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28th May 1869.

No. 212. Read the following letter from J. A. C. BOSWELL, Esq., Officiating Collector of the Kistna district, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Masulipatam, 19th April 1869, No. 10.

In accordance with G. O., dated 5th April 1867, No. 358, Public Department, I have received from the Zillah Surgeons of Masulipatam and Guntoor copies of the Annual Reports of the Civil Dispensaries at these stations for the year 1868.

2. The following statement shows the number treated, and the income and expenditure at each hospital :—

	In-door patients.		Out-door patients		Decrease.		Income.			Expenditure.			Balance.		
	1867.	1868.	1867.	1868.	In-door.	Out-door.									
							RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Masulipatam...	138	67	2,902	2,615	71	287	4,708	9	0	3,151	11	2	1,556	13	10
Guntoor...	89	78	2,188	2,120	11	68	1,865	6	4	902	7	2	962	15	2

3. In Masulipatam the capital was withdrawn from the Government Savings' Bank in December 1868, agreeably to the Accountant General's Circular, No. 4527, dated 12th November 1868, and is kept in the Civil Dispensary. In Guntoor the

*Withdrawn in March 1869.

amount of capital was deposited in the Taluq Treasury.* I beg to suggest that it would be very desirable if the surplus funds of Civil Dispensaries could be permitted, as was hitherto the case, to be invested in the Government Savings' Bank again.

4. In Masulipatam the subscriptions raised during the year were found sufficient to meet current expenses without drawing on the capital, but some of the subscriptions promised have not yet been received. Steps will be taken for this object. There was a public meeting called for, on the 2nd February 1868, by Mr. Wilson, Acting Collector, but only seven attended, and these with one exception were all officials. At this meeting nothing could be done.

5. Two native gentlemen, the Zemindar of Nuzvid and the Nabob of Masulipatam, having withdrawn their subscriptions, were by G. O., dated 21st February 1868, No. 221, removed from the list of life-governors. The son and successor of the late Zemindar of Nuzvid, by name Rajah Narayappa Rao, has promised a donation of Rupees 1000, of which he has paid also Rupees 500 to the Civil Dispensary :—

	Amount.		
	RS.	A.	P.
The ordinary annual subscriptions amount to...	605	0	0
The monthly subscriptions to Rupees 66-12-0...	801	0	0
	1,406	0	0
The arrears outstanding at the end of the year amount- ed to.....	751	4	0

6. With reference to Guntoor Civil Dispensary, Government decided in G. O., dated 7th January 1868, No. 15, Public Department, that as the inhabitants evinced

no desire to render any pecuniary aid towards its support, the institution should be closed after the lapse of six months should they continue to manifest the same indisposition to contribute towards its maintenance. A public meeting was called in May 1868, and subscriptions to the amount of Rupees 42 a month promised and paid up for six months in advance. This, with the subscriptions of officials, &c., has been found sufficient to meet current expenses and to add a small sum to the uninvested capital:—

	RS.
The annual subscriptions amount to	72
The quarterly to Rupees 126.....	504
The monthly to Rupees 39.....	468
Total...	1,044

There are no arrears of subscriptions outstanding in Guntoor.

In Masulipatam, by the sale of medicines, there was realized, during the year, Rupees 321-15-0.

In Guntoor from the same source Rupees 171-9-0.

7. I regret to state that neither in Masulipatam nor Guntoor were there any quarterly meetings of the Civil Dispensary held during the past year. I have brought this matter to the notice of both Zillah Surgeons since I joined the district, and both concur with me that it would be very desirable to establish the practice, publishing the Proceedings in the *District Gazette*. The Committees appointed by Government in G. O., dated 24th October 1863, No. 1168, and G. O., dated 17th December 1863, No. 1406, Public Department, with the present life-governors and members will, therefore, be called to a meeting quarterly.

8. I request instructions as to whether the names of life-governors and members are to be submitted to Government for nomination, or whether the standing Committee may appoint to, and fill up their number from time to time.

Report on the Civil Dispensary, Masulipatam, by Assistant Surgeon T. E. Ffrench, from 1st January to 8th February 1868.

