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DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
20th March 1869.

Read the following papers :—

No. 166. From the Collector of Malabar, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Calicut, 23rd April 1868, No. 52.

I have the honor to submit the enclosed letter,* lately received through the Vice-President of the Cochin Municipal Commission. By oversight it was not forwarded from the Cochin Municipal office to me earlier.

* From Dr. Whitton of Cochin, dated 2nd September 1867, No. 68.

2. I am not aware that the question of Municipalities contributing to Hospitals and Dispensaries within Municipal limits from Municipal Funds has been before Government. I am of opinion that contributions to such institutions may fairly be made from Municipal Funds if occasion requires it, and that discretion may be left to the Commissioners, under the usual control of Government, to decide in each case whether any, and what, support should be given.

3. I do not see that it is necessary or desirable to restrict the assistance to Hospitals (to use Dr. Whitton's words) "solely used or to be used for the isolation and treatment of contagious diseases," though I think such provision in the Act would be better than none at all if special provision is required, and assistance in no case can be given without amendment of the Act.

4. The question of giving assistance from the funds to Civil Hospitals was put to me some time ago in a general way by the Tellicherry Commissioners, and I replied by offering to put it particularly before Government if they desired it, but I have not heard again from them on the subject.

5. Government may be pleased to pass orders upon the subject in connexion with the proposed revision of the Towns' Improvement Act.

From G. WHITTON, Esq., M. D., Civil Surgeon, Cochin, to the Vice-President, Municipal Commission, Cochin; dated 2nd September 1867, No. 68.

With reference to a Circular lately received by you calling for suggestions for the amended Act, I have the honor to lay before you a suggestion which I think deserving of the consideration of the Commissioners. In case of their approval, I beg you will incorporate it with any others they may think fit to forward to Government.

2. The Small-pox Hospital in this town is in connexion with the Civil Dispensary. The servants attached to it, the repairs, and dieting the patients are all paid from its funds. During the year 1866, 163 small-pox cases were treated in it, and as almost all the patients were dieted (with a view to encourage those affected seeking admission, and to secure the isolation of those admitted) the consequent expense was very great.

3. The Civil Dispensary in this town is, as you are aware, self-supporting, its fund being subscribed monthly by the charitably disposed inhabitants.

4. It appears to me that the most important act for the purpose of preserving the public health in a town liable to epidemics of that fearful disease, small-pox, is the isolation of those affected, who would otherwise remain in their houses, forming so many foci for its dissemination.

5. It also appears to me that it would be but fair, that in cases of epidemic of small-pox, the public at large, whose direct interest it is to isolate so contagious a disease, and not the few charitable contributors to our Civil Dispensary, should bear the expense.

6. Section 25 of the Towns' Improvement Act provides for "the doing of such things as may be necessary for the preservation of the public health." With this view the Commissioners of this town have nobly followed the example set in other Municipalities, and sanctioned the employment of a vaccinator. But although, in my opinion, the complete isolation of small-pox patients

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from the rest of their fellow townsmen, is quite as necessary for the preservation of the public health as the cleansing of drains, &c., yet I fear that, as this is not expressly provided for in the Act, and as there is as yet no precedent, Municipalities situated as our own might not think themselves justified in incurring the expense of supporting an institution of this nature.

7. It is with this view that I beg to propose that the following be added to paragraph 2 of Section 25 of the Towns' Improvement Act of 1865, after the words "and cleansing of drains." *The construction, repairing, and supporting of hospitals, solely used, or to be used for the isolation and treatment of contagious disease.*

No. 167. From the President of the Palghaut Municipal Commission, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Calicut, 26th May 1868, No. 69.

I have the honor to report that there is a Civil Hospital and Dispensary at Palghaut in this District on a small scale.

2. The building is dilapidated and inconvenient. The Dresser in charge is the one originally attached to the Malabar Sub-Collector's establishment, but he has been doing duty with the Head Assistant Collector's establishment at Palghaut since that place ceased to be the Sub-Collector's head-quarters, and became the Head Assistant's station.

LAST YEAR.	RS.	A.	P.
Dieting in-patients...	223	7	2
Perishable articles...	125	3	2
Allowance to Dresser...	120	0	0
Servants' wages...	163	9	0
European medicines...	118	5	6
Hospital repairs...	24	12	0
Total...	774	11	10

The subscriptions are small, and though efforts have frequently been made to obtain more suitable support they have failed.

3. The expenses are as noted.

4. The Municipal Commissioners of Palghaut are desirous of taking over

charge and management of the Hospital and Dispensary, and are willing to contribute Rupees 15 per memsem to meet current expenses.

5. They are also willing to contribute towards a suitable building which they state is urgently required if Government will contribute a moiety of the cost and provide medical attendance and medicines.

In the Municipal Estimate for the current year a sum of Rupees 2500 has been entered as contribution towards building a Dispensary, and if Government approve, plan and estimate will be submitted.

6. The Vice-President writes, "Apart from the pay of servants the monthly expenditure amounts to Rupees 39, of which Rupees 10 is given to the Dresser; who is the Dresser attached to this office. If this sum is set free for the purpose of dieting patients, as it would be if Government supplied a Dispensary Dresser, I believe that the local subscriptions may be sufficient for dieting patients and occasional expenses. There is no probability of the local subscriptions being increased, several attempts having been made to no effect."

