

Revenue Department

No 82

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Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 25th January 1859.

No. 11. Read the following letter from H. D. PHILLIPS, Esq., Collector of Tanjore ; to W. H. BAYLEY, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, Fort St. George ; dated Vellum, 31st December 1858, No. 1083.

SIR,

1. Having received an Extract from the Minutes of Consultation marginally noted, which authorizes as a temporary measure, an allowance of Rupees 12 per mensem to the Assistant Apothecary at Negapatam for visiting the Lungerkhana at Tranquebar.
18th Dec. 1858, No. 1677.

2. I have the honor respectfully to observe that I cannot help feeling the Government have not had before them certain items of information which, as Collector of the District, it becomes my duty now to submit.

3. *In premis* I would mention, that there is no Lungerkhana at Tranquebar. That institution is at Negapatam, where also resides the Assistant Apothecary to whom the indulgence under notice has been accorded. It is at Negapatam, (Tranquebar being 18 miles distant), that he discharges the very trifling duties which fall to his lot. He has to attend the sick, when there are any, of a Company of Sepoys on detachment at Negapatam, weakened as the Company always is by three drafts, each of six privates and a Naick, at Cusbahs Manargoody, Puttoocottah and Tritrapoondy. The Jail at Negapatam, in which there are 44 prisoners, is under his Medical charge and on a late occasion I deemed it to be my duty to request the Civil Surgeon to direct that the paupers in the Lungerkhana should receive, when necessary, the benefit of the Assistant Apothecary's attendance. The daily average of these has been twenty only in the past year, but I have no data as to the number of them who were ailing.

4. The Head Assistant Collector and the Officer Commanding the Company of Sepoys are the only two European Officials residing permanently at Negapatam, so that, a part from any private practice the Assistant Apothecary may secure among the East Indian community in the Town of Negapatam itself, which is little more than a mile from Caddambady, the hamlet where the Jail, the Sepoy lines, the Talook Cutcherry and the Head Assistant Collector and Commanding Officer's bungalows are situated, the Assistant Apothecary has no very heavy labors to perform.

5. They are the less onerous that when he quits his own place of residence at Negapatam, to visit the jail at Caddambady, he must pass the corner of the road up which, at a distance of about 200 yards, is the Lungerkhana.

6. The monthly allowance paid through my office to this pauper Establishment, is 50 Rupees; I should add that it has been the strong desire of the Civil Surgeon, Doctor Nott, to secure for the Assistant Apothecary a portion of the Lungerkhana allowance, as remuneration to the Assistant Apothecary for his keeping a conveyance or horse to enable him to visit the establishment, but that I declined to meet his wishes from a conviction that it would be an improper appropriation of the funds, and that the Assistant Apothecary has positively so little to do that the extra aid sought for him was to my mind most unreasonable.

7. I believe that the remnants of the Dutch population are entitled to the services of the Assistant Apothecary, but they have dwindled down to a very small number, and, at all events, had the advantage of those services before I sought the extension of them to the inmates of the Lungerkhana.

8. I beg to enclose a transcript of some notes on this subject which passed between Doctor Nott and myself.

From H. D. PHILLIPS, Esq., Collector of Tanjore ; to the Civil Surgeon ; dated Tranquebar 22d January 1858, No. 52.

SIR,

Adverting to arrangements in the course of adoption for a more appropriate expenditure of the funds of the Lungerkhana at Negapatam, I have the honor to request you will be so good as to require the Assistant Apothecary at that station to afford medical attendance to the sick inmates of the Lungerkhana should there be no objection to the arrangement.

If any exists and you will favor me by an explanation of its character and extent, I will adopt measures for causing its removal unless you will yourself make the requisite application in the proper quarter.

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From Civil Surgeon H. NOTT; to the Collector of Tanjore; dated Tranquebar 25th January 1858.

SIR,

In reply to your letter, No. 52, dated 22d January 1858, I have the honor to inform you, that Assistant Apothecary Leonard spoke to me the other day regarding his attendance in a medical capacity at the Lungerkhana and expressed a hope that some slight recompense might be made to him monthly for the performance of this duty, as his charge at Negapatam is already very onerous, and his pay is insufficient to enable him to keep a conveyance which he will absolutely require if any additional duty is imposed upon him.

From H. D. PHILLIPS, Esq., Collector of Tanjore; to the Civil Surgeon, Tranquebar, dated Vellum, 5th February 1858, No. 93.

SIR,

In reply to your letter dated the 25th Ultimo, in respect of Assistant Apothecary Mr. Leonard's attendance in a medical capacity at the Negapatam Lungerkhana, I have the honor to observe that I am unable to gather from your intimation as to Mr. Leonard's wishes in respect of a conveyance, whether it is competent to you to direct him to give to the sick in the Lungerkhana the benefit of his professional attendance and issue medicines to them.

Should you be incompetent to require from him the discharge of such duty, and also favor me with your opinion that his wish as to a conveyance is justifiable and proper under the rules of the Medical Department, it will remain for consideration whether the necessities of the Lungerkhana are such as to require a special application to the authorities at Madras through this office.

