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Government of Madras.

*Public* DEPARTMENT.

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No. 19. Read the following letter from the Inspector General, Indian Medical Department, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Fort Saint George, 16th October 1867, No. 400.

I have the honor to report, for the information of Government, that I have received a communication from Mr. Chester, a Member of the American Madura Mission, in which he solicits some help from the State towards the support of a Dispensary established by him at Dindigul.

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3. Mr. Chester states that since the 1st of January 1865, 10,700 persons, coming from upwards of 400 different villages, have been treated at his Dispensary; that during the first eight months of the current year he had over 4000 cases; and that the number of applicants increases each year.

4. The expenses incurred by Mr. Chester for service and medicines last year were a little over 700 Rupees, and he reckons that they will be more this year, by about 200 Rupees.

5. In addition to this, he is now supporting a Native woman, who is being educated at the Lying-in-Hospital at Madras, and on her return, in a few months hence, he purposes to add one or more rooms to a building he now uses for in-patients, for the purpose of receiving Midwifery cases.

6. The work above detailed has been carried on by Mr. Chester almost entirely at his own cost, and his income as a married Missionary is, exclusive of a house free of rent, less than 200 Rupees a month. The Mission, having a Dispensary of its own at Madura to support, can give him little assistance; and his applications to friends, both in America and in this country, for aid, are constantly met by the question 'why do you not ask Government to help you?'

7. The only help he has hitherto had has been afforded him by the Sub-Collectors of the District, Mr. Vans Agnew and Mr. Arbuthnot, who have placed the services of the Medical subordinate attached to their establishment at his disposal when not otherwise needed, and that this aid might be more effectual, the late Principal Inspector General, Dr. Shaw, appointed a 2nd Dresser to Dindigul in lieu of a 3rd Class Hospital Assistant.

8. There is no Government Dispensary nearer to Dindigul than Madura, a distance of 38 miles, and Mr. Chester states that even in serious cases the villagers are unwilling to go so far from home.

9. Under all the circumstances above stated, it seems to me evident that there is an ample field for a Dispensary at Dindigul; and it is probable that, but for Mr. Chester's charitable undertaking, Government would have been asked to aid in the establishment of such an institution at a much greater cost than would be incurred by helping the one already in operation.

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5th November 1867.*

10. Mr. Chester seems to have established a fair claim to the field of operations he occupies; his charitable labors have gained the confidence of the Native community; and to enable him to carry on the good work he has so successfully begun, I would respectfully solicit that Government may be pleased to sanction the issue to him, on Indent, of medicines and instruments gratuitously, as in the case of public institutions of the same kind, on the condition that he shall furnish an annual Report of the working of his Dispensary.

No. 20. ORDER THEREON, 5th November 1867, No. 1380.

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(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Inspector General, Medical Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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Dated 6<sup>th</sup>

*of November 1867*

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