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7th January 1870.

No. 42. Read the following letter from H. E. SULLIVAN, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Pollachy, 30th November 1869, No. 50.

At a meeting of the Committee of the Civil Dispensary established in this town at which I presided yesterday, I was requested by the members to solicit the sanction of Government for re-investing the capital of the institution, amounting to Rupees 19,300, which is at present invested in Government Securities yielding five per cent., in the purchase of Bank of Madras shares. The present income barely covers the cost of dieting the patients; in fact I was informed that, on more than one occasion, the Committee from want of sufficient funds had been obliged to diminish the number of in-patients, and no margin whatever is left for the necessary repairs to the building. Under these circumstances, I trust the Government will not object to sanction the proposal of the Committee.

2. I take this opportunity of reporting most favourably on the manner in which this institution is managed. On the occasion of my visit there were seventeen in-patients and twenty out-patients, the average number of each for the past eleven months being $15\frac{1}{2}$ in-patients and $26\frac{1}{2}$ out-patients. This shows that the people appreciate its advantages, and, when brought within their reach, their willingness to avail themselves of the European mode of treatment. Everything was scrupulously neat and clean, the patients appeared well-cared for and contented, and the only thing which detracted from the otherwise satisfactory arrangements was the state of disrepair of the building. This is owing, as above noticed, to the limited means at the disposal of the Committee who, however, are doing all in their power to put it in good order. Previous to my visit they had raised sufficient money by local subscriptions thoroughly to re-tile the main building and out-premises, and funds are now being collected to replace with cut-stone the broken chunam flooring, and to build permanent verandahs in lieu of the temporary pandals which are carried away every year by the monsoon.

3. I must not fail to bring to the favourable notice of Government the intelligent interest displayed by the Tahsildar C. Venecaramaniam, and Native Surgeon T. Ruthna Moodelly, in promoting the welfare of this useful institution. To their exertions, in which I believe they are well seconded by the other members of the Committee, is due its present vigorous condition and its popularity with the classes for whose benefit it is intended.

4. In conclusion I would solicit the opinion of Government as to whether the funds raised by subscription towards the improvement of the building might not fairly be supplemented by a grant from local funds. Its sphere of usefulness is not limited to the town of Pollachy or even to the taluq. Patients from the neighbouring taluqs of Ooloomalapettah, Pulladom, and Dharapooram resort to the hospital for treatment, and subscriptions are now being raised there towards the necessary repairs and improvements. Should the Government view this suggestion favourably, I will apply formally through the Board of Revenue for a grant.

No. 43. ORDER THEREON, 7th January 1870, No. 30.

The Acting Collector should have submitted to Government the data on which it has been calculated that the proposed investment of the funded capital of the

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Pollachy Dispensary in Bank of Madras shares, instead of five per cent. Government Securities, will be financially for the benefit of the institution.

2. An examination of the most recent quotations seems to show that this would be the case; and the Government, therefore, do not object to sanction the proposal of the Committee that the change of investment should be made. On the completion of the operation a report of the result should be submitted.

3. With reference to Mr. Sullivan's request for an expression of the opinion of Government as to the propriety of a grant from local funds in aid of the dispensary, the Government believe that such an appropriation would be unprecedented; and resolve to inform Mr. Sullivan that in the Bill for the imposition of a Local Cess which is under preparation, provision is made for allotments from the proceeds for the maintenance of dispensaries. Pending the introduction and disposal of this Bill, the Government will defer passing orders on Mr. Sullivan's suggestion.

4. The Government have received with satisfaction the Acting Collector's testimony to the excellence of the management of the dispensary, and its usefulness to the people of the neighbourhood.

(True Extract.)

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Collector of Coimbatore.

„ Inspector-General of the Indian Medical Department.
„ Accountant-General.

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Read the following letter from the ^{Acting} Collector of
Combatore to the Chief Secretary to Govt.

Amr Sutar dated 30th Nov 1869 No. 50.

Order thereon. 7 January 1870 No. 50.

The Acting Collector should have submitted to Government the date on which it has been calculated that the proposed investment of the funded capital of the Pollachy Dispensary in B of Madras shares instead of 5 per cent Government securities, will be financially for the benefit of the Institution.

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To

THE COLLECTOR OF COMBATORE.

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Dated January, 7th.

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G. O., 7th January 1870, No. 30.

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