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Government of Madras.

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No. 43. Read the following letter from A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., Collector of Bellary, to the Assistant Secretary to Government, Legislative Department, Fort Saint George; dated Ramandroog, 20th May 1867, No. 595.

I have the honor to request that the following subject may be taken into consideration.

The want of a law for the continuation of charitable Institutions, by enforcing the payment of the subscriptions of those who have agreed to support such Institution, appears to be much felt.

2. It is stated by the Committee of the Bellary Dispensary that no law at present affords a remedy.

3. A permanent Institution for the relief of distress is not less deserving of the support of the law, than an agreement among persons to open and support a school, which agreement, after certain formalities, is held to be binding on the people, and the amount fixed by their agreement is leviable by distress.

4. As the Committee of the Bellary Dispensary have particularly requested me to bring the matter before the Legislative Council, I have the honor to do so.

5. The proposal is entirely a Native one. It is contrary to European ideas of voluntary charity that subscriptions should be collected by legal process, but the influential Native Committee of the Bellary Dispensary may be presumed to know the character of their countrymen, and what steps are most likely to be effectual in upholding so important an Institution as a Public Dispensary.

I enclose, to be returned, the Minutes of the President of the Sub-Committee of Management, and the Proceedings of the Native Committee, dated 9th, 16th, and 25th March 1867, and 1st and 3rd April 1867, and 2nd and 11th May 1867.

I have drafted a sketch Act to meet the proposal.

Act for providing for the permanent support of Dispensaries and Hospitals.

Whereas, in various places, Hospitals and Dispensaries are established by joint consent of the subscribers, but, in consequence of delay in payment of some of the subscribers, the proper support of the said Hospitals or Dispensaries is endangered, and either the Institution fails of its effect, or has to be supported at an undue cost, and undue liabilities are incurred by the other subscribers: it is hereby enacted that after a Hospital or Dispensary has been established by public subscription of a certain annual or other periodical amount, all subscribers not giving a year's notice of their intention to withdraw from the support of such Institution shall be deemed to have consented to support it, and their subscriptions may be recovered by the Committee of Management, or by the Secretary, in the same manner as arrears of school subscriptions are recovered."

No. 44. ORDER THEREON, 6th June 1867, No. 627.

The Government are not prepared, without further information and consideration, to sanction legislation on the subject referred to in the foregoing letter.

2. The case of a school established under the Education Act is not analogous to the case of a Hospital supported by voluntary subscriptions. In the one case, a

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rate is imposed on all householders in a particular place, on application from the majority for the imposition of such rate. The enforcement by legal process of the voluntary subscriptions of individuals is a different matter, and is a measure which it is to be apprehended might have the effect of diminishing, rather than increasing, the resources of Institutions maintained by such subscriptions.

3. Mr. Wedderburn will have the goodness to inform Government of the amount of subscriptions to the Bellary Dispensary which have remained unpaid by subscribers.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Collector of Bellary, with enclosures, returned.
,, Inspector General, Medical Department.

Ed. J. H. Burns.

No 595

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Ramandroog, 20th May 1887.
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To the Secretary to the
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A. H. Brown
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Subscriptions

Ed. J. Narasany
at Bangalore

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22 May 1867.

Order thereon. N^o. 627 of 6th June 1861

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Collector of Bellary ^{with enclosure}
Chief Civil Medical Officer ^{returned} } despd 12/6
District Surgeon

which has been
sent to the
Hon. Secy to Govt.

It is necessary to be aware of the fact that the amount of the subscription is not the same as the amount of the contribution.

Kelany Infirmary

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No. 627

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Dated: 6 June 1867

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