On giving over charge of the Civil Dispensary and duties of this station, I have very few remarks to make as it is unnecessary to give a lengthened report regarding this hospital as I have already furnished a detailed statement of the general health and hygiene condition of this town in my annual report for the year ending 31st December 1867, which has just been sent in.

2. The health of the town is good; this is owing, in a great measure, to the exertions used by the Town Municipal Commissioners in keeping it clean. The water is good and abundant, it is carried into the town by a conduit from the Kistna river, and there are ten or twelve reservoirs erected throughout this neighbourhood, and one large one entering in the very centre of this town. I regret that I have still to complain of the insufficient support received for this institution. Some subscriptions are still due which it is expected will be obtained in a few days. Within the last day or two, the Acting Collector has written to the rich merchants and inhabitants calling on them for support. And a special meeting was held for the above purpose on the morning of the 5th instant. The following is an extract taken from that penned by Mr. Wilson after the meeting and speaks

for itself:—"At a meeting called for the purpose of raising subscriptions and donations in behalf of the Masulipatam Civil Dispensary this morning, there were present—

The Acting Collector Mr. Wilson.

„ Assistant Collector Mr. Newman.

„ Civil Surgeon Mr. Ffrench.

„ Collector's Sheristadar D. Purushuttamayya Garu.

„ District Moonsiff M. R. Sabbapati Nayudu.

„ Sheristadar in charge of Bunder Taluq V. Ramayya Garu.

C. Camesweraravu, Merchant.

3. This is the result of the notice in the *Gazette* and of invitation by individual printed circulars sent to all the principal merchants, sowcars, and the inhabitants of the town, in conspicuous parts of which copies of the notice were stuck up for general information.

4. It is suggested that the small number attending may be accounted for by its being the festival season of the year, when marriages are chiefly celebrated, and that a meeting held at a late hour of the day might be attended with better results. Camesweraravu, the only merchant present, has not much faith in the readiness of his brethren merchants to accompany such purpose, and is of opinion that a meeting at whatever hour held will have the result of the present.

5. It is thought better to try, however, and the present meeting resolved to call another meeting, the date of which will be determined after Mr. Thornhill's arrival. Meantime subscription papers will be circulated throughout the town in the hope of that much good may result.

(Signed) T. E. FFRENCH,

Acting Civil Surgeon.

5th February 1868.

Report on the Civil Dispensary, Masulipatam, by Apothecary J. O'Keeffe, Acting Zillah Surgeon, from 7th February to 31st March 1868.

During the short period I have been in medical charge of this civil station very little has occurred to call for any special remark. The health of the town continues good. No epidemic nor any unusual sickness has prevailed; this is no doubt due to the exertions of the Town Municipal Commissioners to keep it as clean as possible. The water-supply continues good and abundant. At the request of the Collector, 2nd Dresser T. Varadarajulu, of the police establishment, was sent with a supply of medicines to the Kotuppa Konda and Mangalagiri festivals to afford medical aid to any of the pilgrims requiring it. Fevers, diarrhoea, and bronchitis were prevalent, I believe, but not to any serious extent. I regret to state that nothing came of the last meeting held in February, and Mr. Thornhill, the Collector, was precluded from holding another, on account of his short stay at the station, but intended doing so on his return from circuit. The monthly subscriptions, &c., are found insufficient for the support of the institution, and we have been obliged to encroach on its capital to pay the monthly bills.

2. One death occurred in the Civil Dispensary from extreme debility in a woman shortly after confinement, who was filled with worms, and who had no friends or relations to look after her.

3. First Dresser W. Venkataswamy Naidoo, No. 174, I have much pleasure in stating is most constant in his attendance, diligent in the performance of his duties, and every confidence can be placed in his capacity.

(Signed) J. O'KEEFFE,

Acting Zillah Surgeon.

1st April 1868.

Annual Report on the Civil Dispensary, Masulipatam, for the year ending 31st December 1868.

