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Read the following papers :—

No. 102. From the Collector of Tanjore, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Tanjore, 23rd March 1867, No. 201.

I have the honor to submit, for the favorable consideration and orders of Government, the accompanying letter from my Acting Head Assistant, Mr. Crole, dated 5th instant, No. 44, reporting that the sum of Rupees 20,000 has been collected for the support of the Civil Dispensary at Tranquebar, and proposing the establishment of two branch Institutions at Mayaveram and Sheally.

2. The Dispensary at Tranquebar was established upwards of five years ago by the joint exertions of Mr. Clarke, the Civil and Sessions Judge, and Dr. Joseph, the Medical Officer then in charge. The amount of subscriptions then collected towards permanently endowing the Institution amounted only to Rupees 1835, and was deposited in the Agra and Masterman's Bank. The interest on this capital, added to the monthly subscriptions collected in the town of Tranquebar, yielded at first an income of Rupees 50 to 60 per mensem, and barely sufficed to cover the expenditure for dicting, perishable articles, servants' wages, and other contingencies. The monthly subscriptions have, however, since that time very much diminished, and the money invested has been lately placed in jeopardy by the late failure of the Agra and Masterman's Bank.

3. The above circumstances were brought to my notice in November last by Dr. Duckworth, who furthermore mentioned that a sum of about Rupees 20,000 was necessary to make the Institution permanent and self-supporting.

4. On receipt of Dr. Duckworth's letter, I at once placed myself in communication with my Head Assistant, and by his endeavours, as well as those of his Tahsildars, I am happy to be able to report that the sum of Rupees 20,000 has been collected in the two Taluqs of Mayaveram and Sheally. This sum will be formed into a fund for the maintenance of the Tranquebar Dispensary by investing it in Government paper, and the interest due thereon at 5 per cent., viz., Rupees 1000 per annum, or a little more than 80 per mensem, will, it is hoped, prove sufficient to cover all the ordinary expenses of the Institution.

5. The present Dispensary is held in a Government building within the Fort of Tranquebar, but besides its being situated in a crowded part of the town, the accommodation it affords for the reception of in-door patients has been found very inadequate. It has, therefore, been suggested that a new building should be erected in a convenient spot outside the Tranquebar Fort, and a sum of Rupees 5800 is already available for that purpose, which, added to the further amount promised to be collected by Mr. Clarke, will be quite sufficient for building a new Dispensary.

6. The foregoing is a short statement of what has taken place in this matter, but my chief object in addressing Government is to bring prominently to their notice, and to request their sanction to the proposition of Mr. Crole, that two minor Dispensaries should be established at Mayaveram and Sheally. These towns, as the Government are aware, are each about 20 miles distant from Tranquebar, and in the Taluqs to which they belong there are also many hundreds of other villages far more remote. The Dispensary at Tranquebar, therefore, will be practically of little use to the majority of the inhabitants of these Taluqs. To meet the wants of these

people, Mr. Crole has therefore promised to the subscribers that he will use his best endeavours towards having these branch Institutions established. He furthermore states that his promise "must be considered to some extent the cause of the generous manner in which all classes have responded to the call." The Government will therefore, I trust, see no objection towards granting the aid asked for, which consists of a Hospital Assistant and medicine for Mayaveram, and a Dresser and medicine for Sheally.

7. In the town of Mayaveram there is already a Government building available for a Dispensary, which, with the Dresser who belongs to the Head Assistant's office, will, as a general rule, meet all the requirements of that place. As this Dresser, however, will have to leave the station when that Officer is on circuit, I beg to support Mr. Crole's recommendation, that an Hospital Assistant should be appointed in addition to assist the Dresser generally, and to take charge of the Dispensary in his absence.

8. There is no building available for a Dispensary at Sheally, but till a suitable one is built a house may easily be rented. One Dresser will be quite sufficient for this town. As for funds for building a Dispensary at Sheally, as well as other minor expenses, there is a surplus of Rupees 2671 in hand, which Mr. Crole considers to be more than sufficient to meet all the ordinary and contingent charges.

9. Under the foregoing circumstances, therefore, and considering that the Mirasidars of these two Taluqs have contributed so liberally for the main Dispensary at Tranquebar, from which most of them can derive little or no personal benefit, I beg most strongly to recommend that the Government will be pleased to approve and sanction the permanent appointment of a Hospital Assistant, with sufficient medicines at Mayaveram (in addition to the Head Assistant Collector's Dresser), as also of a Dresser with medicine at Sheally.

From C. S. CROLE, Esq., Acting Head Assistant Collector of Tanjore, to the Collector of Tanjore; dated Edamandal, 5th March 1867, No. 44.

