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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
21st January 1864.

No. 235. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Department :—

Passing orders on the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue regarding the establishment of a public Dispensary and Hospital at Negapatam. } (Here enter 4th January 1864, No. 1.)

No. 236. ORDER THEREON, 21st January 1864, No. 122.

Communicated to the Board of Revenue for information and guidance, with reference to their Proceedings dated 16th December 1863.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, with Proceedings Public Department, No. 1.

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PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 16th December 1863:—

From W. M. CADELL, Esq., Collector of Tanjore; to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Chepauk, dated Vallum, 5th December 1863, No. 471.

21st October 1863, No. 207.

I have the honor to enclose copy of a letter from Mr. Hutchins, Acting Head Assistant Collector, reporting that the inhabitants of the town of Negapatam, and also of the Taluq of that name, and of the neighbouring Taluq of Nannilam, have subscribed a sum of about 7500 Rupees for the erection of a public Dispensary and Hospital at Negapatam, and that gentleman is not without hopes that the sum may be still further increased.

2. On the receipt of Mr. Hutchins' letter, I requested that gentleman to look out for a suitable site, and to obtain a plan and estimate for the buildings required. I also put myself in communication with the Superintending Engineer as to the making of a grant towards the building from Local Funds. An excellent site has now been selected close to the town of Negapatam, and yet in an open and airy situation, and an estimate and plan for the buildings have been prepared by the Public Works Department. These latter are now being submitted to Government through the Superintending Engineer, and in compliance with the Order of Government of the 9th ultimo, No. 3252.

3. I should add that the Superintending Engineer and myself have agreed to give the sum of Rupees 3000 from the Local Funds, and this sum has been entered in the Budget of Expenditure on Local Funds just sanctioned by Government.

4. My object, however, in now addressing the Board is to ascertain whether, as stated in the 3rd paragraph of Mr. Hutchins' letter, there is any prospect of Government granting any further sum from Imperial Funds to aid in the construction of the building. Government have already, in their Orders of the 23rd October last, sanctioned the appropriation of the materials of the present dilapidated Hospital at Kadambadi to assist in the construction of the new building at Negapatam, and I am by no means confident that they will be disposed to make any further contribution.

5. I beg, however, to lay the matter before the Board, and request they will bring it to the favorable consideration of Government.

6. The estimates for the building as now submitted amount to upwards of 12,000 Rupees, and comprise beside an Hospital and Surgery, and a Lying-in-Ward, and a Male and Female ward; but I propose in the first place that the construction of the main building, with its out-houses, should only be undertaken; the estimate for these is about Rupees 6000, and I would propose that half of this sum should be taken from the subscriptions now raised, and the other from the grant from Local Funds. The remaining amount of the subscriptions raised, amounting at present to about 1500 Rupees, together with any sums which hereafter may be received, I would propose to invest in Government Securities as a permanent fund for the endowment of the Hospital, and in order to meet the current monthly expenditure; and should the Government be pleased to contribute any further sum, I would propose too that the same should be expended solely in completing the Lying-in-Hospital and other buildings, leaving to the people the duty as desired by Government of meeting all current expenditure.

7. In conclusion, I would state that the success of the present attempt to establish an Hospital and Dispensary at Negapatam is due, in a very great measure, to the exertions made by Mr. Hutchins.

From A. R. HUTCHINS, Esq., Acting Head Assistant Collector, Negapatam; to W. M. CADELL, Esq., Collector of Tanjore, dated Negapatam, 21st October 1863, No. 207.

I have the honor to report to you for submission to Government that, in pursuance of the Government Notification recently contained in the Fort Saint George Gazette, I have held several meetings in the largest towns of my Sub-division, for the purpose of collecting money

for a Civil Dispensary to be erected in this town. The Tahsildar of Negapatam reports that a sum of Rupees 4600 has been actually collected, and signatures received to the amount of over Rupees 5000; he is very confident that he will receive Rupees 6000.

2. The Tahsildar of Nannilam has received signatures promising Rupees 2500, of which but Rupees 700 have been actually collected; he speaks with confidence of collecting Rupees 3500, but says that the Mirasidars object to pay their subscriptions until after reaping the Kadappu car in November and December. I do not think that I am too sanguine in saying that by the close of the year the whole sum, Rupees 9500, will be in the hands of the Tahsildars.