The town of Masulipatam is situated north-west in latitude 16°12' and longitude 81°12'. It has a population of 27,028, and is divided into four portions exclusive of the fort, which is situated south-east about 2½ miles from the pettah. There are eight main streets, four leading north-easterly and four westerly intersected by a canal south-westerly conjoining the fort, and intersecting a small portion of the town, (Shivagunga and Khalikhanpetta). There is a large triangular swamp, the apex of which faces northward and the base south eastward; the apex of the swamp

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conjoins the town by a basin situated at a place called Malakapatam, and the base conjoins the fort with the town south-westernly. There are several small villages situated in a north-easterly direction, varying between two and three miles distance intersected by swamps running nearly north and south, in the centre of the eastern side of which are situated two bungalows belonging to the Nawab who is now a Government pensioner. The two larger divisions of the town are situated north-westernly and the two smaller south-westernly. In the two north-westernly divisions are situated half of the Kalakhanpetta, Chintaguntapollem, Desayipeta, Vernagudem, Ballalagudem, Thornhillpetta, Nuruddinpettah, half of Inguduru, Rajupeta, Annispeta, Godugupeta, Balamudupeta, Chemmanagripeta, Vupperagudem, Narayanapuram, Nizampeta, Rustumbada, Idepully, Valandupollem, Machevarem, Englishpollem, Embarayya Agraharam, Sukurlabada, Robertsonpetta, Pandrazugudem, and the old Regimental lines. In the two smaller portions are situated Sevagunga, half of Kalikhanpetta, half of Chintaguntapollem, half of Inguduru, Pattulabada, Oakespetta, Jellallpetta, Wullingapalem, half of Sarikillipetta, Mustakhampetta, Pataramannapeta, Mirsalpetta, half of Jevarpeta, half of Khozillipetta, half of Buttayapetta, half of Ramannapetta, half of Butchupeta, Malakapatam, Aravagudem, Mundulagudem, and Chilakalapudi.

2. There has been no epidemic disease during the year; the past season has been comparatively a healthy one. The regular monsoons set in during the month of June, and the rainfall was quite equal to the year preceding being 31 inches and 77 cents. There was a failure of dry crops from want of timely rains, and the wet crops were also slack owing to the channels being not fully supplied. The prices demanded for all sorts of provisions were fluctuating and rather high. The working of the Municipality is not complete. Though there was an improvement in making several roads of mud and erecting latrines of mud-walls, yet there is much prickly-pear all over the town to be cut or destroyed, and there are many stagnant pools, ditches, &c., to be filled up. The main roads are kept clean by the scavengers, but all other lanes are filthy from want of sufficient establishment. The drainage system has been improved to some extent since the year preceding, but there is much to be done in the way of carrying off stagnant waters from many places in the town.

3. The total number of sick treated during the year 1868 has been in-door patients 67 and out-door patients 2615, showing a decrease of 71 in-door patients, which may be attributed to the great care taken in the selection of proper cases for admission, rejecting all the mendicants who hitherto resorted to the dispensary with no other particular ailments than to become inmates of the hospital to be fed. There has been also a decrease in the number of out-patients in the year 1868 by 287, which may be accounted for by the more healthy condition of the past seasons. The average daily sick of in-patients has been four, and that of the out-patients forty. The more prevalent diseases were intermittent fever, rheumatism, stomach and bowel complaint, bronchitic affections, ulcers, secondary syphilis, otitis, and skin diseases. There were three casualties among the in-door patients, and two amongst the out-door patients. Of the former one died of tetanus after amputation of his mortified right middle finger. The second was a woman of 30 years' old, much emaciated and debilitated and died of exhaustion, the result of general atrophy; the third one also was an emaciated woman with ascitis of one year's standing. She was tapped and about 100 pounds of tenaceous fluid was drawn from the abdomen, but died on the 3rd day from general exhaustion.

4. The most strenuous exertions were made to collect subscriptions and donations due by different life-governors and others, and the funds thus collected have been sufficient to meet all expenses incurred without drawing from the capital deposited in the Savings' Bank, and the same was withdrawn, on the 17th December 1868, agreeably to Accountant General's Circular, No. 4527, dated 12th November 1868, and kept in the Civil Dispensary. A sum of Rupees 321-15-0 has been realized by the sale of medicines, showing an increase of Rupees 122-15-6 over that of the year 1867, and there has also been a small increase in the amount of subscriptions collected during the past year, viz., Rupees 28-5-6, and the balance now on hand is Rupees 1556-13-6, as shown in the subjoined financial statement.

