred that while the charities of the Langakthina should be administered only to worthy recipients, the dispensary

Dispensaries, ^{should be} continued for the present.

3. The insufficiency of the amount available from

Pro. of Govt. 24 Sept - 4th Oct. 1859. No 70. para. 8.

From 1854 to 1857. the Langa Khana
 Available for Dispensaries } Rs. 8470.0.0 Fund to maintain
 from L.K. funds }
 Cost of Dispensaries. 17395.12.0 these Dispensaries
 Rs. 8925.1.0 was seen in

the reports for 1855-56. and 1856-57: And the Board decided on recommending that the Village dispensaries should be given up; the however Government did not consider desirable, and recommended that the expenses of the Langa Khana, as low valuable institutions, should be curtailed. [The Dispensary called the Great Dispensary we had been for some time at Wallajahpet was recommended to be removed to Rajahpet. at its place it had been at first established.] The

No 73. para 4.

Order. No 1322. 4th Sept 1859.

* of 8th May 1860. No 31.

C.M.L. 28th June 1860. No 1069.

Letter from

Pro: of Govt. 10th Apr. 1861. Rev. Dept. 5. No 158.

para 7.

* The amount available from L.K. funds } Rs. 4719.0.0
 Expended on Dispensaries. 4779.0.2

And it appeared that the amount of the savings

in the Langa Khana had very nearly defrayed the cost of the Dispensaries.

Order. No 802. 10th April 1861.

Government observed that these Dispensaries should no longer be reported on as attached to Langa Khana, and

4. The decision given in the order last quoted did not meet the approval of the Home Govt. and a ^{from} despatch dated the 1st of State directed that the Langa Khana sh^d. be continued as the expenditure to which they had been limited in 1854-55.

On receipt of this despatch the Dispensaries were included in the list of Govt. Dispensaries.

The Board of Revenue however included them in the Report of Langa Khana for 1859-60.

E.M.C. 11th Jan. 1862.
No. 79 & 80. Res. Deph

No.
* 1200 to Arch
4170 in detail

in the report of 1860-61, the
Langa Khana are reported on
alone & on the recommendation
of the Board of Revenue,
their allowances are fixed
at ~~5370~~ ⁵³⁷⁰ ~~lacs~~, and this sum
is sanctioned.

6. In March 1863, the Government
dispensary removal to Wallajahpet
was ordered in consequence
of subscriptions being not
incoming, ~~and on~~ ^{and on} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~Government~~ ^{Government} remarking that
no action had been taken in
the matter, recommended
it being closed. ~~and~~ The
Off. Insp. Genl. Medical Dep^t
accounted for the non removal,
& stated that the Institution
would be closed.

7. Certain Inhabitants of
Wallajahpet, expressed their
regret at the closing of the
Ranipet Dispensary &
from

Pro. of Govt. Public Dep^t
7th Oct. 1864. No 22 Para 24.

Pro. of Govt. Public Dep^t
No 174 & 175. 28th Oct. 1864.

Petition No. 2936 of 1864

To
Chief Secy. & Govt.
d. 23rd March 1865.
No 12.

* 1200
~~for~~ R. B.A. O.P.
for the Arch (Ranipet)
Dispensary
Pro. of Govt. 2240. Res. Dep^t
11th Jan. 4. 1862.

after subscriptions in the
case of its being reopened.

7. This petition was referred to
the Collector, who in
his report thereon points
out that the original
of ~~527600~~ ⁵²⁷⁶⁰⁰ ~~to the two Dispensaries~~
frank ~~of Ranipet~~
out of the surplus ~~(estimated)~~
Langa Khana ^{Funds} had been
carried to the credit of
Government, and should
either be continued to the
dispensaries or refunded
to the Langa Khana.
The Collector adverts to
the objections existing
to the latter plan, and
expresses a strong hope
that subscriptions will
~~be~~ ^{be} ~~is~~ ^{is} given readily
by the Funds of the Langa-
Khana ~~will~~ ^{be} made available
jointly with private subscriptions
for the purposes of the Institution,
& no longer diverted.
He also points out that the

original

Annual expenditure of the
Langakhana itself had been
Since the separation of the
dispensary and the Langakhana
considerably less than its income
and that there was a considerable
balance in hand after paying
over to Govt the amount
allowed by the order of
11th Jan: 52 for the dispensary.

P. The Arcot Dispensary
seems always to have
been an institution of
great benefit to the
inhabitants of the place,
and when in 1859, the
Board of Revenue advised
the abolition of one of these
two dispensaries for want
of funds, Vellore was
the one selected.

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read Letter from Ratanakrishna Bhowmik, 26. October 1865.

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/Here dated 23rd March 1865 No 12/

Order thereon 2nd October 1865. No 1026.

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for the support of dispensa-
ries, the rule was applied
to these institutions, the fact
being overlooked that they
were on a footing essentially
different from that of the
other dispensaries. This
was not however forgotten
in the neighbourhood, and
the people, knowing that
the dispensaries were deter-
mined from ancient En-
dowments, objected to re-
frain Government from what
they felt to be an obligation
of weight, and in consequence
of no subscriptions being
forthcoming, the Concept
Dispensary

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Dispensary was closed.
5- From the following letter
it appears that savings have
been effected in the Lungekhana
expenditure, since 1860/61,
and that the allotments at the
old scale for the dispensaries
have not been spent for the
last three official years, so that
Govt have saved an aggregate
amount of Rs 18,818 on the
original Lungekhana En-
dowment since 1860/61. Mr
Robinson states that the
annual cost of each of the
dispensaries does not exceed
Rs 700, and that the allotment
of 1857 would provide, besides
this, Rs 25 per dispensary for a
2^d doctor, and the allowance
of Rs 50 for the Surgeon, and
he strongly urges the im-
mediate restoration of the dis-
pensaries, and restitution
of the funds above adverted
to, remarking that the
apparent bad faith of the
transaction

transaction represents any
exhibition of public spirit.
He says that there will be
no difficulty in finding
suitable buildings, and
that he can guarantee
good management.

The Government regret
that the Dispensaries were
allowed to be closed, without
the circumstances of the in-
stitutions being brought
prominently before them,
and consider that it now
only remains that the earliest
possible measures be taken
for restoring the establishments
at Vellore and Raneepett,
the latter being a more suit-
able station than Wallajah-
pett. The Government
sanction the annual pay-
ment of the allotments to
the Dispensaries which
were made in the order
sanctioning

sanctioning their institution
viz Rs 24,60 annually to Vellore
and Rs 2316 to Raneepett.
With reference to the repayment
of the amount of Rs 18,518, the
Govt would be glad to be inform-
ed of the purpose to which
the collector proposes to apply
the amount which has been
carried to the credit of Impe-
rial Funds.

C.W.

In Lord's House
his supervision of the working
of the institutions, assuming
within the scope of Reg.
7. of 1817.

Had they not been
let down from the Rs 20
charge by S.D. of 28 June 1860
it is probable that the nature
of their origin - as derived from
an old charitable endowment of
the former native Govts. - would not
have been left unnoticed. Their
abolition was contemplated

the collector. Sub.
" Pl. Supp. Genl. Secy. Dept. } despatch
Revenue Dept }
Act. General - }

L.R.

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PROCEEDINGS OF GOVERNMENT.

October 1865.

With Memos attached

Passing orders on a report submitted by the collector of North Arcot upon a petition from certain residents of Rancepett in that District complaining of the closing of the Civil Dispensary there and representing that the Dispensary had been originally instituted and supported

supported from surplus Langerkhana Funds.

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