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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
20th February 1866.*

No. 363. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Military Department :—

Communicating papers to the Quarter Master
General's Department, in view to instructions
being issued for the transfer of the Native
Hospital in Ranipett, North Arcot, to the
Revenue Department, if no objection exists. } (Here enter 12th February 1866, No. 567.)

No. 364. ORDER THEREON, 20th February 1866, No. 449.
Communicating to the Board of Revenue, with refer-
ence to their Proceedings recorded above.

Miscellaneous.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,

Acting Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, with Proceedings Military Department, No 567.

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MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers:—

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 24th January 1866, No. 555.

Read the following letter from J. D. ROBINSON, Esq., Collector of North Arcot, Gudiatum, 8th January 1866, No. 3; to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

I have the honor, with reference to paragraphs 12 and 13 of my letter of the 4th November last, No. 224, and to the Proceedings of the Board thereon, dated 28th idem, No. 7,619, to report that the Acting Head Assistant Collector, Mr. Price, informs me, that his negotiations for Mr. Dopping's bungalow have failed, as the proprietor has, after some hesitation, made up his mind not to rent the building for the purpose of a dispensary. I would, therefore, recommend that the dispensary be located in the Native Hospital referred to in paragraph 10 of my letter above quoted, and accordingly beg to request, that application be made to the Military authorities for permission to appropriate this, out of the many other vacant buildings in their charge, for this highly useful purpose.

Under the foregoing explanation, and with reference to the correspondence noted in the margin, the Board resolve to request that Government will be pleased to sanction the appropriation of the Military building No. 7, known as the Native Hospital at Ranipet, for the establishment of the new dispensary at that station, ordered in paragraph 6 of the Government Order in the Public Department, dated 2nd October 1865, No. 1,026, communicated to the Board with the Government Order marginally specified above.

(A true copy and extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Acting Sub-Secretary.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 28th November 1865, No. 7619.

Read the following letter from the Collector of North Arcot, Chittoor, 4th November 1865, No. 224; to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

1. I have the honor, with reference to Proceedings of the Board, dated 14th ultimo, No. 6546, to submit the Sub-Collector's and Head Assistant's reports,* on arrangements for re-opening the Civil Dispensaries at Vellore and Ranipet, their respective head-quarters.
* Sub-Collector's, dated 27th October 1865, No. 582.
Head Assistant's .. 28th .. No. 321.

2. From Mr. Barlow's letter, the Board will learn that the Vellore institution has never been quite extinct, but has been supported, since its allowance out of the Lungerkhana Endowment Fund ceased, by voluntary subscription.

3. I would propose, that the building heretofore rented for the purpose, should be retained for the present on the same terms, the question of its eventual purchase being left to be determined by the results of a year's administration of the institution, on that broader and more systematic footing upon which it is now about to be re-established.

4. All, therefore, that remains to be done in the case of the Vellore establishment is the selection of a Committee of management, of which the Sub-Collector should be President, and whose duty it should be to make a monthly audit of the accounts, and to direct the expenditure of the available fund in the way most conducive to the permanency and enlarged usefulness of the institution.

The allowance of Rupees 50 per mensem to the Medical Officer in charge, and the salary of the dresser should be debited to the annual allowance from the Lungerkhana Fund.

5. The questions of improving the comfort of the institution by an additional supply of furniture, and a more liberal dietary, may safely be left to the local managing Committee.

6. With respect to the Ranipet institution, which is at present defunct, its re-opening on a certain date, say 1st December, should be published in the District Gazette, and otherwise notified throughout the neighbourhood.

7. A managing Committee should be formed, as in the case of the Vellore dispensary, with the Head Assistant as its ex-officio President, whose duty it would be to audit the accounts and direct the expenditure.

8. I would propose that an establishment, composed and paid as shown in the margin, should be entertained from the date of the re-opening of the dispensary, and that Mr. Price should, in the meantime, convene a meeting of the inhabitants, for the purpose of getting up the list of private subscriptions and donations.

	Per mensem.		
	RS.	A.	P.
One attendant	7	0	0
„ cook	6	0	0
„ water-woman	3	8	0
„ nurse	5	0	0
„ scavenger	4	0	0
	25	8	0

9. Mr. Price discusses the relative merits of four several buildings. I know all these premises, and can thoroughly endorse all his objections to the first, formerly known as the Lock Hospital.

10. The premises spoken of in paragraph 4 of Mr. Price's letter, are admirably adapted for the purposes of a Civil Dispensary, both in respect of accommodation and healthiness of situation.

But the objections taken by Mr. Price to their employment for the purpose of a Civil Dispensary are of weight, and must, I think, be accepted as conclusive against their selection.

11. The premises called No. 3, Military buildings, are, likewise, situated in the parade ground, and are, in a minor degree, open to similar objections. The lowness of the walls enclosing these, and the buildings spoken of in paragraph 10 of this report, would not, in my opinion, be of itself a serious disqualification.

12. We thus come to the premises alluded to in Mr. Price's letter under the name of Dopping's bungalow. I concur in Mr. Price's remarks, and think that all things considered, it will be better, for the present, to rent these buildings, and make any re-adaptations which may be required, out of the surplus funds at our disposal.

13. These premises are rapidly deteriorating, and house property in Ranipet is so depreciated, that I have no doubt the proprietor would gladly come to any terms which would give them a tenant, and thus arrest their further decay.

14. In conclusion, I beg respectfully to solicit the Board's permission to make the preliminary arrangements now suggested, in order that both establishments may be re-opened on a suitable scale, on the 1st proximo.

15. I make no proposition respecting the immediate employment of the surplus funds, as I think these should be carefully husbanded, and gradually drawn upon, as the growing requirements of the institutions may render advisable.