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Financial Statement exhibiting the working in the Civil Dispensary, Masulipatam, for the year 1868.

	RS.	A.	P.		RS.	A.	P.
Balance on hand 1st January 1868.....	1,527	6	10	Medical Officer's allowance.....	50	0	0
Floating.....	...	...	...	1st Class Hospital Assistant's pay, from 1st January to 31st December 1868.....	599	0	6
Invested.....	...	...	...	2nd Class do. do.	...	...	...
Received during the year, viz.,				By servants' wages.....	480	0	0
From the Government.....	1,421	1	4	Peon's pay defrayed by Government	72	0	0
Do. Local Funds.....	25	9	7	European Medicines from Medical Stores.....	700	0	10
Interest on Funds deposited in the Government Savings' Bank.	50	0	0	Do. do. purchased.....	...	...	...
European Donations and Subscriptions.....	388	7	3	Half-yearly supplies.....	159	9	2
Native Donations and Subscriptions.....	794	1	0	Dietsing Sick.....	339	5	7
Sale of Medicines to persons not entitled to gratuitous issue.....	321	15	0	Wines and Spirits.....	107	0	0
Rent of Building and Compound.	180	0	0	Other charges including the money paid in January 1868 for dietsing sick, &c., for December 1867.....	338	14	8
				White-washing and other sundry expenses including repairs.	295	12	5
				Service Stamps.....	10	0	0
Total Income...	4,703	9	0				
Total Expenditure...	3,151	11	2				
	1,556	13	10				

Owing to several changes of the Collectors of the district having occurred during the short period I have had charge of the Civil Dispensary, I regret to state that no measures have been adopted to convene a meeting of the wealthy natives to raise funds, and hope the next Collector to be appointed will use his best endeavours to promote the welfare of this institution.

5. A Meteorological Observatory had been established at this station in the month of August 1868, and since then the correct observations have been regularly kept by an intelligent Assistant under my occasional direction. All the instruments consisting of a barometer, dry bulb, wet bulb, dry minimum, wet minimum, dry maximum, sun maximum in vacuo, gross minimum, thermometer, ozonometer, and a rain-gauge are in good working order, and the observer, U. Rungana-yakulu Naidu, has been most assiduous and attentive to his duties. An estimate and plan for the erection of a brick-pillar to fix the wind vane and anemometer, prepared by Mr. McAlpine, the Executive Engineer, has been forwarded to the Government Astronomer and Meteorological Superintendent for sanction on the 13th October 1868; but nothing has, as yet, been done towards its erection. When these instruments are fixed in working order, the system will become a complete one in accordance to present instructions.

6. In conclusion, I have much pleasure in bearing testimony to the services rendered by W. Venkataswamy Naidu, No. 174, through whose exertions much lasting benefit has been conferred on the Dispensary, setting aside the annual bequest of Rupees 300, granted by him in aid of the funds of the charity. He had been recommended for the honorary title of House Surgeon or Physician to the Institution on the 15th May 1868, but no reply has been received up to date; it is, however, hoped that his case will in time meet with the favourable consideration of Government, at the recommendation of the Inspector General of the Indian Medical Department.

MASULIPATAM,
1st January 1869.

(Signed) D. KEARNEY,
Acting Civil Surgeon.

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Annual Medical Report of the Civil Dispensary at Guntoor for 1868.
Number of sick.

	In-patients.	Out-patients.
Remained 31st December 1867	1	23
Admitted	77	2,097
Discharged cured... ..	49	2,064
" relieved	8	10
" no better	6	
" absent		19
Died	11	1
Remaining 31st December 1868	4	26
Average number of sick for the year... ..	4½	25½

General observations.

Men 1375, women 280, children 442.

The annual return of sick for the past year shows a decrease of 68 in the number of out-patients, and 11 in the number of in-patients. This diminution may probably be owing to there not having been much sickness in the station.

The diseases have been of an ordinary character. There have been eleven deaths among the number dieted in hospital. Most of these were mendicant travellers admitted into the dispensary either in the last stage of the disease, or in a state of exhaustion brought on by privation and exposure.

