

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Public

DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	<i>10/4</i>	Press Mis.
Dated	<i>20-8-1967</i>	

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No. 132. Read the following letter from the Inspector General, Indian Medical Department, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Fort Saint George, 9th August 1867, No. 320.

With reference to paragraph 12 of the Order of Government, Public Department, No. 263, of 12th March last, I have the honor to report, for the information of Government, that Assistant Apothecary Chadwick, in Medical charge of the Civil Dispensary at Conjeveram, states that he endeavoured to rent a building as a Dead House, but that caste prejudice is so strong in the town, that, even with the help of the Tahsildar, he entirely failed in his object.

2. The practice of receiving dead bodies into one of the out-houses of the Civil Dispensary for examination, some of them from distances, and frequently four or five days after death, I consider to be decidedly injurious to the interests and usefulness of the Institution. The Dead House is not wanted for the Dispensary, but for purposes of Judicial investigation. I would, therefore, recommend that Government may be pleased to direct the Police Officer to have a Dead House erected on the outskirts of the town of Conjeveram.

No. 133. ORDER THEREON, 20th August 1867, No. 1014.

Communicated to the Public Works Department, in view to the necessary steps being there taken for the erection of a Dead House on some suitable spot, to be pointed out by the Collector, on the outskirts of the town of Conjeveram.

(True Extract).

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Public Works Department.

„ Collector of Madras District.

„ Inspector General, Medical Department.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL, INDIAN MEDICAL DEPARTMENT,

Fort Saint George, 9th August 1867.

From

The Inspector General, Indian Medical Department,

Fort Saint George.

To

The Chief, Secretary to Government, Public Dept.

Fort Saint George.

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Town of Conjiveraw

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Your most Obedt. servant

H. Mackenzie M.D.

Inspector General

Ind. Med. Depart.

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