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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
 15th July 1870.

No. 53. Read the following letter from the Collector of Malabar, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Calicut, 16th June 1870, No. 64:—

With reference to paragraph 3 of G. O., dated 26th June 1868, No. 776, I have the honour to submit a report from the Deputy Collector, Ponany, stating that there is every probability of the permanence of the Civil Dispensary at that station.

2. The Dispensary has been of great service in a thickly-populated portion of the district, where endemic diseases prevail ; and the people, it would appear, have come forward liberally to contribute for its support. The monthly subscriptions, the Deputy Collector reports, come to Rupees 60 ; and the expenses of the institution comprising charges for the pay of menial servants, dieting of in-patients, and contingent charges average Rupees 50.

3. Under these circumstances, I have the honour to recommend that Government continue the support now given to the Dispensary, in supplying it with medicine and the services of a Hospital Assistant.

From the Acting Deputy Collector of Malabar, Southern Division, Ponany, to the Collector of Malabar, dated Ponany, 9th June 1870, No. 85.

I have the honour to state that the Dispensary at Ponany was opened* on the 1st October 1868 as experimental for one year, and the time has now come to

* Vide G. O., 26th June 1868, No. 776. consider the propriety or otherwise of its permanent establishment, the institution having been in existence for more than a year and a half.

2. During the past nineteen months 2916† persons were treated in the hospital ; of these 1820 were Mahomedans, 218 Christians, and the remainder, that is 878, were Hindoos of various classes.

—	In-patients.	Out-patients.	Total
† Mahomedans....	73	1,742	1,820
Christians.....	1	217	218
Hindoos	99	779	878
Total...	173	2,738	2,916

3. The principal diseases treated generally are Ague, simple continued Fevers, Asthma, Spitting of Blood, Dysentery, Diarrhœa, Colic, Constipation, Hernia, Jaundice, Venereals, Abscess, and Ulcers.

4. Only fourteen individuals died in the hospital since its establishment.

5. The institution is the first in its kind in this taluq, the inhabitants of which had no idea of the benefits of English medical treatment prior to its introduction.

6. Notwithstanding that the institution is in its infancy, it will be seen that many, not only those who live in the vicinity of the locality but those from remote parts, have shared its benefits ; and the fact that many of the wealthy natives of this taluq have lately contributed towards its support impresses that the people are sensible of its importance and begin to appreciate it.

7. This circumstance will, I think, be sufficient to show that to place the Dispensary now on a permanent footing is highly desirable. It then remains to consider what the means are to maintain it.

8. The total receipt up to the end of May last is Rupees 1771-8-0‡. Of this Rupees 676-12-4 has been expended, leaving a balance of Rupees 1094-11-8. The monthly cost of the institution on account of dieting in-patients, wages of menial servants, and contingent charges, &c., would come to Rupees 50 or so.

	Rs.	A.	P.
‡ On account of donation.....	1,516	0	0
Do. subscription...	255	8	0
Total...	1,771	8	0

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9. During the month of May last, a monthly contribution of Rupees 48 has been added to the subscription fund, and so the amount of subscription is estimated at Rupees 60-4-0* per mensem. Thus the present state of things connected with the institution would, it will be observed, enable to maintain it with the present aid from Government, viz., the grant of the Hospital Assistant's pay and the medicines.

10. The Committee have, with thanks, received the amount of Rupees 750 which has been contributed towards the support of the Dispensary out of the surplus of the Famine Relief Fund transmitted† to me by you. It has been proposed to lay out this sum together with any other amount available in the Dispensary Fund on interest on a tangible security for the benefit of the institution.

11. It is hoped that it would be feasible to raise a further sum from wealthy natives, and thus to form a capital the interest derivable from which could be devoted to the support of the institution. Although this course—a course in its nature permanent—is a wholesome one, still, considering the probability of passing the proposed Local Fund Bill into law wherein provisions are made for the maintenance of such institutions, exertions on that end have been relaxed.

12. I beg, therefore, you will be pleased to bring this to the favourable consideration of Government, and obtain their sanction for the permanent establishment of the Dispensary at Ponany.

No. 54. ORDER THEREON, 15th July 1870, No. 876.

Under the circumstances stated in the foregoing papers, His Excellency the Governor in Council resolves to continue to the Dispensary at Ponany, in the District of Malabar, the supply of medicine and the services of a dresser.

(True Extract.)

Under Secy. to Govt.

To the Collector of Malabar.

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

Exd. J. Wright.

Malabar's Collector's Office
Calicut 16th June 1870.

N^o 64.

From,

A. Mac Gregor Esquire,
Collector of Malabar

To,

Mr. Honble. R. S. Ellis C.B.
Chief Secretary to Government.
Fort Saint George.

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of G.O dated 26th June 1868 N^o 776, I
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that there is every probability of the
permanence of the Civil Dispensary
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The Dispensary has been
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Govt. of 1870

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To

THE COLLECTOR OF MALABAR
&c., &c., &c.

Dated July, 15th.

Recd.

Encl.

G. O., 15th July 1870. No 876.

JULY.

Nos. 53-54.

Directing that the supply of medicine and the
services of a dresser to the Ponany Dispensary be
continued, as it is probable that it will be a perma=
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a Hospital Assistant.

I have the honor to be
Your most ^{Sir} obed^t servant

A. M. S. P.
Collector.

Govt. of 1870 Madras.

Public

To
The Collector of Malabar.

Dated July. 15.

Recd.

Encl.

G. O. 15 July. 1870, No. 876.

Nos. 53 54.

Directing that the supply
of medicines & the services
of a dresser to the Ponnani
Dispensary be continued as
it is probable that it will
be a permanent institution.

No 26 June/1870 No 1720/74
16 October/84 - 1670/69
2 April/69 No 6.

1870. 24th Office Department

From
The Collector of Malabar.

To
The Chief Secretary to
Government
Fort Saint George.

Received 23 June 1870.

No 982 31.8.70

Forward a report from
the C. of Malabar & Ponnani
stating that there is every
probability of the permanent
of the dispensary at that
location and request Govt
to continue the aid offered
for the institution.

With an order.

For the Collector of Malabar
and Ponnani District
Department of Revenue.

Under the circumstances
it is recommended that
the dispensary be continued
as it is probable that it will
be a permanent institution.

M.A.

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