In the case of ascites, the re-accumulation after tapping was so rapid, that within two months the operation was performed four times, and altogether 136 lbs. of fluid were drawn off.

Nine cases of capital operation were performed during the year. Of these, one died from exhaustion. He was a young man of about twenty years of age, who had suffered from disease of the left knee joint for about a year; and was in a state of great emaciation when brought to the hospital. The joint itself was very much ulcerated and riddled with sinuses, the lower end of the femur, which had been accidentally fractured near the condyles while using friction to the limb was protruding several inches through the soft parts, and the leg and foot unnaturally black, shrivelled, and gangrenous. Flap operation of thigh was performed, but the patient sank and died a few hours after.

In one case, a lad about ten years of age had been operated upon below the left elbow joint, and while the stump was healing favourably, symptoms of traumatic tetanus supervened on the sixteenth day after the operation. By acting upon his bowels freely and the administration of opiates internally, together with the application of a lotion composed of chlorate of potash and opium externally to the wound, the symptoms disappeared by the seventh day, and the patient afterwards left the hospital well.

This station has not been visited by any epidemics during the year under review.

The last season was milder than in former years, but it was more protracted than usual. The south-west monsoons began in June giving a fall of 32 inches of rain, but the north-east monsoon has been a total failure; and fears are entertained of a drought in consequence of the ensuing hot season.

The dispensary is self-supporting. As the inhabitants evinced no desire to render any pecuniary aid towards its support, the Government had decided in an order, dated 7th January 1869, that the institution be closed after the lapse of six months, should they continue to manifest the same indisposition to contribute towards its maintenance.

However, in the month of May last, a public meeting of the native inhabitants was convened when Rupees 42 per mensem was subscribed by them, and paid in advance up to December,

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with a promise that the subscription would be continued quarterly in future. This amount, together with the subscriptions of European and Native Government officials, and the money realized by the sale of medicines, have not only been sufficient since then to defray all expenses, but a small sum has remained over each month, and this has been added to the capital.

The dead-house attached to the dispensary, in consequence of its situation in the midst of a crowded locality, and its being in too close proximity to the huts of the people, having been condemned by me, a site at some reasonable distance from the town for the erection of another building has been selected by Mr. Wilson, the late Sub-Collector, and myself, and I have recommended that the present dead-house be used only for the reception of the bodies of those who die in hospital previous to interment.

The dispensary is situated in a densely-populated neighbourhood, and the approaches to it are through narrow and crowded streets; corpses from the interior generally in a state of decomposition are conveyed through them on a stretcher with no other covering than a mat or a thin cloth; and the offensive smell proceeding from them must be more or less disagreeable to the people who live there.

The sanitary condition of the town is well-attended to by the Municipal Association. The water-supply is defective, but attempts are being made to render it better.

GUNTOOR,
1st January 1869.

(Signed) R. F. STEVENSON,
Acting Zillah Surgeon.

No. 213. ORDER THEREON, 28th May 1869, No. 719.

His Excellency the Governor in Council is glad to learn from the foregoing papers that the financial position of the Civil Dispensaries of Masulipatam and Guntoor is satisfactory. In Guntoor, owing to increased interest taken by the inhabitants, the local contributions have not only sufficed to support the dispensary throughout the year, but also to make a respectable addition to the capital, and to

obviate the necessity of enforcing the Order of Government cited by the Acting Collector. The Government have

G. O., 7th January 1869, No. 15.

received with satisfaction intimation of the liberal donation of Rupees 1000 to the Masulipatam Dispensary, by the Rajah Narayanappa Ravu, Zemindar of Nuzvid. The Government rely on Mr. Boswell's doing all in his power to excite the interest of the native community generally in the dispensaries by which the natives are especially benefitted.

2. The decrease in the number of patients treated is attributed, as regards Masulipatam, to greater strictness than was before practised in the rejection of cases not proper to be admitted; and as regards Guntoor to the year having been a healthy one.

