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Wynaad—Planters.

Read the following papers:—

No. 23. To

HIS GRACE THE DUKE OF BUCKINGHAM AND CHANDOS,
Governor of Madras in Council.

The Memorial of the Planters and Residents of South-East Wynaad.

SHOWETH,—That your memorialists have raised by private subscription the sum of Rupees 7,055-10-0 for the purpose of building a hospital at Davalah, in South-East Wynaad.

2. That the building has been erected according to the plans sent herewith: the money expended on this work to the end of March 1876 amounts to Rupees 5,778.

3. That the estimated cost of completing this building together with a house for the Medical Officers and the necessary out-houses and furniture amounts to Rupees 12,000.

4. That the sum of Rupees 2,586 has been promised annually by the estates in the neighborhood for the upkeep of the hospital, and the sum required for this purpose is estimated to amount to Rupees 5,000.

5. That the necessity for the hospital is shown by the following facts:—

(i.) That nearly ten thousand laborers are collected on the estates, besides a large number of resident Planters, with their families;

(ii.) That the district is, at certain seasons, notoriously unhealthy and is subject to special epidemics;

(iii.) And that the plantation coolies themselves have voluntarily subscribed Rupees 1,232-10-0 towards its erection.

6. That for the completion of the buildings the sum of Rupees 5,500 is still required, and for the efficient upkeep of the establishment and the pay of the Medical Officer a further sum of Rupees 2,500 is required annually.

7. That any assistance from the Local Fund Board of the district cannot be hoped for as liberal grants are already made to institutions of like character in other parts of Wynaad.

8. That your memorialists therefore crave a special grant of Rupees 5,500 from Provincial Funds to enable them to complete the necessary buildings together with an annual grant for the services of a 1st-Class Government Apothecary and such medical stores as may be considered necessary as long as the other charges of the institution are met by private subscriptions.

9. That your memorialists prayed for the assistance of Government in a letter forwarded by the Collector of Malabar in August 1875. Copy of the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue of 17th November 1875 on the subject has been received by your memorialists, but no answer to their prayer has been yet vouchsafed by the Government.

And your memorialists will ever pray.

OOTACAMUND,
20th April 1876.

(Signed) J. W. MINCHIN,
And nineteen others.

No. 24. Telegram from the Collector of Malabar, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Calicut, 29th May 1876.

Gudalur Hospital. Apothecary pay and allowances paid by Government; all other expenses paid from Local Funds. Building erected 1866—local subscriptions, 2,400; Government, 3,400.

No. 25. ORDER THEREON, 10th June 1876, No. 644.

The Governor in Council fully appreciates the efforts that have been made by the memorialists to provide suitable hospital accommodation for the laborers on their estates and is willing to afford them the services of a Medical Officer of the same class as is provided at Gudalur with the necessary medicines and instruments on a similar scale. The Government will also make a grant of the cost of the necessary hospital furniture including a suitable operating table, and the Surgeon-General, to whom the plan will be referred, will be requested to state what is required to furnish properly the four wards and the surgery and medicine store. The above Government contribution is made on the distinct understanding that the subscription of Rupees 2,586 which is stated to have been promised is guaranteed for five years.

2. The Governor in Council is of opinion that considerable saving in the estimated cost of further buildings might be effected by constructing the proposed infectious ward of temporary materials on a permanent basement so as to allow of the whole superstructure being burnt and renewed from time to time, on the plan adopted in Europe for such cases.

3. He is further of opinion that at any rate for the first year the Medical Officer might reside in the centre rooms, the spare rooms being used for the surgery and medicine store, and for dispensary, which arrangement would allow of the hospital being brought into immediate use.

4. The formal transfer of the site by the proprietor should be carried out so as to give it legal validity.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To J. W. Minchin, Esq., and others—Planters and Residents of South-East Wynaad—with a plan returned.
,, the Collector of Malabar.
,, the Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department.
,, the Accountant-General.
,, the Revenue Department.

Exd. A. S. Rodgers.

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To J. W. MINCHIN, Esq., AND OTHERS, &c., &c., &c.

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Wynaad—Planters.—Certain aid promised towards the building of a hospital at Devalah, in South-East Wynaad, also the grant of a Medical Subordinate, medicines, and hospital furniture.

2 to the Board of Rev. dr 24 June

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Communicated to Dr Wyllie

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