From Civil Surgeon H. NOTT; to the Collector of Tanjore; dated Tranquebar, 8th February 1858.

SIR,

In reply to your letter No. 93, I have the honor to inform you that Mr. Leonard being under my immediate control it will be competent for me to direct him to afford medical aid to the Lungerkhana at Negapatam; I merely suggested that if possible some slight remuneration should be made for this extra duty as the Assistant Apothecary has much to do at Negapatam, and on account of the distance of the Civil Hospital from the town really requires a conveyance which his present pay is inadequate to maintain; it would therefore be very encouraging if you could get sanctioned some small addition to his pay for this purpose.

From H. D. PHILLIPS, Esq., Collector of Tanjore; to the Civil Surgeon, Tranquebar; dated Kordacherry, 26th February 1858, No. 167.

SIR,

On reference to the papers relating to the Lungerkhana at Negapatam, and in reply to your letter dated the 8th instant, I have the honor to state that I regret not feeling at liberty to adopt measures for moving the Government to assign to Mr. Assistant Apothecary Leonard a special allowance for his attendance on the sick of the above mentioned institution, and that I am aware of no other means of reimbursing him for the cost of any conveyance he may find it necessary to keep.

From my own observation of its inmates there were no persons in the Choultry used as a Lungerkhana who could not have gone for advice or medicine to the Hospital near the lines, where, I believe, Mr. Leonard is principally employed.

From H. D. PHILLIPS, Esq., Collector of Tanjore; to the Civil Surgeon, Tranquebar; dated Trivalore 6th March 1858, No. 191.

SIR,

Adverting to the correspondence noted marginally, I have the honor to request you will inform me whether the issue by you of instructions to Mr. Assistant Apothecary Leonard to afford medical aid to the sick of the Lungerkhana at Negapatam is dependent on my consent to solicit the grant to him of carriage allowance, or whether you have been good enough already to issue the requisite orders.

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I am induced to ask the question as it would seem from information that has reached me that Mr. Leonard has not yet given his attendance there,

From Civil Surgeon H. NOTT; to the Collector of Tanjore; dated Tranquebar, 8th March 1858.

SIR,

In reply to your letter, No. 191, dated 6th March 1858, I have the honor to inform you that I was not aware that Mr. Leonard had neglected to afford medical aid to the inmates of the Lungerkhana at Negapatam. I will proceed to Negapatam tomorrow and direct Mr. Leonard to commence his services immediately, and I will also explain the matter to the Superintending Surgeon who is daily expected here on his tour of inspection and get him also to order Mr. Leonard to give his services when required.

(True Copies.)

(Signed) H. D. PHILLIPS, Collector.

No. 12. ORDER THEREON, No. 82; dated 19th January 1859.

Ordered that the above letter, and the papers accompanying it, be forwarded to the Director General Medical Department for early report, with reference to the correspondence noted in the margin. The attention of the Director General is requested to the statement made by the Collector of Tanjore that the Assistant Apothecary passes only 200 yards from the Lungerkhana at Negapatam in going daily from his own house to the Jail Hospital. The Director will explain how under these circumstances the duties of the Apothecary at the Lungerkhana put him "to considerable expense in the way of carriage hire."

See letter from Dr. Genl. 19th Oct. 1858, No. 189.

2. Adverting to the Collector's allegation as to the very trifling duties required of the Assistant Apothecary at the Lungerkhana, information is requested as to the number of patients under treatment at that institution on each day of the month of December 1858. A copy of the Assistant Apothecary's register of cases should be submitted, and should bear the counter-signature of the Collector. It is noticed that the whole number of the inmates of the Lungerkhana, both sick and healthy, is stated by Mr. Phillips to have been only 20 on an average, during the past year.

3. The Director General will obtain and submit an explanation from the Civil Surgeon of Tranquebar, why he failed, in supporting Assistant Apothecary Leonard's application for some remuneration for his attendance at the Lungerkhana, to advert to the correspondence which had passed between himself and the Collector on the subject, and to the decided opinion adverse to the claim expressed by the latter officer.

4. Pending the receipt of the explanation now called for, the order of the 18th December 1858, No. 1677, permitting the Assistant Apothecary at Negapatam to draw a conveyance allowance of Rupees 12 per mensem for visiting the Lungerkhana will be held in abeyance.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,

Secretary to Government.

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 19th January 1859.

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From Director General 15th Sept 58
at 171.
do — 19 Oct 58 at 189.

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Dy. to Cons. 25th Jan'y

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Extract Mins. of Cons.
D/19th Jan'y/59.

From the Director Genl. Medl.
Dy. of 21st Febr/59.
Case 296 in force 1st April
106 & 108-
From the Col^l of Tanjore
D/10th March/59. Case 429
Mins. 1st April
106 & 108-

Requesting the collector
of Tanjore to inform as to the
number of patients under
treatment at the Dispensary
at Nagapattam on each day of
the month of December 1858, and to
submit a copy of the Assistant
Apothecary's Register of Cases bearing
his counter signature & directing the
order permitting the Assistant Apothecary
to draw a conveyance allowance
for visiting the Dispensary
be held in abeyance.

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