3. With reference to paragraph 8 of the Acting Collector's letter, he is referred to G. O., 24th October 1863, No. 1168, in which ex-officio Members and Secretaries of the Committee of Management for the Masulipatam and Guntoor Dispensaries were nominated. He is also informed that, in other cases, donors of Rupees 1000 have been appointed "Life-governors," those only being called "Governors" who continue to subscribe 100 Rupees annually, and that the qualification for membership of the Committee of Management has been fixed at a subscription of Rupees 50 per annum.

4. With reference to paragraph 3 of his letter, the Acting Collector will have learned from the Order of Government, dated 10th instant, No. 604, that accounts of dispensaries are to be opened in the Savings' Bank in the names of the Collector and Zillah Surgeon, thus providing for the investment of Dispensary funds in the Bank.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Acting Collector of the Kistna district.

„ Inspector General of the Indian Medical Department.

Erd. J. Wright.

*in behalf of the Masulipatam Civil Dispensary this
Morning*

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Good Morning Sir

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THE AGIC. COLLECTOR OF THE

RESIDENCE DISTRICT

No. 40, No. 40

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C. G. 20th May 1868, No. 710.

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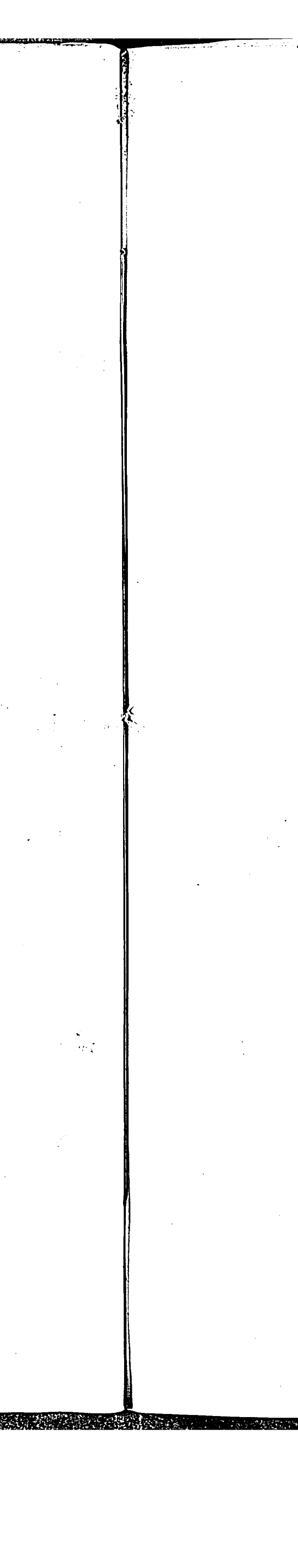
(True copy) Acting Civil Surgeon.

Signed D. Kearney

Assistant Civil Surgeon.

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III. The total number of sick treated during the year 1868 has been indoor patients 67 & Out-door patients 2615 showing a decrease of 71 indoor-patients which may be attributed to the great care taken in the selection of proper cases for admission rejecting all the mendicants who hitherto resorted to the Dispensary with no other particular ailments than to become inmates of the Hospital.

to be fed. There has been ^{also} a decrease in the number of out-patients in the year 1868 by 287 which may be accounted for by the more healthy condition of the past seasons. The average daily sick of indoor patients has been 4 and that of the out-patients 40. The most prevalent diseases were Intermittent Fever, Pneumatism, Stomach & Bowel's complaint, Bronchitic affections, Ulcers, Secondary Syphilis, Otitis &c. &c. There were 3 casualties among the indoor patients and two among the out-door patients. Of the former one died of Tetanus after amputation of his mortified right middle finger. The second was a woman of 38 years old much emaciated and debilitated and died of exhaustion. the result of general atrophy: the third one also was an emaciated woman with Ascitis of one year standing. She was lifted and about 100 pounds of tenacious fluid was drawn from the abdomen and died on the 3rd day from general exhaustion.

