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No. 153. Read the following letter from the Rev. S. D. SCUDDER, M.D., in late charge of Raneepett Dispensary and Hospital, to the Right Honourable the Governor of Madras, dated Arcot, 26th March 1872 :—

Allow me to call your kind attention to the following circumstances in connexion with the Raneepett Dispensary :—

1. Early in the year the American Arcot Mission, under the pressure of a serious financial difficulty, had no alternative but to curtail its work to a large amount. Among various retrenchments it was decided to “abandon our medical work, close the Dispensary and Hospital, inform the Government that we are no longer able to sustain them, and request that they take charge of everything belonging to them !”

2. At my earnest solicitation the Mission re-considered this action so far as to allow the medical work to go on until I could confer with the Government on the subject and solicit their intervention and aid. Illness prevented me from seeing your Excellency until a few days since. In accordance with your kind permission I have the honour to lay before you the following brief statement :—

The Mission has carried on this Medical Establishment since August 15th, 1866. The Dispensary and Hospital together have cost upon an average Rupees 500 per mensem. We have received from Government Rupees 172-2-7 per mensem, a portion of the interest from the Lunkerhana Fund, and for the past three years a supply of medicines from the Government Medical Stores worth about Rupees 50 per mensem. The balance needed to meet the expenses of the establishment the Mission has always gladly supplied. *This* it is no longer able to do ! We cannot meet the necessities of this large and populous district with the small amount we receive from the Government. We cannot but feel that it would be a *great* wrong to the district to give up this work ! What, then, can be done ? We are compelled to ask the Government to intervene to obtain us the needed aid and thus to save the work ! We would not ask for the whole amount expended in former years, but only for a sum sufficient to meet the most *pressing* wants of the people dependent upon the institution. Having carefully considered the question we think that this may be accomplished with a sum of Rupees 300 per mensem together with the supply of medicines heretofore received. We are drawing Rupees 172-2-7 each month from the Lunkerhana Fund. If this were supplemented so that we should receive Rupees 300 per mensem as well as allowed to indent for the same supply of medicines as in former years, we feel confident that the *chief* and *pressing* wants of the district can be met. The Mission is willing that the Rev. John Scudder, M.D., should superintend the work as I am obliged through illness to return immediately home. We would *earnestly* entreat your Excellency, therefore, to do all in your power to save this noble work !

No. 154. ORDER THEREON, 8th April 1872, No. 476.

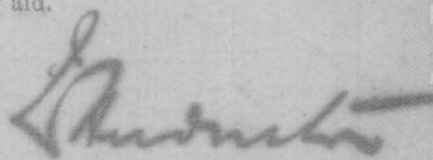
The Government observe that besides the sum specified by Dr. Scudder as received from the Lunkerhana endowment provision is made in the Local Fund Budgets of the Chittoor Circle for supplies of medicines to the extent of Rupees 600, and for the cost of the Lying-in Hospital, Rupees 64 per mensem, or in round numbers Rupees 770. It is presumed that the deficit of Rupees 128 per mensem to which Dr. Scudder refers accrues in the ordinary expenses of the general Dispensary and is independent of the charges of the new Lying-in Hospital.

2. The Government recognize the great value of the work done by the Mission Dispensary and trust that the want of funds for its continuance may be temporary only. It has been decided that aid to such Dispensaries should be given from Local Funds ; but to enable the Mission to tide over the current year the Government resolve, as a special case, to sanction a lump grant for 1872-73 of Rupees 1,500, which will be debited to the Provincial assignment for Hospitals and

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Dispensaries. Should the resources of the Mission be still inadequate in 1873-74, Dr. Scudder must look to the Local Fund Board of the Chittoor Circle for further aid.

(True Extract.)



Officiating Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue.

- „ Rev. S. D. Scudder, M.D.
- „ Collector of North Arcot.
- „ Revenue Department.
- „ Inspector-General, Indian Medical Department.
- „ Accountant-General.



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THE BOARD OF REVENUE,
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Dated April, 8th,
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Sanctioning, as a special case, a lump grant for 1872-73 of Rupees 1,500 in aid of the Raneypet Dispensary, North Arcot District, to be debited to the Provincial assignment for Hospitals and Dispensaries.

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