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Government of Madras.

Public DEPARTMENT.

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Read the following papers :—

No. 139. MINUTE by His Excellency the PRESIDENT, dated 3rd July 1869.

During my recent tour in North Arcot, I had occasion to visit the Dispensary and Hospital at Raneepett in charge of the Reverend Silas Scudder of the American Mission. It is not necessary for me to enlarge upon the excellence and usefulness of this institution. It holds the position of a Government Dispensary. By placing a Government building and a portion of the revenues of a charitable foundation at the disposal of Dr. Scudder, the Government manifested their entire confidence in his character and his discretion, as well as in his professional attainments, for some considerations of a delicate nature were involved in the surrender of a State Establishment to a foreign Missionary. That confidence has been entirely justified by experience. The number of patients, as set forth in the accompanying annual reports, proves that the Minister does not impair the Physician, and that the heathen are not kept away by the temperate and conciliatory form in which the truths of Christianity are presented to their attention. On the other hand it is unquestionable that the great experience which Dr. Scudder possesses of the country, and his accurate knowledge of the language, render him peculiarly fitted for the office of a propagandist of European science in an Indian community. I can bear testimony to the solicitude with which the in-patients are treated, and to the general efficiency of the material arrangements. Some defects in the accommodation, furniture, and distribution are explained by want of funds and by the character of the building. Dr. Scudder has brought to my notice several particulars in which the Government might still contribute to the improvement of the establishment.

2. The Dispensary receives an allowance of Rupees 193 per mensem from the funds of the Lungerkhana, a foundation appropriated to charitable purposes in North Arcot, but no other pecuniary assistance from Government. Dr. Scudder solicits permission to draw his medicines, or a portion of them, gratuitously from the Government Depot. This faculty is accorded to the Government Dispensary at Vellore, which receives the same contribution from the Lungerkhana. A similar privilege is enjoyed by the American Mission Hospital at Dindigul. I find, on reference to the Inspector General of Hospitals, that he entertains no objection to the concession claimed by Dr. Scudder should it receive the sanction of Government. I propose, therefore, that Dr. Mackenzie be empowered to place himself in correspondence with Dr. Scudder, with the view of affording to the Dispensary at Raneepett a gratuitous supply of medicines to the extent which the Inspector General may deem advisable.

3. Some inconvenience has been experienced in the Dispensary on account of the want of separate accommodation for the police. Now that Raneepett has ceased to be a military station, a number of scattered buildings remain unoccupied. One of these called the Arrack Godown stands on a plot of ground immediately adjacent to the Hospital. It is spacious, airy, in good repair, and well-adapted for a police ward, or separate ward for any special purpose. It is suggested that this building may be given up to Dr. Scudder, and that an estimate may be prepared of the expense of making a trench and an aloe-fence round the area which belongs to it.

4. The want of a well in the Hospital compound has been sensibly felt. Water has to be brought from some distance which involves a considerable expen-

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diture of labour. Directions should be given to frame an estimate of the cost of digging a well on the premises.

5. In the veranda of the main building a small apartment is used for performing operations and for other purposes. With the view of obtaining a better light the roof has been pierced and a sky-light has been inserted. This window has, however, been incorrectly constructed. There is more wood and less glass than there ought to be, and a single aperture is perhaps not sufficient. The Executive Engineer should be instructed to confer with Dr. Scudder on this subject, and make such alterations in the lighting of the room as may be deemed expedient for the purpose referred to.

6. In all our Dispensaries a capital defect is apparent, the want of separate accommodation. In all these institutions in addition to the general wards in the main building, which should be reserved for persons of low caste, there ought, in my opinion, to be a few isolated huts constructed, each consisting of two rooms, for the lodging of patients of higher social condition, one room should be reserved for cooking and for the habitation of the family or the attendants of the patient. In the other the patient would himself lie in seclusion, in quiet, and in a purer air. Were such conveniences provided, it is probable that the higher orders would avail themselves much more largely of the benefits of European medical advice than is the case at present. In the compound of the Dispensary at Arcot there is a long shed formerly used as a Bowling Alley which might be easily divided by cheap partition walls into four rooms constituting two dwellings. The entrances might be made on opposite sides. The doors might be protected by a small external enclosure. In short the place might be adapted in every respect to the usages of a high-caste Hindoo, or of a Mussulman family. The experiment could not be made anywhere more economically, or with a better chance of success. The alteration of the building might, I think, be advantageously left to the judgment and direction of Dr. Scudder, who understands the predilections of the natives thoroughly, and who could, perhaps, work more cheaply than the Officer of the Public Works Department. I submit that Dr. Scudder be requested to submit, through the Inspector General, a plan and estimate for the adaptation of the above-mentioned building for the purpose of affording accommodation to two high-caste patients with their relatives or servants.

7. In conclusion, I beg to call the attention of Government to the good service which the American Mission is rendering to humanity and enlightenment, by the education of native medical students, and by the translation of medical works into the vernacular of the country. Particulars on these subjects will be found at page 6 of the Mission Report for 1868.

(Signed) NAPIER.

No. 140. MINUTE by the Honourable H. D. PHILLIPS, dated 3rd July 1869.

I have long been aware of the numerous and important benefits derived by the general native community from Dr. Silas Scudder's philanthropy and professional attainments, and I cordially concur in His Lordship the President's propositions for a gratuitous supply of medicines, for improving the building occupied as a Dispensary, and securing better accommodation for the higher classes of patients.