IV. The most strenuous exertions were made to collect subscriptions and donations due by different High Governors and others and the funds thus collected have been sufficient to meet all expenses incurred without drawing from the capital deposited in the 'Savings Bank' and the ^{same} was withdrawn on the 17th December 1868 agreeably to Accountant General's circular No. 4527 dated 12th November 1868 and kept in the Civil Dispensary. A sum of Rupees 321 and annas 15 has been realized by the sale of medicines showing an

an increase of Rupees 122 annas 15 and pie 6 over that of the year 1867 and there was also been a small increase in the amount of subscriptions collected during the past year viz. Rs. 28 annas 5 pie 6 and the balance now on hand is Rupees 1556 annas 13 and pie 6 as shown in the subjoined Financial Statement.

Financial Statement exhibiting the working in the Civil Dispensary, Masulipatam, for the year 1868.

Balance on hand 1 st Jan 1868	1527	0	10		
From the Government	1421	1	4	Medical Officers' allowance	50
Local Funds	25	9	7	1 st Class Hospital 867	
Interest on Funds deposited in the Government Savings Bank	50			Islands from 1 st Jan to 31 st Dec 1867	6
European Donations and subscriptions	388	7	3	By servants wages	180
Native Donations and subscriptions	79	4	1	Poor's pay defrayed by Government	72
Gifts of medicines to persons not entitled to gratuitous issue	321	15		European medicines from Medical Store	10
Rent of Building and compound	180			1 st - 2 nd purchase	
				Half yearly supplies	159 9 2
				Drugs & chemicals	339 5 7
				Drugs & spirits	107
				(Other charges including the money paid in January 1868 for distilling)	11 8
				(Sick & food for the month)	
				While working and other sundry expenses including repairs	29 12 5
				Service Stamps	10
Total Income	4708	9			
Total Expenditure	3151	11	2		
	1556	13	18		

Owing to several changes of the Collectors of the District having occurred during the short period I have had charge of the Civil Dispensary, I regret to state, that no measures have been adopted to convene a meeting of the Wealthy natives to raise funds & hope the next collector to be appointed will use his best endeavours to promote the welfare of this Institution.

V. A meteorological Observatory had been established at this station in the month of August 1868 and since then the correct observations have been regularly kept by an intelligent Christian under my occasional direction. The instruments consisting of a barometer, Dry bulb, wet bulb, Dry minimum, Wet minimum, Dry maximum, Wet maximum, Barometer in vacuo, Grass minimum, thermometer, Ozonometer and anemometer are in good working order, and the observer Mr. Ranganaya Kulu Naidu has been most assiduous and attentive to his duties. An estimate and plan for the erection of a brick pillar to fix the wind vane and Anemometer, prepared by Mr. M^r Alpine the Executive Engineer has been forwarded to the Government Astronomer and Meteorological Superintendent for sanction on the 13th October 1868, but nothing has, as yet, been done towards its erection. When these instruments are fixed in working order, the system will become a complete one in accordance to present instructions.

In conclusion, I have much pleasure in bearing testimony to the services rendered by W. Venkataswami Naidu

Nayudu N. 174, thro' whose exertions much lasting
 benefit has been conferred on the Dispensary, setting aside
 the annual request of Rs 300 granted by him in
 aid of the running the Charity. He had been recom-
 mended to the Honorary title of House Surgeon or
 Physician to the Institution on the 15th May 1868 but
 no reply has been received up to date, it is however
 hoped that his case will in time meet with the
 favorable consideration of Government & at the re-
 commendation of the Surgeon General Indian
 Medical Department.

Masulipatnam }
 1st January 1869 }
 Signed D. Kearney
 Assistant Civil Surgeon
 Masulipatnam

Civil Dispensary Masulipatnam

Extract from the Book of Visits from 1st January to 31st De-
 cember 1868.

