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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
20th August 1867.

Read the following papers :—

No. 147. From the Collector of South Arcot, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Cuddalore, 17th July 1867, No. 36.

Some time ago my Sub-Collector, Mr. Hathaway, wrote to me, stating that the people of Chellumbrum (the Cusbah station of an important Taluq in this District) were desirous of organizing a Dispensary in their town, and it was added that 5000 Rupees had been subscribed towards the object.

2. The proposal is, that for the present the Dispensary should be simply experimental, and that every expense attending the organizing of the institution should be borne by the subscribers, Government providing only a Dresser and medicines. After the lapse of a year the institution is to be placed on a permanent footing, should experience justify the adoption of such measure.

3. From recent papers received from Government, I am apprehensive that, however disposed to supplement the efforts of the applicants, Government are not in a position to do so, and that there is no Dresser available to dispense medicines and to take charge of the proposed institution; but I may observe that the large town of Chellumbrum is a proverbially unhealthy place, and is at all times liable to outbreaks of epidemic disease, and cholera, fevers, &c., prevail there perhaps more frequently than in other parts; so that if it be in the power of Government to assist in the object as solicited, I do not think their help and support could be given to an object of the kind more really deserving of it, or where they would be more appreciated.

4. The subscriptions raised have been invested in the Savings' Bank at my instance, until the feasibility of establishing the Dispensary be finally determined.

5. I have thought it as well to submit, for the information of Government, the enclosed copies of correspondence* on the subject, which has passed between Mr. Hathaway and myself.

* From Sub-Collector, No. 189, dated 11th May 1867.			
To	do.	No. 423, dated 18th	do.
From	do.	No. 207, dated 22nd	do.
To	do.	No. 460, dated 25th	do.

From the Acting Sub-Collector of South Arcot, to the Collector of South Arcot; dated Chellumbrum, 11th May 1867, No. 189.

I have the honor to state that the people of Chellumbrum wish to organize a Dispensary for the use of that town, and have subscribed 5000 Rupees for the purpose.

2. I do not advocate the immediate expenditure of the subscriptions in erecting or purchasing a building as is often done, but I think it far better, in accordance with the wishes of the people, to make an experiment on a small scale at first, to see whether the people are really anxious to avail themselves of the advantages or not.

3. The mere fact of the money being raised is not a sufficient proof of this, as in too many cases it has happened that the people of the town, yielding to pressure more or less, have subscribed largely, and an expensive building has been obtained, but ultimately the people themselves have been found to be very backward in making any use of it, and have come to look upon it as a sort of charity for a few indigent Pariahs, or an occasional sufferer from a bad accident. This, I think, is a thing to be deprecated in every way; there is no intrinsic good in a mere Dispensary itself, it being only of use as a means to an end, viz., that of the superior medical treatment of the people, so that unless this takes place, the actual existence of the Dispensary is not a thing to be advocated in any way, but is a mere waste of valuable money that might be better employed.

4. It follows, therefore, that the primary requisite is not the money of the people for erecting a Dispensary, but the desire to make use of it when it is erected, and the matter, therefore, is

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Am. C. W. Steele Esq
Washington D. C.

To
Honble R. S. Ellis C.B.
U.S. Department of Commerce
Post Office
San Francisco

ORDER THEREON, 20th August 1867, No. 1021.

Some time ago my
bel. father Mr. Ballman
was here stating that the
people of the Township of
Crested Station of our Federal
Territory in this District were
desirous of forming a
Society in this town, and
it was ascertained that 5000 Repees
had been subscribed towards
the object.

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Chatham is a permanently
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*See list of letters
11:189 dated 11
May 1867.
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Yours truly
J. M. W. L. S. S.

South Carolina
Office
dated
17th July 1867

Charles Head
(Master)

Fort Saint George, 5th August 1864.

From

The Inspector General, Indian Medical Department,

Fort Saint George.

To

The Chief Secretary to Government, Public Dept.

Fort Saint George.

SIR,

In returning the correspondence referred with the Acting Under Secretary's docket of the 22nd ultimo, I have the honor to report, for the information of Government, that a 2nd Order and medicines, if Government desire, can be furnished for the proposed Civil Dispensary at Chidambaram, a Medical subordinate of that grade being added to the establishment.

2. Order Pungasawmy Moodilly, specially applied for to take charge of the Dispensary, is a 1st Order. His services can be granted, if Government is prepared to add a man to that grade.

3. I fully concur in the remarks made by Mr. Hathaway, in his letter No 189 of the 11th May last; as to the desirableness of renting a building in the first instance as an experimental measure.

I have the honor to be Sir,

Your most Obedt. Servant

J. Macleod

Inspector General, Indian Medical Department

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Reported to the Inspector, Indian Medical Department for report, as to whether the Services of a Dispenser can be made available for the proposed Dispensary at Chidambaram.

To the Inspector General, Indian Medical Department, Fort Saint George, 22nd July 1864. J. Macleod

Some notes: 1. The Chief Secretary to Government, Public Dept. 2. The Inspector General, Indian Medical Department, Fort Saint George. 3. The Acting Under Secretary, Indian Medical Department, Fort Saint George. 4. The Medical Subordinate, Chidambaram. 5. The Dispensary, Chidambaram. 6. The Order, Pungasawmy Moodilly. 7. The letter, No 189 of the 11th May last. 8. The remarks, as to the desirableness of renting a building in the first instance as an experimental measure.

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2 It is, however, proposed that, for the present, the Dispensary should be experimental, - the subscribers bearing the expense to be

incurred in organizing the Institution and the Govt. providing a Dreper and the necessary medicines, and that, should the trial after the lapse of a year justify the measure, the charity should be placed on a permanent footing.

3 The Collector, in supporting the project, observes that "the large town of Chellambam is a proverbially unhealthy place and is at all times liable to outbreaks of epidemic disease - and cholera, Typhus, &c. prevail there perhaps more frequently than in other parts." Of the advantage therefore of a Dispensary in so populous a town there can be no question. The Govt. accordingly approve of the proposal to hire a building for the purpose until it is ascertained whether the support promised to the Institution

Institution is given

4 In their separate Order of this date, ^{11/10/13} the Government sanctioned the addition to the Subordinate Medical Dept. of two second Drepers to be employed in the Bellary District. They now sanction a further addition to that Dept. of a Dreper of the same grade to be attached to the proposed Dispensary at Chellambam, and direct that the necessary application be made to the Government of India in the Military Dept.

5 The Inspector General, Medical Dept., will issue instructions for the supply of the requisite medicines as soon as a suitable room for it has been set apart in the building to be engaged for the Institution in question.

To the Collector of South Arcot }
To the Ins. Genl. Med. Dept. } despatch
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