From the Sub-Collector of North Arcot, Chittoor, 27th October 1865; to the Collector of North Arcot.

1. In reply to your letter, No. 511, dated the 11th instant, forwarding the Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department, No. 1026, dated the 2nd idem, I am glad to be able to inform you that the Vellore Civil Dispensary has never been closed; a second public meeting, subsequent to that alluded to by Mr. Hathaway in his letter, No. 427, dated 29th of November last, was convened by me in December 1864, and the total results showed private donations amounting to Rupees 1,700 and odd; and subscriptions of Rupees 40 per mensem. A list of these subscriptions and donations was forwarded to the District Gazette in February last. You were then absent on leave.

2. The whole amount of donation promised has not as yet been paid, and the subscriptions are in arrears, but we have managed to keep the dispensary going; now with this Government

grant coming in regularly, supplemented by private subscriptions, I look for great things; the wealthier natives appear interested, and I propose to form some of them into a Committee of management, for the expenditure of the private subscriptions.

3. The dispensary is held in a private building rented for the purpose at Rupees 12 per mensem, and there is a fair amount of furniture, &c.; the situation of this building is convenient, and I know of no suitable public building available.

4. I presume that the Rupees 50 a month now allowed to the Medical Officer in charge, as well as the pay of the dresser, will be debited to this annual grant of Rupees 2,460.

5. In the event of the payment of arrears alluded to in paragraph 6 of Proceedings being sanctioned, a portion might very profitably be expended in the purchase of the building at present occupied, which is most conveniently situated outside the fort and near the town; more furniture too will hereafter be required, for with a larger amount available for dietary, more in-patients can be admitted.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. D. ROBINSON,
Collector.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

From the Acting Head Assistant Collector of North Arcot, Ranipet, 28th October 1865, No. 321; to the Collector of North Arcot.

1. With reference to your letter, No 508, date 11th instant, I have the honor to herewith forward a list of the articles belonging to the Ranipet dispensary, which were handed over to the Revenue authorities by the late Apothecary, Mr. Wilson, when giving up charge. These appear to be sufficient for the purpose of re-opening the dispensary; and as the Tahsildar suggests in his report, a copy of which I enclose, whatever else will be wanted may be best ascertained from the Apothecary when he arrives.

2. I am unable to state what the expense of starting the dispensary afresh would be, until I learn what establishment, beyond that now sanctioned, would be required; but I should say that one male and one female assistant, a cook, a sweeper, a scavenger and one peon, involving a charge of about Rupees 35 monthly, would be sufficient for the present. The cost of actual re-opening beyond this would be very small, probably not more than Rupees 15 or 20.

3. As regards the building most suitable, that in which the dispensary formerly was is unfitted for the purpose—it lies in very low ground, is near paddy fields and immediately below the European cemetery, the drainage of which runs right into it. In addition to being in a hollow, it is surrounded by a wall about nine or ten feet high, which, being near the building, intercepts whatever breeze may happen to blow, and renders the atmosphere within the enclosure close and stifling.

4. The premises to which you allude in paragraph 2 of your letter under reply, are those known as the Native Hospital, or No. 7, Military building. These are highly eligible for a dispensary, and would afford accommodation for about one-hundred patients. There are only two objections to their being so employed:

1st.—That in the event of cholera breaking out in the neighbourhood, which is the case almost every cold season, the patients sent there would bring the disease into the midst of the European inhabitants, as it is not more than three-hundred and fifty yards from my house, and the houses of Lieutenant Kelly, Mr. Cosby, Mr. Booth, and others; and not more than one-hundred yards from the Church.

2nd.—That the wall around it being very low, facilities for smuggling forbidden articles into the patients would be very much increased. A portion of the European Barracks, known as No. 3, Military building, which are further from the Europeans, and nearer the town, might be used. The objection of there being a low wall around it, however, exists.

5. The sanction of the Military authorities would, of course, have to be obtained, before either of the buildings above alluded to could be occupied.

6. The most suitable, as well as most central spot is, in my opinion, the house situated in the town of Ranipet, on the road from that place to Wallajahpett *via* Punji, known as "Dopping's

bungalow." This possesses ample accommodation, and stands in a large compound, but is not protected by a wall. The only objection is that being private property, rent would be asked for it. The present rent is Rupees 25 per mensem, but the house could probably be got for Rupees 15 or 20 a month.

7. I regret that my report has been delayed owing to the neglect of the Tahsildar to furnish me with the requisite information. Your letter reached me on the evening of the 14th, the 15th was Sunday, and I called for a report on the morning of the 16th, sending the Tahsildar by special messenger. It was only yesterday at 8 p. m., after sending a reminder again by special messenger, threatening the Tahsildar with fine if he failed to comply with my orders, that I obtained a reply. The Tahsildar has been called upon for an explanation of his conduct which is inexcusable, and which I hope may meet with some mark of your displeasure.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. D. ROBINSON,
Collector.

1. Under the authority vested in them by Regulation VII. of 1817, the Board sanction the Collector's arrangements, as proposed in the foregoing letter.

2. It will be well, however, that a decision should be come to at an early date, regarding the disposal of the surplus funds, in order that the sanction of Government may be obtained for a refund of the amount from Imperial Funds.

(True copies and extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary.

Referred to the Military Department, in view to the building being transferred to the Revenue Department, if not required for Military purposes.

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

1st February 1866.

ORDER, No. 567, 12th February 1866.

Communicated to the Commander-in-Chief (Quarter Master General's Department) in view to the necessary instructions being issued for the transfer of the building in question, if no objection exists.

(True Extract.)

M. M. M. M. M.
Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Quarter Master General.
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