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FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

3rd September 1877, No. 2240.

Local Funds—Medical.

Read the following papers:—

No. 1. *Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 14th June 1877, No. 2771.*

Read again Board's Proceedings, dated 23rd February 1877, No. 803, and 9th March 1877, Miscellaneous No. 3446.

Read also the following letter from F. R. H. SHARP, Esq., President of the Local Fund Boards, Tanjore, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Tanjore, 17th May 1877, No. 301:—

Dated 23rd February 1877, No. 803.
" 9th March " " 3,446, (Mis).

With reference to the Board's Proceedings noted in the margin, I have the honor to submit the following information.

2. Judging from the actual receipts in favor of the Mohanambalpuram Chuttrum for the past five years the average annual income can fairly be put down as Rupees 31,000 exclusive of the interest on Promissory Notes (Rupees 27,000) which amounted to Rupees 1,080 for the year 1876-77, while the expenditure for feeding and other charges has never exceeded Rupees 26,500. It was on this calculation that it was stated in Mr. Thomas' letter, dated 20th December 1876, No. 631, that there would be an annual surplus of income over expenditure of about Rupees 6,000. In the Budget of the year 1876-77 the surplus was estimated at only Rupees 2,530, because a charge of Rupees 3,980 for the repairs of the Chuttrum building as well as for some works in connection with the Chuttrum lands was expected to be incurred during that year. But as it is not likely that such exceptional charges will be required for some years to come, the surplus income may be safely assumed to be Rupees 6,000 as above.

Years.	Receipts.	Expenditure.	
	Rs.	Rs.	
1872-73 ..	29,831	38,764	
1873-74 ..	23,347	25,558	
1874-75 ..	40,726	25,047	
1875-76 ..	37,080	21,366	
1876-77 ..	2,7932	48,231	
5)	1,58,916	1,58,966	
Add in interest on Promissory Notes ..	31,783 1,080	27,000 5) 1,31,966	Amount invested in Promissory Notes.
	32,863	26,393	
Average surplus Rs.		6,470	

	1876-77.	1877-78.
	Rs.	Rs.
Receipts.		
Interest	280	1,080
Landed income	31,690	31,634
Miscellaneous	200	200
Total ..	32,170	32,914
Expenditure.		
Establishment	4,986	4,686
Feeding charges	14,264	15,000
Miscellaneous	5,500	5,366
Repair, &c.	3,980	202
Education, &c.	910	860
Total ..	29,640	26,114
Expected Surplus	2,530	6,800 or 6,000 in a lump.

Balance in favor of the Chuttrum.

3. Out of this Rupees 6,000 it was proposed to spend Rs. 3,000 for the maintenance of the female hospital, and to invest the remainder in the name of the hospital instead of crediting it to the General

This mode of investing was proposed to be

continued year after year till it would constitute a total capital capable of yielding an income of Rupees 5,400 per annum so as to make the institution self-supporting.

4. The management of the institution is to rest with the Local Fund Board, and they are averse to transferring it to the Municipal Commissioners, inasmuch as the greater portion of the expenditure is proposed to be borne from their funds, and as the Municipal Commissioners will cease to have any connection with it when the necessary capital is created. I enclose copy of the resolution passed by the Local Fund Board on the subject.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Extract from Proceedings of Local Fund Board.

These papers relate to a proposal of the Local Fund Board, Tanjore Circle, to establish from the Surplus Funds of the Mohanambalpuram Chuttrum, aided by equal contributions of Rupees 1,200 per annum from Local and Municipal Funds, a hospital for females, which will be located in a rented building in the town of Tanjore. The surplus of the Chuttrum is expected to average Rupees 6,000, but of this only Rs. 3,000 are to be taken annually, and the remaining surplus is to be invested to form a special endowment for the hospital to accumulate until the capital is sufficient to meet the charges. These are estimated at Rupees 5,400, which sum is provided for the present under the arrangements above described; but for 1877-78, a special contribution of Rupees 500 is to be made from Chuttrum Funds to start the institution. The Municipality have consented to contribute Rupees 1,200 per annum as proposed.

2. The Board cordially approve of the scheme, and request the Government to sanction it. The surplus appears from the figures given to be calculated somewhat closely, though a liberal margin is said to be left for the purposes of the original endowment. But the only consequence of the expectations not being realized will be that the creation of the separate special endowment for the hospital will be deferred.