- 1st January 1868. Judge J. C. J. Wilkins Esquire. All right.
- 3rd February 1868. Sub Collector W. Wilson Esquire. Everything nice, tidy & neat.
- 8th February 1868. Dr. Surg. J. Tac. Mr. J. Lawrence. Hospital clean.
- 11th February 1868. Off^r Director of P. S. H. C. Master Esquire. All right.
- 9th February 1869. Collector J. Thornhill Esquire. All right.
- 10th March 1868. Judge S. C. J. Wilkins Esquire. All right.
- 21st March 1868. Assistant Collector J. Lawrence Esquire. Obtained a store for
for specimen of dolphin
& 1/2 pint of spirits of wine
The hospital is the best
clean & tidy as 8 in-
patients - - -
- 18th April 1868 - Dr. Surg. J. Tac. Mr. J. Lawrence. In good order.
- 23rd April 1868. Judge S. C. J. Wilkins Esquire. Everything clean & in
good order - - -
- 8th August 1868. Surgeon General J. Tac. Major G. S. Kearney. Everything clean. Some
of the Police Bedding not
quite clean. Would be
better not to leave pol-
luted on an occupied
cot.
- 2nd August 1868. Surg. J. Tac. Mr. W. H. Perkins. D.
- 16th August 1868. Esquire Surg. John L. Mac Alpine Esq. Found all right. Satis-
fied.
- 21st August 1868. Assistant Surg. W. R. Norris Esquire. Everything that could
be wished in the way
of neatness &c. may be
seen here.

25th November 1868. Sub Collector W. Wilson Esquire. Hospital clean. only one
patient in.

26th December/68. Off^r Collector J. Lawrence Esquire. A visit

Masulipatnam }
 1st January/69 }
 Signed D. Kearney
 Assistant Surgeon
 Civil Surgeon
 [True Copy]
 H. Martin
 Official Collector
 P. Tharigam

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from the
Sp. collector of the Pudukottah District
(Here entered 19th April 1869 N^o 10)

Order thereon No 719 - 28 May 1869.

His Excellency the
Governor in Council is glad
to learn from the foregoing
papers that the financial
position of the Civil Dispensaries
of Masulipatam and Guntur
is satisfactory. In Guntur,
owing to increased interest taken
by the inhabitants, the local
contributions have not only
sufficed to support the dis-
pensary throughout the year
but also to make a respectable
addition to the capital, and
to obviate the necessity of
enforcing the order of Government.

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G. O. 7th January 1868 N^o 15

No 8 July 1868 Nos 61-62
- 24 Feb'y - 192-193
- 21 - 154-155
- 7 Jan'y - 26-27
- 5 April 1868 - 15-16
- 24 October 1868 - 1168

Public 1869 No 1
From 28 May 1869
To the Sp. Collector of
Pudukottah District
To the Chief Secretary
to Government
in the P. D. Dept.
J. S. George

Dated 19th April 1869
No. 29

Even of N^o 10
N. 186.
Annual reports of
Civil Dispensaries
of Masulipatam and
Guntur for 1868 - sub-
mitting copies of -

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1 cited by the Acting Collector. The Government have received with satisfaction intimation of the ~~liberal~~ ^{generous} donation of Rs 1000 to the Maschipatam Dispensary by the Raja Narayanappa Rao, Zemindar of Nuzvid. The Government rely on Mr. Boswell's doing all in his power to excite the interest of the native Community generally in the Dispensaries by which the ^{native} are especially benefitted.

2 The decrease in the numbers of patients treated is attributed as regards Maschipatam to greater strictness than was before practised in the rejection of cases not proper to be admitted, and as regards Guntur to the year having been a healthy one.

3 With reference to paragraphs of the Acting Collector's letter, he is referred to G. O. 24th October 1863, No. 1168 in which Ex. officio Members and Secretaries of the Committee of Management for the Maschipatam and

and Guntur Dispensaries were nominated. He is also informed that, in other cases, donors of Rs 1000 have been appointed "Life Governors" those only being called "Governors" who continue to subscribe 100 Rs annually, and that the qualification for membership of the Committee of Management has been fixed at a subscription of Rs 50 per annum.

4 ~~The subject of investment of Dispensary funds in Government Savings Banks is under the consideration of Government.~~

With reference to para 3 of his letter, the Acting Collector will have learned from the Order of Government of 10th Inst. No. 604, that Accounts

of Dispensaries are to be opened in the Inspector Genl. Indian Med. Dept. Savings Bank in the names

names of the Collector
and Zillah Surgeon,
thus providing for
the investment
of Dispensary funds
in the hands of

Receiving the annual reports
for 1868 on the working
of the Civil Dispensaries
at Muzaffargarh and
Jhang.

Nos. 212-213

Dated May 28" } 1869 No. 719
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To The Asst. Collector, Muzaffargarh District
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