With reference to your letter, No. 1369, dated the 8th December 1866, I have the honor to inform you that, agreeably to the wish therein expressed, I have, during the last six weeks, effected a collection of Rupees 20,000 for the support of the Civil Dispensary at Tranquebar; of this sum, Rupees 8000 now lies in deposit in the Taluq Treasury of Sheally, and Rupees 12,000 in that of Mayaveram. The amount now collected will be found to be the sum which the late Civil Surgeon considered to be requisite for all the needs of the Institution in question. But as a scheme for the erection of a new building, beyond the limits of the Fort of Tranquebar, is also contemplated, I have deemed it desirable, with a view to the right appropriation of the subscription, and the prevention of an expenditure on building disproportionate to its resources, to separate entirely the "supporting" from the "building" funds. This I intend to effect by devoting the whole amount raised within five miles of Tranquebar to the latter purpose alone, and it would seem but just that the population within that radius, and who alone can reasonably be expected to avail themselves of the proposed accommodation, should subscribe for it.

2. Generally speaking, none but paupers come from the other villages in these Taluqs to Tranquebar Dispensary, first, because the rich Mirasidars of the upper part of the Delta will not enter its walls as patients; and, secondly, because the climate of Tranquebar is considered by all obnoxious to health.

3. Under these circumstances, it would have been impossible for me to have raised the large amount shown above had I not been able to propose to the subscribers a scheme calculated to eliminate their objections to aiding an Institution which they all desire, but which, in the loca-

lity in which it will be necessary to place it, is not of the slightest service to them. That plan is as follows, and a promise to do my utmost to carry it out must be considered to some extent the cause of the generous manner in which, all classes have responded to the call.

4. Every day more and more convinces the Natives of this District of the benefits arising from European science and English skill. The present movement is the result of that conviction. They desire, in fact, to have the blessing at their doors; and it is certainly our duty to do every thing to encourage any movement in this direction. It would be futile to conceal the fact, that this object would be utterly frustrated by placing all medical aid and utilising the subscribers' funds at Tranquebar alone. I therefore proposed to them that the large Hospital for the treatment of serious cases, and for the reception of in-door patients, should be allowed to remain at Tranquebar as before, but that two minor Dispensaries, each supplied with an experienced Dresser—not merely an Hospital Assistant—should be established at the Kasba town of Mayaveram and Sheally. This proposition was received with open arms.

5. There exists already at Mayaveram a Government Dispensary which, if a proper Dresser is attached to it, will entirely meet the wants of that place. The Head Assistant's Dresser, when he gets one, might, if that Officer is not on circuit, attend to it. I would propose the addition of an Hospital Assistant to take charge in his absence.

6. As to Sheally, a house may be bought or rented as a Dispensary, and we must look to the Government to supply a Dresser there. It is a town which at all seasons of the year is subject to visitations of cholera, and is, besides, the residence of many of the largest subscribers to the fund.

7. To meet the additional expenditure as shown in the last paragraph, we have a surplus of some Rupees 2671 arising from the excess of the sum actually subscribed over Rupees 20,000, which is the amount required for Tranquebar by the late Civil Surgeon in his letter above referred to. The surplus is more than sufficient for the purpose.

8. It is well known that respectable Natives have an insuperable aversion to becoming themselves the inmates of an Hospital, and that they would rather allow the females of their families to perish than permit them to avail themselves of such an Institution. I must also remind you of the horrid and ignorant practices that prevail in their treatment of midwifery cases. All this may in a great part be remedied by the scheme detailed above, for respectable persons even now gladly call in medical aid where available, provided that the sufferers are treated in their own homes. There is also a prejudice among them in favor of Hindu Dressers, as it is believed that they understand the Native constitution better than the European practitioner.

9. I submit that these reasons are sufficient to show the propriety of the scheme, and beg most respectfully to assert that the people of this division have a right to look to Government for cordial support and ready acquiescence in the sanction of the trifling outlay involved in the salary of a 2nd Class Dresser and an Hospital Assistant, together with the medicine required for the branch Dispensary at Sheally. This is in reality the whole extra charge to which it will be put. It would be a fitting recognition of the humanity and enlightenment evinced by the liberal response with which the Native population have met the call made upon them by the authorities.

10. A Dispensary for the treatment of both in-door and out-door patients at present exists in Tranquebar, but it is open to the objection to which a place set apart for the treatment of disease contagious and otherwise within a crowded Fort must ever be liable, and is said, besides, to be inadequate to the wants of the people. I have already, through the Deputy Tahsildar, collected Rupees 1200 from the rural population of the villages within a radius of five miles from the Fort gate, and an additional sum of Rupees 800 is expected to be raised; a sum of Rupees 2000 is deposited in the Agra Bank and will, in all probability, be realised in full. This together with some Rupees 1800 about to be made over by the late Famine Fund Committee at Tranquebar make a total of Rupees 5800. Mr. Clarke, the Civil and Session Judge, has kindly consented to raise an additional sum from the wealthy residents of Tranquebar and the adjacent large village of Poriar where he has naturally much local influence. A suitable building will thus be easily erected, and the only thing remaining is to select a site, which I have the honor to request that

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you will recommend a Committee appointed by yourself to proceed to do at once. Delay is the ruin of benevolent schemes.

