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1st March 1867.*

No. 3. Read the following letter from ~~the~~ Collector of North Arcot, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Chittoor, 12th November 1866, No. 71.

I have the honor to enclose a demi-official letter from Dr. S. Scudder, bringing to my notice the inadequacy of the allowance placed at his disposal for the purposes of the Civil Dispensary at Ranipett which was transferred to his management in Proceedings of Government, dated 20th July last, No. 729, Public Department.

2. Dr. Scudder states his case so fully in his letter, that I may allow it to speak for itself.

3. I had an opportunity of inspecting this Establishment a week ago, and was much gratified with all I saw and learned of the mode in which it is conducted. The stock of medicines and Surgical instruments contributed by Dr. Scudder is very vastly superior to anything I have ever seen in such Establishments up country, and the building itself is so spacious and admirably adapted to its purposes, that I could only regret that so much power for good should be lost, owing to the inadequacy of the resources which set it in motion. Dr. Scudder evidently takes the liveliest interest in his undertaking; and, with his high professional reputation, all that is required to make of the Ranipett Civil Dispensary a model Establishment of the kind is that the allowance assigned to it should be more commensurate with its field of operations.

4. There still remains, as Government are aware, an unappropriated moiety* of the old allowance assigned from local funds to the Establishment under its former organization. With this moiety,

* Rupees 1158.

it was proposed to endow partly a Civil Dispensary to be established in Gudiattum. The people of Gudiattum, have only recently subscribed largely to a new school (which I hope to see shortly in activity), and are not, as I could gather from inquiries I made when lately on the spot, inclined to support any fresh project until the times have bettered. I, therefore, think it would be a great pity, under all the exceptional circumstances noted by Dr. Scudder, to circumscribe the usefulness of the Establishment at Ranipett, by withholding from it the other moiety of the old allowance in favor of a project which will certainly not be matured for months to come.

5. I trust, therefore, that Government will, in consideration of the difficulties described by Dr. Scudder, see fit to place at his disposal, for the current expenses of the Ranipett Establishment, the moiety of the allowance from Lungerkhana Funds which would have been available for its support had it remained on its original footing.

6. I would respectfully solicit the early instructions of Government on the reference which I now make to them.

7. I have another letter of Dr. Scudder's lying by me, transmitting an indent for some additional Hospital stores and furniture, and asking permission to make certain petty repairs to the main building and out-houses which we agreed in conference to be necessary. I do not trouble Government on this point, as, in the event of their being pleased to place the other moiety of the allotment at our disposal for the general purposes of the Institution, I should at once make arrange-

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ments with Dr. Scudder as to what portion of the additional allowance should be applied for the purchase of stores, and repair and white-washing of buildings.

From the Reverend S. D. SCUDDER, M.D., in charge of Ranipett Dispensary, to the Collector of North Arcot; dated Ranipett, 8th November 1866.

Allow me to call your official attention to a subject which, for some time, I have desired to lay before you, and which I trust you will deem worthy of serious consideration.

No one can know better than yourself the fearful results produced by the late famine. Permit me to refer to one or two of these as bearing upon the subject I wish to present.

I. The enormous prices of all articles of food have so greatly increased the expenses connected with the internal economy of the Hospital under my charge that it was with the greatest difficulty I have met them, being able to do so, indeed, only by largely supplementing from private funds the allowance granted me by Government. I had hoped that the Government allowance would cover all expenses connected with the internal economy of the Establishment, exclusive, of course, of medicines, instruments, furniture, &c. So far, however, there has been a large deficit each month. The amount expended for diet and servants alone, for the month of September, was Rupees 136-12-11. The Government allowance is Rupees 96-8-0. The deficit, therefore, amounted to Rupees 40-4-11. For the month of October, Rupees 134-14-6 were expended, leaving a deficit of Rupees 38-6-6. These deficits I was obliged to make up from private funds. Although such large sums were expended, I was able to keep an average of but twelve (12) in-patients. This does not supply the need of the District.

II. I could keep a much larger number of in-patients—indeed, I could very soon fill the Hospital; but, to do this, I must draw too largely upon my private funds (Rupees 3400) which are set apart for medicines, instruments, &c., the main expenses of a Dispensary and Hospital. The number of out-patients in daily attendance is large and constantly increasing. The amount of medicines, &c., used is enormous. I, therefore, need all my private funds for these purposes, and I must maintain a proper balance.

