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No. 3. Read the following letter from J. B. PENNINGTON, Esq., Acting Collector of Trichinopoly, to the Hon. W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Trichinopoly, 16th May 1873, No. 17:—

I have the honour to submit the enclosed application on behalf of the "St. Patrick's Temperance Hall" for the favourable consideration of Government.

2. The institution is very fairly described by Monsieur Dupuy; and Government will see, by the enclosed copy of a letter from the Brigade-Major, that the Brigadier-General Commanding considers it a "useful institution as providing a suitable place of resort *out of barracks* for the European Troops." For my own part I should say that every such place of resort where drunkenness is impossible is deserving of the most active encouragement and support. It is, I suppose, essential to allow men the option of getting liquor at the authorized Recreation Rooms and Canteens; but, if it is possible to persuade them to forsake even the Canteens, it is difficult to over-estimate the benefit that would ensue. And when it is known that the Arrack Shops of the town are resorted to as well as the Military Canteens, and that men are literally poisoned every day, I feel sure that Government will aid Monsieur Dupuy in his attempt to lead men to more temperate habits.

3. The Cantonment Abkari Farm was let last year for Rupees 67,100, and the value of the arrack sold is estimated at Rupees 1,12,000, the population being about 85,000. The taluq farm *outside* the cantonment limits let for Rupees 31,000, and the consumption may be estimated liberally at 70,000 Rupees' worth of liquor, the population being 220,000. Even supposing the inhabitants of the town to be twice as much addicted to intoxication as the rural population, they should only drink about 50,000 or 60,000 Rupees' worth of liquor at the outside, so that about 50,000 Rupees' worth extra remains to be accounted for in the cantonment. I cannot help fearing that a large portion of this enormous sum is paid by the European Soldiers. That they frequent the Arrack Shops in great numbers, and that arrack is sold to them in large quantities in spite of the illegality of the practice, is notorious, although it appears that every attempt to detect a case has failed owing to the great precautions that are adopted. I am in communication with the Superintendent of Police on the subject, and intend addressing the Brigadier-General Commanding with a view to put a stop, if possible, to this illicit traffic; but, no doubt, the most effectual cure for the evil would be to withdraw the men from the Arrack Shops by the persuasive influence of more innocent places of amusement, such as the St. Patrick's Hall.

From the Rev. J. DUPUY, s.r., President and Manager of the Temperance Hall, Trichinopoly, to J. B. PENNINGTON, Esq., Acting Collector of Trichinopoly, dated——.

The "St. Patrick's Temperance Hall and Recreation Room" at this station is an institution of charity; as such, the Municipal Commission have exempted it from municipal tax. Its object is to promote habits of temperance, morality, and self-culture. Its rooms are frequented by Catholics and Protestants indiscriminately.

The subscribers number 116, and pay 4 Annas a month. It possesses a Billiard Board, two Bagatelle Tables, several other games, newspapers, periodicals (some of which we owe to the

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4th June 1873.

liberality of a few gentlemen and Officers of the station), also a library, a coffee-room where cooling drinks of the best quality are given at a low price, and, lastly, an oratory where catechism is taught to Catholics. Divine service is celebrated once a week, and singing exercises are given twice a week to a mixed and numerous choir. Much good has been done there for many years, especially to the soldiers of the garrison.

The hall measures inside about 2,900 square feet; it is high and cool, built upon a rising ground, on the most central and healthy spot between the Artillery and European Infantry Barracks; and, hence, most of the members belong to the European Troops and Staff of the Garrison. Nor is it a rival institution to the Regimental Libraries and Recreation Rooms, which cannot afford place for all the soldiers; the proof is in the fact that those rooms and the Temperance Hall are all of them generally filled at the same hours. I think it rather a necessary complement to them and a sister institution.

2. It requires, the flooring especially, a general repair, which will necessitate an expenditure of Rupees 1,082, as in estimate appended, drawn by order of the Executive Engineer at this station.

3. And as the institution has no other object than the good of the community at large, and of the British Troops in particular, and as the monthly income is hardly sufficient to cover the current expenditure, I must respectfully solicit your kind influence with Government to obtain from them that they be pleased to sanction the amount necessary for the repairs of "St. Patrick's Temperance Hall and Recreation Room."

From Major B. L. FORSTER, Brigade-Major, Southern District, to J. B. PENNINGTON, Esq.,
Acting Collector of Trichinopoly, dated Trichinopoly, 5th April 1873, No. 894.

In returning the accompanying documents,* received with your letter, No. 74, dated the

* 1 Letter from the Rev. J. Dupuy, to J. B. Pennington,
Esq., Collector, Trichinopoly.
1 Estimate.

4th instant, I have the honour, as requested in
the letter, to inform you that the Brigadier-
General Commanding considers the institution

known as "St. Patrick's Temperance Hall" (though not absolutely necessary as an addition to the Regimental Libraries and Recreation Rooms) to be in its way a useful institution as providing a suitable place of resort out of barracks for the European Troops.

No. 4. ORDER THEREON, 4th June 1873, No. 572.

Resolved that the foregoing papers be referred to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief for his opinion.

(True Extract.)

*Acting Under Secretary,
for Chief Secretary.*

To the Military Department, with an estimate.

Ed. J. H. Burns.

Call on Mr. Dupuy
 at the barracks
 7-4-70

From
 The Hon^d of Dupuy of Trichinopoly
 To
 J B Pennington Esq Collector Trichinopoly

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To THE MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

Dated June, 4th.
 Recd.
 G. O., 4th June 1873, No. 672.

JUNE.
 Nos. 3-4.

Referring, for the opinion of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, letter from the Acting Collector of Trichinopoly, submitting an application from M. Dupuy on behalf of "St. Patrick's Temperance Hall."



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I have the honor to remain

Sir

Your obedient servant

J Dupuy 4.

President & Manager of the Temp. Hall.

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Public DEPARTMENT.
No. 686.

From The Agt. Collr. of Trichinopoly.

Dated 18 May 1873.

FOR ORDERS.

I would be for them to the
Com^{rs} and keep for their
Minister

For

[Signature]

[Signature]

Trichinopoly Collector's office

16th May 1872.

no 17

From,

The Acting Collector of Trichinopoly

To,

The Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St George

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Application for a grant
for repairing St. Patrick's
Temperance Hall at
Trichinopoly.

For Orders

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I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Yours most obedt Servt

J. H. Cunningham
To the Hon. Secy

Richmond
Colo office
May 1873

The Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St. George

Command. 14 June 1873. No 572 V5

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From order
on a separate paper

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Public 1873 Department

From

Chief Secretary

Richmond

to

Chief Secretary

Government

No 166

Fort St. George

dated 16 May 1873

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Enclosure three

Submits the enclosed

application from the

Secretary on behalf of

St. Patrick's Seminary

Hall with his request

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