3. There are one or two points however which should be specially considered by Government. These are the extra allowance of Rupees 50 per mensem provided for the Zillah Surgeon, and the question whether the institution should be under the management of the Municipal Commissioners or the Local Fund Board. Under the rules the former body should have the management; but the Local Board declined to consent to this arrangement.

4. These Proceedings will be submitted to Government through the Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department, in order that that officer may have an opportunity of recording his opinion as to the propriety of the scale of establishment, &c., proposed for the hospital.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
for *Secretary*.

No. 2. *From Surgeon-General C. SMITH, M.D., Indian Medical Department, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Fort St. George, 3rd August* 1877, *No.* 483.

With advertence to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 2771, dated 14th June 1877, regarding the institution of a female hospital at Tanjore, I have the honor to submit the following remarks for the consideration of His Grace the Governor in Council.

2. The proposed hospital is intended not only to accommodate female patients "of all sorts for whom there will be several distinct wards," but also lying-in-patients.

3. In making these arrangements it will be necessary to keep the lying-in wards entirely separate from the ordinary female wards, otherwise there will be constant

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danger of puerperal fever from contagion. The lying-in block should, if possible, be distinct from the rest of the hospital, and should have its own nursing and menial arrangements.

4. The sum set apart for diet, clothing, and contingencies will suffice for about twenty-four patients. This would allow of six patients being admitted to the lying-in, and eighteen to the general wards.

5. The lying-in ward will require—

	RS.	
One European or East Indian midwife	50	with quarters and permission to practise.
One Native midwife	10	
One female toty	5	
The general wards will require—		
Two Native nurses	12	The pay indicated is small.
One dhoby	6	
One peon	6	
One cook	8	
One water-man	6	
Two female toties	10	
In addition to these expenses there will be—		
Attendance of Zillah Surgeon	50	
One 3rd-Class Hospital Assistant	25	
House-rent	45	
Diet	200	
Batta, &c.	23	
Total per mensem	456	
	12	
Total per annum	5,472	

6. The bedding and clothing stores for Lying-in hospital should be kept separate from the general store, and arrangements ought to be made for washing and boiling the lying-in clothing, bedding, &c., before handing over the same to the dhoby.

7. Local rates of pay, if lower than those of the Presidency town, may permit of alterations so as to bring the expenses of the hospital within the proposed sum of Rupees 5,400 per annum.

8. The value of this admirable institution would be enhanced, when the expense can be borne, by having an open dispensary attached to the female hospital for the treatment as out-patients of females and children suffering from ordinary diseases, and by instituting a dispensary in connection with the lying-in ward for females suffering from sexual disease alone.

9. In course of time Native nurses might be trained at this hospital, other districts being solicited to establish scholarships.

No. 3. ORDER THEREON, 3rd September 1877, No. 2240.

The Government require further information regarding several points before sanctioning the President's proposals, though they regard with favor the scheme generally.

2. In the first place, a difficulty presents itself in regard to the Local Fund Board's proposal that the management of the institution, though aided by the Municipal Commission and situated within their jurisdiction, should vest with the Local Fund

Board. Section 3 of Act IV of 1871 expressly excludes Municipalities from the operation of the Act.

3. There appears, however, to be no objection to taking advantage of the provisions of Section 33 of Act IV of 1871. The Local Fund and Municipal Boards should be asked whether they agree to this course, and, if so, the President should submit the names of the gentlemen he would propose that Government should appoint members of the Local Committee, and a short draft of rules defining their relation to the Local Fund Board.

4. With regard to the proposed allowance to the medical officer of the station, the Government desire to know whether his other duties will leave him sufficient time for the care of the proposed hospital. If this is the case, the Government consider that they can retain his services without the grant of any special allowance. The Surgeon-General will report on the point.

5. The Local Fund Board's attention is drawn to the Surgeon-General's suggestions. The Government consider it absolutely necessary to provide a detached building for the lying-in wards.

(True Extract.)

D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Chief Secretary.

Acting Under Secy. to Govt.

To the Board of Revenue, with Enclosures returned.
" Revenue Department.
" Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department.
" President of the Municipal Commission, Tanjore.

Exd. W. H. French.

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