3. When in Madras in July, I called officially upon Dr. Cornish, the Secretary to the Principal Inspector General of Hospitals, and clearly obtained from him a promise that Government would give an equivalent to whatever I could raise, for the purpose of a Civil Dispensary. I therefore request you will call upon him to redeem his promise.

4. This seems a fit place to mention that, in answer to an application which I made for assistance to the Agent of Great Southern of India Railway Company, that gentleman has informed me that the Board of Directors refused on a former occasion to give such help unless Government also subscribed.

5. You have verbally promised to give a sum of Rupees 3000 from the Local Funds. I would thus venture to calculate upon a sum in full of Rupees 22,000, viz.,

Rupees	9500,	Local Subscriptions.
„	9500,	Government equivalent.
„	3000,	Local Fund Grant.
	22,000	

6. If this sum is realised, I think that there is no reason why the building should cost more than Rupees 10,000 or 12,000, which is the sum fixed upon for the Conjeveram Civil Dispensary now erecting. I can obtain an Estimate for a building for this amount, which I think will suit all purposes. The remaining sum, of Rupees 10,000, giving the 2000 for Contingent expenses connected with the building. This sum, if invested in the 5 per cent. Government Securities (any premium for their purchase may be taken from the 2000 Rupees), will give a yearly sum of Rupees 500, or about Rupees 40 (41) per month for maintenance in perpetuity. This certainly is not sufficient, but it is a fair beginning, and my predecessor Mr. Plumer, who has the erection of the Hospital much at heart, and is now returning to this Station, will no doubt endeavour to increase it.

7. As to the commencement of the building, the site, and other such details, I shall leave them with a strict account of all funds received or promised to the Sub-Collector.

(True Copy,)

(Signed) W. M. CADELL,
Collector.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary.

Ordered to be submitted for the favorable consideration of Government, with the Board's request that the Government sense of the local movement may be expressed by a suitable contribution in aid from the public funds.

2. Mr. Hutchins deserves great credit for his exertions in the matter, but he must evidently have misunderstood Dr. Cornish who could not have promised what he was clearly not competent to perform.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary.

To J. D. Sim, Esq., Secretary to Government, R. D.,
(with an enclosure.)

Transferred to the Public Department.

The division of the Local Funds of Tanjore is inexpedient, as they are not sufficient for the legitimate objects of the fund, and the Collector and Superintending Engineer exceeded their authority in promising a grant from them.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government, R. D.

ORDER THEREON, 4th January 1861, No. 1.

The Governor in Council learns with much pleasure that, through the laudable exertions of Mr. A. R. Hutchins, the inhabitants of the Nannilam and Negapatam Talooks have subscribed so liberally for the establishment of a public Dispensary and Hospital at the latter place.

2. The proposed building will cost rather more than 12,000 Rupees; the subscriptions are expected to reach Rupees 9500, and Rupees 5300 have already been collected. Mr. Cadell proposes in the first instance to build only the Dispensary, which will cost about Rupees 6000, dividing this expenditure in equal portions between the Local Fund of the District and the subscriptions of the public, and funding the remainder of the money collected to meet the current expenses of the Institution. The remaining buildings he purposes constructing out of any grant that Government may make from Imperial Funds.

3. The diversion of the Local Funds from their proper objects is inexpedient, and the Collector and Superintending Engineer exceeded their powers in promising a grant of Rupees 3000 from that source. The project, however, is undoubtedly a most useful one, and the public spirit evinced by the people deserves encouragement and support. The Governor in Council is therefore pleased to sanction a grant of Rupees 4000 from the Treasury in lieu of the donation promised from the Local Fund, and he hopes that the people will thus be induced to subscribe the full sum required to carry out their original intentions.

4. The grant will be made from the Reserve under Section IX in the Budget of the current year. The Collector will propose a Committee for the management of the Institution, and the money will be paid over to them at any time before the 30th April next.

(True Extract.)

G. J. Cumberland
Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

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