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Government of Madras.

Public DEPARTMENT.

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25th March 1868.

Read the following papers :—

No. 176. From M. BASHIEM CHETTY, and other residents of Black Town, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George ; dated Madras, 3rd January 1868.

We, the undersigned inhabitants of Madras, do most respectfully beseech your kindly submitting this our humble petition, with your benevolent support, to Government for their graciously taking our case into consideration, and appointing a Native Surgeon in place of Jesudasen Pillay, whose services are now entirely engaged by the Municipal Commission.

2. We earnestly beg to add that to ourselves, families, and children, the services of a Native Surgeon, graduated in the science and arts of European Medicine, have been peculiarly welcomed, and amply useful at all times of sickness and accidents ; the value of services to be derived to our benefit from such agency is now the more felt, as we have been suddenly deprived of the privileges we have been enjoying hitherto in this respect. Craving that Government, in its humanity and benevolence, will be moved in our favor, and be graciously pleased to appoint a Native Surgeon to Black Town in place of Jesudasen Pillay.

(Signed) M. BASHIEM CHETTY,
and 40 others.

Referred to the Inspector General, Indian Medical Department, for his opinion.
FORT SAINT GEORGE, (Signed) C. G. WALKER,
7th January 1868. Under Secretary to Govt.

No. 177. From the Inspector General, Indian Medical Department, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George ; dated Fort Saint George, 17th January 1868, No. 26.

In returning the petition of the Native inhabitants of Black Town, referred with your docket of the 7th instant, I have the honor to state, for the information of Government, that I am of opinion that a Native Surgeon should be located in the densely populated district of Black Town, especially on account of the large number of Hindu women and children of respectability, who do not usually resort to charitable Dispensaries for medical aid. Should Government be pleased to sanction the appointment of a Native Surgeon in room of Jesudasen Pillay, I shall be prepared to submit an arrangement involving no extra expense to the State.

No. 56.

No. 178. OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM.

The undersigned has the honor to request that the Inspector General, Indian Medical Department, will be so good as to give him such information as may be available as to the exact status of the institution in Salay Street, whether the buildings are rented or vested in a Committee of Trustees, and under what conditions this Dispensary was commenced and continued up to the date when Mr. Jesudasen Pillay was appointed to a Municipal office ; and in what manner the institution has been conducted since that date, supposing it not to have been closed in consequence of Mr. Jesudasen's enforced disconnection with it.

FORT SAINT GEORGE, (Signed) R. S. ELLIS,
7th February 1868. Chief Secretary.
To the Inspector General, Indian Medical Department.

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No. 179. From the Inspector General, Indian Medical Department, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George ; dated Fort Saint George, 3rd March 1868, No. 91.

In reply to your Official Memorandum, No. 56, of the 7th February 1868, I have the honor to submit the following statement.

2. The buildings of the Salay Street Dispensary were purchased in the names of Mr. Jesudasen Pillay and S. Venketsawmy Naidoo, and are vested in them. The purchase money, Rupees 3000, was advanced by L. Chengelroya Naicker on the bond of the above-named individuals, and Rupees 1400 of it are still due.

3. A further sum of Rupees 200 was subsequently raised for other expenses, making the total debt now Rupees 1600, besides interest for the last six months, at the rate of 1 per cent per mensem.

4. The Dispensary was opened under the sanction of Government Order, No. 598, of 22nd May 1856, the object being to introduce a rational system of Medical treatment among the Native population ; Government providing, *for purely Dispensary purposes*, medicines gratuitously.

5. Up to the time of Mr. Jesudasen's appointment as Collector of Municipal Taxes, the duties of the Salay Street Dispensary were conducted by him, with the assistance of a retired Dresser, and this Dresser now carries on these duties himself, assisted by two compounders ; all being paid by Mr. Jesudasen Pillay.

6. The Dresser attends at the Dispensary and prescribes for out-patients daily, from 6 to 9 A. M., and from 3 to 5 P. M. There are no in-patients.

7. At present the only subscribers to the Dispensary funds are two or three Native gentlemen, whose contributions amount in all to seven or eight Rupees monthly ; whatever else is required is provided by Mr. Jesudasen Pillay himself.

8. In 1856 Government decided that a Native Surgeon was very greatly needed for the town of Madras, and doubtless the need is as great now as it was then. With regard to the Salay Street Dispensary, however, I am of opinion that it should be put on the same footing as Civil Dispensaries in the Mofussil, and should be supplied with medicines gratuitously by Government, only on the condition of sufficient funds being raised by public subscriptions, or donations, to meet all other expenses.