7. A Civil Hospital is very much required at Palghaut, in the neighbourhood of which there is a good deal of endemic sickness. I know the townspeople have been distressingly apathetic on the subject, and have hitherto failed to respond to the calls repeatedly made. But if Government approve of the present proposition, and the Commissioners are empowered to take the institution in hand, they may be able to excite greater interest, and obtain more support than hitherto.

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I would solicit attention in connexion with this letter to my letter of the 23rd ultimo, regarding the Cochin Commissioners' proposals on the subject of Municipal assistance to Civil Hospitals.

No. 168. From the Collector of Malabar, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Calicut, 6th February 1869, No. 13.

Dated 23rd April 1868, No. 52.
Do, 26th May " " 69.

I have the honor to solicit attention to my letters noted.

2. The Vice-President of the Palghaut Municipal Commission writes: "It is probable that several subscriptions to the Dispensary at this station will soon be withdrawn, and as school and Municipal taxes have been introduced here lately, there is little probability of subscriptions being received from the general public."

3. The principle involved in my references above quoted is of considerable importance; and early orders are requested with regard to the particular cases of Cochin and Palghaut.

No. 169. ORDER THEREON, 20th March 1869, No. 360.

The question of enabling Municipalities to aid in the establishment and maintenance of Dispensaries by contributions from Municipal Funds, will receive consideration in connexion with the revision of the Towns' Improvement Act.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Collector of Malabar.

„ Legislative Department.

„ Inspector General, Indian Medical Department.

Exd. J. Wright.

No. 52

For

MALABAR COLLECTOR'S OFFICE.

Calicut 28 April 1868.

FROM

G. A. BALLARD Esq.

Collector of Malabar.

TO

The Honble R. J. O. Esq. &c.
Chief Secretary to Govt.
Calcutta

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th inst. regarding the question of Municipalities contributing to Hospitals and Dispensaries within Municipal limits from Municipal funds has been before Government. I am of opinion that contributions to such institutions may fairly be made from Municipal funds if it is decided that a decision may be left to the Commission, under the usual control of Government, to decide in each case whether any and what support should

From Mr. O. J. Esq. of
Calcutta 4th inst.
1868

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THE COLLECTOR OF MALABAR.

&c. &c. &c.

Dated March, 20th.

G. O., 20th March 1868, No. 360.

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Nos. 166-169.

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should be given -

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4. The question of giving assistance from the funds to Civil Hospitals was put to me some time ago in a general way by the Tellicherry Commissioners and I replied by offering to put it particularly before Government if they desired it, but I have not heard again from them on the subject.

Government may be pleased to pass orders upon the subject in connection with the proposed revision of the Towns Improvement Act.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most Obedt. Servant;

Samuel W.

Malabar Magistrate's Court

Calicut 26th May 1868.

No 69.

From

G. A. Ballard Esq.
President. Palghat Municipal
Commission.

To

The Honorable R. S. Ellis. C. B.
Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St. George.

Sir,

I have the honor to report that there is
a civil Hospital and Dispensary at Palghat
in this district on a small scale.

2. The building is dilapidated, and incon-
venient. The dresser in charge is the one origin-
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establishment, but he has been doing duty
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suitable support they have failed.

3. The expences are as noted

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and management of the Hospital and

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Servants wages 168-0-0
European Medicines 113-5-6
Hospital repairs 24-12-0
Total 774-11-10

Recd 6 April.

Recd 20 March 1868

Palghat 1868 Department

FROM

THE COLLECTOR OF MALABAR

To,

The Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort St. George

Dated 23rd April 1868
Received 28 April 1868

No 350.

No. 52

Enclosure, 1 ✓

No. 495

Solicits orders whether
Municipalities ought
to contribute towards
Hospital & Dispensary
within Municipal limits
from Municipal
funds -

26 June
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Dispensary, and are willing to contribute
Rs. 15 per mensem to meet current expenses.

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In the Municipal Estimate for the cur-
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6. The Vice President writes "Apart from the
" pay of servants the monthly expenditure amounts
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I would solicit attention in connection
with this letter to my letter of the 23rd ultimo
regarding the Pochin Commissioners' proposals
on the subject of Municipal assistance
to Civil Hospitals.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most Obedt. Servant.

W. S. S. S.

President.

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Public Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from the
Collector of Malabar, dated
23 April & 26 May 1868 & 6 Feb
1869 Nos 52, 69 & 13 respectively

Order thereon No 360. 20 March 1869.

The question of en-
abling municipalities to aid
in the reestablishment and
maintenance of the poor
by contributions from mun-
icipal funds, will receive
consideration in connexion
with the revision of the
Towns Improvement Act -
which is now in progress.

To
The Collector of Malabar
" Legislative Department
" Phys & Med Dept

Recd 6 April

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From
The President
Legislative Council

No 360
The Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort St George

Dated 26 May 1868
No 29 - 1868

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submit for the
approval of Govern-
ment the proposals of
the Municipal Com-
missioners to take charge
of the Hospital
& Dispensary at
Palakkad

26 June
23 July
1869