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2. It will be necessary, I think, to address the Military Department, (Quarter Master General,) before appropriating the late Bowling Alley to the purpose suggested by His Lordship.

(Signed) H. D. PHILLIPS.

No. 141. ORDER THEREON, 17th July 1869, No. 999.

The Government request the Inspector General of the Indian Medical Department to cause to be gratuitously furnished to the Reverend Dr. Scudder, American Missionary in charge of the Rancepett Dispensary in the North Arcot district, on his indent, such supplies of medicines for use in his Dispensary as may seem to the Inspector General reasonable, with reference to the scope of Dr. Scudder's work, and the quantities supplied to similar Government institutions.

2. Instructions will be issued in the Public Works Department, for the preparation of estimates for sinking a well in the Dispensary compound; for making such improvements in the lighting of the veranda room used for performing surgical operations, as may seem to the local Officers of the Department, in conference with Dr. Scudder, feasible and necessary; and for making a trench and sufficient fence round the area belonging to the detached building formerly used as an Arrack Godown.

3. The disposal of this building and of the Bowling Alley will be considered in the Military Department. If not required for Military purposes, they will be available for use by Dr. Scudder in connexion with his Dispensary, the first as a special ward, and the second as quarters for native patients of high caste who may, by this provision, be induced to seek medical treatment at the Dispensary. Dr. Scudder is requested to submit a plan and estimate for the alterations in this building which may seem to him necessary to the success of the experiment, and the Government would wish, in the event of the building becoming available, that the work should be carried out under his superintendence.

4. The Government avail themselves of this opportunity of recording their appreciation of the great benefits which the American Mission has rendered and continues to render to humanity and enlightenment by its operations in connexion with the Rancepett Dispensary and kindred institutions.

(True Extract).

Actg. Secy. to Govt.

To the Reverend S. Scudder, M.D.

„ Inspector General of the Indian Medical Department.
„ Collector of North Arcot.
„ Public Works Department.
„ Military Department.

Exd. J. Wright.

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Minute of Mr. The President, June 3rd

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 his professional attainments, for
 some considerations of a delicate
 nature were involved in the

Govt. of 1869 Madras.

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THE REVEREND S. LADD, M.D.,
 Secy. to the

Dated July 17th.

Recd.

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G. O. 17th July 1869, No. 909

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Nos. 139-141.

Placing certain orders in regard to the
 Dispensary conducted by the Reverend
 Secretary, American Missionary.

surinder of a State Estab^lish^{ment} to
a foreign Dispensary. That confidence
has been entirely justified by experience.
The number of patients as set forth
in the accompanying annual reports
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I find on reference to the Inspector
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V. In the verandah of the main building a small apartment is used for performing operations and for this purpose. With the view of obtaining a better light the roof has been pierced and a sky light has been inserted. This window has however been incorrectly constructed. There is more wood & less glass than there ought to be and a single aperture is perhaps not sufficient. The execution Engineer should be instructed to confer with J. Scudder on this subject and make such alterations in the lighting of the room as may be deemed expedient for the purpose referred to.

VI. In all our Dispensaries a capital defect is apparent, the

want of separate accommodation. In all these institutions in addition to the general wards in the main building, which should be reserved for persons of low caste, there ought in every division to be a few isolated beds constructed each consisting of two rooms for the lodging of patients of higher social condition. One room should be reserved for cooking and for the habitation of the family or the attendants of the patient. In the other the patient would himself lie in seclusion, in good quiet and in a purer air. Where such conveniences provided it is probable that the higher orders would avail themselves much more largely of the benefits of European Medical advice than is the case at present. In the compound of the Dispensary

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formerly used as a Bowling alley
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London. July 3rd.
1889.

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Her Lordship's Resolution for
a rapid supply of medicines for
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I would likewise thank to address the
Secretary Dept. (Quartermaster General) before
approaching the late Downing Alley to the
purpose reported by Her Lordship.

July 3. 1889

W. Wallace

Public Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter *Minutes*.

the Rt. Hon. the President & Mr.
Hon. R. D. Phillips
(Hence under 3^d July 1869)

Order thereon No 999 - 17 July/69.

The Government, request the Inspector General, Indian Medical Dept., to be gratuitously furnished to the Rev. Dr. Sudder, American Missionary in charge of the Rancefield Dispensary in the North Arcot District, on his indent, such supplies of medicines for use in his Dispensary as may seem to the Inspector General reasonable, with reference to the scope of Dr. Sudder's work and the quantities supplied to similar ^{Govt} institutions.

2. Instructions will be issued

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The President

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North Arcot

Minutes of the Board

R. D. Phillips

17 July 1869

Regarding the Rancefield

Dispensary at Rancefield

Prescribed on 3^d July 1869

Secretary of the American

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The Govt avail themselves of this opportunity of recording their appreciation of the benefits which the American Mission has rendered to humanity & enlightenment by its operations in connexion with the Rameswath Dispensary & kindred Institutions.

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The Rev. J. Scudder. Secy
The Secy. Genl. Govt. Dept.
" Public Works Dept.
" Military Department

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To
the Hon^d. J. Seudder. Sec.
for

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Nos. 139. 141.

Passing certain orders
in regard to the transfer
of the property conducted
by the Hon^d. J. Seudder
American Missionary

28 July
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