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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
27th November 1867.*

No. 179. Read the following letter from ^{J. S. Robinson Esq.} the Collector of North Arcot, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Chittoor, 16th October 1867, No. 70.

In forwarding the accompanying copy of a letter* from my Acting Head Assistant, Mr. Lee Warner, I have the honor to observe that I quite concur with him in opinion as to the present anomalous

* Dated 5th October 1867, No. 379.

position of Dr. Scudder. At the same time it must be admitted that the arrangement has not been long on trial, and Government may not, therefore, see reason to place it on any more definite footing than as a tentative and experimental measure. I may mention, however, that the difficulty regarding occasional absence has already arisen, as Dr. Scudder was obliged to leave the management of the district in the hands of his brother for several months, owing to the dangerous illness of his wife. The arrangement then was a purely private one between the brothers, and no leave of absence was either sought or granted. I have thought it desirable to place the matter before Government, in order that they may, in consultation with the Inspector General of the Medical Department, pass such orders as may be considered necessary.

From J. LEE WARNER, Esq., Acting Head Assistant Collector of North Arcot, Ranipet, to the Collector of North Arcot; dated Ranipet, 5th October 1867, No. 379.

I have to request your opinion on the advisability of laying the question of Dr. Scudder's position, *quasi* Government public servant, before the Government. Dr. Scudder's position at the head of the Ranipet Dispensary is at present a most anomalous one. He is subject at once to two masters. His own inclination is to remain at Arcot and serve the Government in the Dispensary where he has a large number of patients monthly, but Government refuse to allow him to frank letters on Public Service, his certificates are frequently returned by Boards in Madras as worthless, and he has no salary. He, therefore, is unable to separate himself from his second master, the Arcot Mission, who may at any time ask him to leave his work here to go to visit a patient up-country. On these occasions he will leave the Dispensary in charge of the Dresser. The Dresser is luckily a very intelligent and experienced Apothecary; but there is a prejudice against leaving the whole arrangements in his hand, and also as I am not supplied with any other Dresser, I should have no hesitation to desire the use of his services wherever I might be—in my camp, away from the station, if cholera broke out violently; therefore the Dispensary should not be left entirely in charge of the Dresser. Dr. Scudder being scrupulous and much attached to the work of the Dispensary in which he has been hitherto very successful, as is shown both in the increased numbers and speedier convalescence of his patients, is very willing to be on the spot always; but if he wants leave of absence there is no rule to whom he should apply for it, and he can leave the place, making any arrangement he likes for the performance of the work, without even reporting the matter to the head Civil authority. I think myself that the sooner Dr. Scudder's position is cleared up, in a regular ruling of Government, the better; and if he is to be considered a public Officer, I see no reason why he should not be allowed to frank his own service letters without sending them to me, and why he should not always be bound to report any occasional absence to some superior Officer at the station, whether it be myself or the Cantonment Staff Officer. I have spoken to Dr. Scudder on all these points, and I am confident that he too would like to have his position and his duties definitely determined, in so far as he is, and is not, a public servant under the control of certain rules, as to applications for leave, and absence from duties and other privileges.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
27th November 1867.*

No. 180. ORDER THEREON, 27th November 1867, No. 1480.

With reference to the letter above recorded, the Governor in Council requests that when Dr. Scudder absents himself from Ranipet for several days at a time, he will report to the Civil Officer in charge of the station, and to the Inspector General, Medical Department, the arrangements he has made for the charge of the Ranipet Dispensary during his absence.

2. Dr. Mackenzie is requested to inform Government whether he sees any objection to Medical Certificates granted by Dr. Scudder being received in the same manner as those granted by Medical Officers in the service of Government.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Collector of North Arcot.

„ Inspector General, Medical Department.

Ed. J. Tulloch.

Public Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter *from the*

Collector of North Arcot

Recd. Ltr. 16th October 1867.

(Order thereon 27 Nov. 1867 No. 1480.)

With reference to the letter above recorded the Governor in Council directs that when Dr. Scudder absents himself from Ranipet, he will report to the civil officer in charge of the station, and to the Inspector General Medical Department the arrangements he is preparing to make for the charge of the Ranipet Dispensary during his absence.

for several days at a time,

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in the Service of Government.

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To the Collector of A. Creek
Superior Ind. Med. Dept.

Public Department.

Memorandum.

On Dr. Scudder's Dispensary.

In compliance
Dr. Scudder's proposal, the
Government, in July 1866,
directed that the Indis-
pensary at Rainett, which
was supported by the Lun-
gerkhana funds, should be
closed and that a moiety
of those funds should be
made over to Dr. Scudder
towards the maintenance of a
similar Institution which he
proposed to re-establish at
Aroet, the Dispensary formerly
there in operation under his
own and his brother's manage-
ment having been closed
consequently upon the
drawal of funds from them
during the war.

Subsequently, on
Dr. Scudder's representation
that the funds placed at

his disposal were insufficient
for the general purposes of
the Institution, the Govt.
authorized, as a temporary
measure, and pending the
establishment of a Dispensary
at Pootattum (a project
which the Collector had
in contemplation) the payment
to Dr. Scudder of the re-
maining moiety of the Lun-
gerkhana funds.

The sum thus placed
at Dr. Scudder's disposal
is Rs. 2,3/6 per annum -
he receives, however, no
salary from Government. The
object of the present reference
from the Collector is to
elicit the views of Govt.
as to Dr. Scudder's position,
connected as he is with an
Institution towards the
support of which large funds
are entrusted to him.

G.O. 1st March 1867 N. 225

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PROCEEDINGS OF GOVERNMENT.

Under a Memorandum.

Dated *27th* *September* 1867

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asked whether there is any other
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