Minutes of Consultation, No. 228 of 26th February 1856,
Public Department.

No. 180. ORDER THEREON, 25th March 1868, No. 384.

Upon a full consideration of the papers above recorded, the Governor in Council is not prepared to accede to the prayer of the petition presented by certain inhabitants of Black Town, for the appointment of a Native Surgeon, to be paid by Government, to the Salay Street Dispensary, except upon the terms under which the Government affords such assistance to Civil Dispensaries in the provinces. Should there be any general desire upon the part of the inhabitants of this portion of Black Town for the continuance of a Dispensary in Salay Street, it is but reasonable that they should give evidence of their wish by taking steps for raising funds for the permanent acquisition of a suitable building, and for the support by subscrip-

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tion of the institution, to which the Government would then afford aid to the same extent as that given to the Dispensaries in the provinces.

2. Should the Madras Municipality be prepared to assign a certain portion of their revenues to this purpose, the Government will in that case also be prepared to aid in the support of the Dispensary.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To M. Bashiem Chetty and other residents of Black Town.

To the Inspector General, Indian Medical Department.

„ Municipal Commissioners.

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter S,

From M. Bashien Chetty and } N. S. dated 3rd Jan. 68
other residents of Black Town.
" ^{Messrs. Messrs. Messrs.} Inspector General Indian }
Medical Department. } — — — 17th Jan. and
17th Feb. 1868
3rd March 68

Order thereon. 25 March 1868 H=384.

Upon a full
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Native surgeon, to be
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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter:

From the Madras City Municipal Corporation } Received in January 1868.
 Secretary of Black Town }
 Superintendent, Indian Medical Department } 17th " " 1868

(Under the seal)

The Governor in Council
 will be pleased, on the nomination of the Superintendent, Indian Medical Department, to attach a Native Surgeon, in the room of J. Redwood, M.D., to the Presidency for the purpose of ^{affording} ~~supplying~~ medical advice to the Native community of Black Town.

It is now eleven years since a Native Surgeon was attached to Black Town. The inhabitants of Madras have been growing in riches and are well off in many ways but far

so the Superintendent of the Indian Medical Department in brief, I hope, would be glad to have been employed & 1 year at... I feel sure of it.

to the Salay Street Dispensary, except upon the terms under which the Government affords such assistance to Civil dispensaries in the Province. Should there be any general desire upon the part of the inhabitants of this portion of Black Town for the continuance of a dispensary in Salay street, it is not reasonable that they should give evidence of their wish by taking steps for raising funds for the permanent acquisition of a suitable building, and for the support by subscription

under such circumstances, whether the Native Public of whom a section are supposed to have signed the letter put in circulation in this paper, have that just claim on the medical resources of Govt, which entitles them to the gratuitous services of a Native Doctor; whether Govt. will have to pay ^{monthly} some 150 or 200 Rs. Such an arrangement would not be made for any town in the Province, unless its inhabitants exhibited a certain degree of liberality by contributing towards this cost - & Govt. would incur by sanctioning it. I do not see why the rich & prosperous Capital of the Presidency should form an exception to an equitable rule and be fur allotted a Native Surgeon to Black Town where, of course, professional attendance will be best & most frequently demanded by those who are the ~~largest~~ largest contributors of fees for medical attendance. I would take steps for ascertaining whether the persons interested are not able to relieve the State in some degree from the expense of meeting their wishes.

I write this under the impression that the Native Surgeon whoever he may be, will have a sort of wandering commission to physic generally the area of Black Town & will not be attached in any official capacity to any Govt. establishment. If a different arrangement were contemplated the paper does not discuss it.

M. J. C.

A native physician might with profit be used in Black Town in accrediting the European methods among the native population more than could be the case through the instrumentality of a European practitioner. Still I agree with Mr. Phillips

that the cooperation of the Municipality in the matter, for the Govt. ought not to dominate one. The natives have access to several Financiers & to the Monogamy Society where there are subordinate Native Medical officers. I think the Municipality will be justified in appointing Native Physicians for the poor & paying them per Municipal order.

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[Signature]

To, Mr. Dashiem Chetty & others }
 residents of Black Town }
 " Inspector General of Police }
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 " Municipal Commissioners }

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