11. I cannot too warmly praise the earnestness and consequent success with which the Tahsildars of Mayaveram and Sheally have carried out my instructions, and I cheerfully pay this public tribute to exertions rendered doubly arduous by the heavy demands which their subscriptions to the late Famine Fund made upon the liberality of the people.

12. The erection of the new Hospital outside the Fort of Tranquebar should not, in my opinion, interfere with our immediately applying to Government for sanction and assistance in the other plans detailed above. I have accordingly to beg that you will report the matter and recommend it for favorable consideration. The people have done their best. The rest remains with the Government and with you.

MEMORANDUM.

Taluqs.	Subscription.	Collection.	Sum required for Tranquebar Civil Dispensary.	Balance available for Branch Dispensaries.
1	2	3	4	5
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Mayaveram, except Tranquebar.....	13,200	13,120	12,000	1,200
Sheally.....	9,471	8,895	8,000	1,471
Total.....	22,671	22,015	20,000	2,671

(Signed) C. S. CROLE,

Actg. Head Asst. Collector.

This is exclusive of the collection and sums to be devoted to building.

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Referred to the Inspector General, Medical Department, for his remarks.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,

Chief Secretary.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
8th April 1867.

No. 103. From the Inspector General, Medical Department, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Fort Saint George, 10th April 1867, No. 130.

I have the honor to state, with reference to letter as per margin, that I shall be glad to arrange for the services of Medical subordinates and supplies of medicines, &c., being furnished to the proposed Branch Dispensaries, if Government be pleased to add a 2nd Dresser and 3rd Class Hospital Assistant to the establishment on account of these Institutions.

2. With regard to a new Dispensary building at Tranquebar, it should be built in a situation convenient to the great bulk of the Native community. The mistake is sometimes made of erecting a Hospital so far away from the town that it is practically useless to those who are not able to walk a long distance. A central situation, even if it be in a densely populated neighbourhood, is desirable for a Hospital which is intended to be used by Natives.

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ORDER THEREON, 12th June 1867, No. 659.

From the first of the foregoing letters it appears that, on the establishment in 1861 of a Civil Dispensary at Tranquebar, a sum of Rupees 1835 was raised towards the permanent endowment of the charity; that the interest accruing thereon, even with the addition of the monthly subscriptions, has barely sufficed to cover the expense of maintaining it; that an appeal to the Native community was then made for pecuniary aid to render it permanent and self-supporting; and that this appeal has resulted in the collection of Rupees 20,000, viz., Rupees 12,000 from Mayaveram and Rupees 8000 from Sheally. This sum when invested, as is proposed, in Government paper, will, it is expected, yield an income sufficient to meet the ordinary expenses of the Institution.

2. As some return, however, for their liberal contributions towards the support of an Institution too remote from Mayaveram and Sheally to admit of the people of these towns participating in its benefits, a promise has been held out to them by the Acting Head Assistant, Mr. Crole, that the aid of Government will be sought for the establishment of a minor Dispensary at each of the two places above named.

3. At Mayaveram a Government building is, it is stated, available for a Dispensary. At Sheally it is proposed to rent a building until a suitable one is erected, for which purpose, as well as for other minor expenses, a sum of Rupees 2671, beyond that subscribed for the support of the Dispensary at Tranquebar, is in hand.

4. It is further proposed to erect a new building for the main Dispensary in a convenient spot outside the Tranquebar Fort; the present structure, irrespective of its unfavorable situation, being found inadequate to provide accommodation for in-door patients. For the projected building a sum of Rupees 5800 is already available, and a further sum (to what amount, however, is not stated) the Civil and Session Judge has undertaken to raise.

5. In order to carry out the above scheme the Government are asked to provide a Hospital Assistant for Mayaveram and a Dresser for Sheally, with a supply of medicines for each of the Dispensaries to be there established.

6. Viewing the liberal contributions of the people of these towns as a clear indication of their appreciation of European treatment, the Governor in Council is pleased to direct that a 3rd Class Hospital Assistant and a 2nd Dresser be attached to the Dispensaries at Mayaveram and Sheally respectively, and that the requisite medicines be supplied. The necessary addition to the Establishment of Medical subordinates is accordingly sanctioned.

7. The Collector will draw the attention of the Committee of Management for the Civil Dispensary at Tranquebar to the remarks of the Inspector General, Medical Department, in the last paragraph of his letter, as to the character of the site to be selected for the erection of such Institutions.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Collector of Tanjore.

„ Inspector General, Medical Department.

„ Accountant General.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

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