III. The need of so large a District as this cannot, of course, be supplied by a Hospital in which so small an average number of in-patients may be kept. Yet, this average is as large as when the Government Apothecary, Mr. Boon, was in charge, although the allowance then granted for the internal economy of the Hospital was just double, and the prices of provisions very much smaller. If the allowance granted me could be increased, I should then be able to keep a larger number of in-patients. I would remind you of the very large population about us: of the three large cities, Wallajapetta, Arcot and Ranipett, all dependent upon this one Hospital. I would also, remind you of the GREAT INCREASE OF ALL KINDS OF DISEASE, not the least of the many dreadful results of the famine! The need is much greater than formerly: there are many more applicants for admission into the Hospital. The whole amount I have under my control for the purposes of this Dispensary and Hospital is large, very large, yet I cannot receive all who apply. I expend between five and six Rupees per day. This is entirely exclusive of medicines, instruments, &c., &c., which, as I have before stated, are the great expenses of a Dispensary and Hospital. I think I can safely say that I could profitably expend between eight and ten Rupees daily, and thus be able to admit into the Hospital all the needy of this large District who apply.

IV. I would, therefore, humbly request that you would kindly take this matter into careful consideration, and, if you deem fit, lay it before Government, with your recommendation that, in view of the famine prices, the large increase of disease, and the great need of this unusually large District, the allowance now granted this Institution of Rupees 96-8-0 should be increased.

P.S.—I would mention that many have applied at this Hospital who do not belong to the District, from Gudiattum, South Arcot, and other places even further distant.

No. 4. ORDER THEREON, 1st March 1867, No. 225.

The Governor in Council has perused with much gratification the very favorable report made in the foregoing letter on the Dispensary under Dr. Scudder's

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management at Ranipett, and he resolves to comply with Dr. Scudder's application for an additional grant, in so far as to authorize, as a temporary measure, and pending the establishment of a Dispensary at Gudiattum, the payment to Dr. Scudder of the remaining moiety of the allowance of Rupees 2316 originally sanctioned for the maintenance of a Dispensary at Ranipett. It is to be distinctly understood that the arrangement is strictly temporary, and that the establishment of a Dispensary at Gudiattum is not to be lost sight of.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Collector of North Arcot.

„ Principal Inspector General, Medical Department.

„ Accountant General.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

Pro 20 July 1866 No. 111/413.

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From Mos. 1 March 67.
J. D. Robinson Esq.
Collector of Mos.

To
The Honorable
A. J. Arbuthnot
Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort St. George

Dated 12th November/66
Received by —

No 1483. No 41.
Representing that the
allowance placed at
the disposal of Mr. S.
Secunder for the
purposes of the Civil
Dispensary at Rangoon
is inadequate & soliciting
Orders on the subject.

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3.

The Govt. in their order 2nd October 1865
Public Dept. directed that the
dispensaries should be reestablished at
Vellore and Ranipett, sanctioning
^{annual} an allotment of Rs. 2460 to Vellore
and Rs. 2316 to Ranipett, to be
paid from the savings of the Lunge-
khana funds, as had been originally
sanctioned in 1854.

2. On the 1st December 1865 the Dis-
pensary at Ranipett was re-
established.

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3. In complying with Mr. Scudder's
request, the Govt. directed that
the Ranipett Dispensary should be
closed, and stated that they
would submit to Mr. Scudder
for certain purposes and on
certain conditions one half
of the amount hitherto devoted
to the maintenance of the
Ranipett Dispensary - i.e.
 $(2316 \div 2 =) 1158$ per
annum or 96.8 per
messon.

4. There is the sum available from
the savings from the Lungekhana

find the other moiety of
1158. Rupees.

This, exclusive of the arrears
of Rs. 18,818, with reference
to the repayment of which
the Collector was requested
to state his views.

over 2nd Oct 1875

Mr. Scudder was very strong on
the point of asking no pecuni-
ary assistance whatever
from Government, in his
letter of the 12th April 1866.

The Board of Rev. ~~has been~~^{was}
ordered of 2nd October 1866
above referred to, to resume
superintendence of the two
Dispensaries at Vallik and
~~that~~^{Rampelt} but the latter is
now on a different footing -
as the Dispensary receives
grainy assistance from
Govt. it is doubtful whether
it is intended still to
maintain under the Board
under Reg. VII. of 1817.

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To the Collector of South Coast.
Principal Insp. Fred. Deane }
Accountant General }
Board of Revenue - despd 28/11/18

Recd 9/12.

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No. 2257

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Dated, 1st March 1867.

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With a Memo attached.

Sanjiv Lal Choudhary
The undersigned is
of Rajmohar, near the
Karnal, and is now
for a short time at
given to the Choudhary.