

Revenue Department

Minutes of Consultations  
12<sup>th</sup> Jan 1858

Book Nos 24 & 25

Order no 475/12<sup>th</sup> Jan 1858

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Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 12th January 1858.

No. 24. Read the following letter from J. D. SIM, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department; dated Fort Saint George, 21st October 1857, No. 3554.

SIR,

With reference to Extract Minutes Consultation of Government in the Revenue Department, No. 1136 dated 27th October 1856, communicating Extract from a despatch of the Honorable Court of Directors desiring to be informed whether any arrangement had been made for inducing Settlers on the Shevaroy Hills to combine to defray the salary of a Medical Subordinate to be stationed there, I am directed by the Board of Revenue to forward the accompanying correspondence with the Collector of Salem on the subject.

2. It appears that the residents on these Hills now obtain Medical aid from an Apothecary (not in Government employ) and pay him 50 Rupees a month by subscriptions among themselves, but that to secure his services permanently it will be necessary to increase the salary to 100 Rupees, a moiety of which they solicit that Government may contribute. A private fund to defray his present salary has been raised and the committee appointed by the subscribers state that the latter are desirous of selecting their Medical Officer with a view to retain the present Apothecary whose skill and local experience they highly appreciate.

3. The committee also solicit a contribution from Government of Rupees 500 towards a dispensary to be built of rough stone and mud and estimated to cost Rupees 1,000. It will consist of a residence for the Apothecary and a Surgery and sick ward. the latter to contain 3 cots. The site has been already secured and the building materials are being collected.

4. No mention is made by the Committee of any provision for the expense of keeping the Dispensary in efficient repair, but Mr. Richardson who in the first instance communicated with the Acting Collector (Mr. Cherry) on the reference of Government now under disposal states that the residents will take that duty upon themselves.

5. The difficulty of obtaining Medical assistance in case of illness is undoubtedly one of the obstacles to settlement on Hill Tracts, and deters Europeans and East Indians from resorting to such localities and investing capital in agricultural pursuits, notwithstanding advantages of climate.

6. The Board are satisfied that aid from Government in removing this impediment would be a great boon to the present settlers and would indirectly induce others to locate themselves on these Hills. They beg therefore to submit the present application for the favorable consideration of Government.

7. The Board think however that in the event of Government acceding to the present proposition, some definite arrangement should be made to secure free Medical treatment for the poorer classes, especially of natives.

8. The Medicines for the new Dispensary will it is presumed be supplied from the Civil Dispensary at Salem, whence the coffee planters appear at present to obtain them under the sanction of Government conveyed in Extract Minutes Consultation No. 39 dated 9th January 1847, referred to by the Collector.

No. 25.

ORDER THEREON, No. 47; dated 12th January 1858.

Para. 1. In a letter dated 14th December 1854, the Honorable Court of Directors were informed of the refusal of this Government to comply with an application from certain settlers on the Shervaroy Hills for the location of an Apothecary at that place, as well as of the intimation that had been made to the applicants to the effect, that if they would enter into arrangements to defray the salary of the Medical subordinate, the Government would submit the proposition for the favorable consideration of the Government of India. The Honorable Court

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Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 12th January 1858.

replying to this subject, noticed the doubt expressed by the Board of Revenue as to the propriety of Government finding Medical attendance for persons not in their service, and remarked, that the application, then under their review, exhibited some features which might render it an exception to the general rule. After alluding to the number of European and East Indian settlers on these Hills, to the difficulties in the way of their obtaining Medical aid, and to the opinion of the Collector that, if such aid were supplied, it would tend to increase the number of settlers as well as the cultivation of land, the Honorable Court desired to be informed whether any arrangement, such as that suggested by this Government to the settlers, had since been made by them.

2. In the letter recorded at the head of these Proceedings, the Board of Revenue reply to the enquiry of the Honorable Court. It appears, from the correspondence submitted with this letter, that the residents on the Hills already subscribe to a fund called the "Yercaud Apothecary fund," which is managed by a Committee appointed by themselves, and that they now obtain Medical aid from an Apothecary not in Government employ.

3. The Committee prefer to have a Medical officer of their own selection; they pay the present Apothecary 50 Rs. a month, and with the view of securing a continuance of his services they propose to increase his salary to Rs. 100 per month, and request that the Government will contribute one half of that amount. They have it also in contemplation to build a Dispensary, which they estimate will cost 1000 Rs., and they solicit the aid of Government to the extent of one half the outlay, the Committee undertaking to keep the building afterwards in repair. It appears that the Committee desire to have the entire control and management of the Dispensary, and the nomination of its Medical officer, and that what they require from Government is, a present donation of 500 Rs. towards the building of the Dispensary, a monthly grant of 50 Rs. towards the maintenance of the Medical officer, and the continuance of the present system of supplying medicines from the Civil Dispensary at Salem.

4. The Board of Revenue regard the difficulty which now exists in obtaining medical assistance in case of illness as one of the obstacles to settlement on hill tracts, and feel satisfied that, were this obstacle removed, it would be a great boon to the present settlers, and indirectly induce others to locate themselves on the Shevaroy. In submitting the application for favorable consideration, the Board suggest that, in the event of its being complied with, some arrangement should be made to secure medical treatment for the poorer classes, especially Natives.

5. The Right Honorable the Governor in Council has given his careful consideration to all the circumstances of the case, and is disposed to take the same favorable view of it as the Board have done; but he does not feel that he is competent to pass any orders on the subject without, in the first instance, consulting the wishes of the Honorable Court of Directors, on whose requisition for information the correspondence now before Government has ensued; he will therefore submit the matter to that authority with his strong recommendation that the requests of the Committee may receive their favorable consideration.

6. The Governor in Council would remark, with reference to the plan of the proposed Dispensary which accompanied the Collector's letter of the 18th July, that the surgery has no outside door, and that all cases must of necessity be carried through the Apothecary's sitting room, an arrangement which he considers might be materially improved.

(Signed) H. FORBES,  
Acting Secretary to Government.

Revenue B. Office  
Fort St. George,  
21<sup>st</sup> October, 1857.

N<sup>o</sup> 3554

From,  
J. D. Linn Esq.  
Secretary to the Board of Revenue.  
To,  
A. Forbes Esq.  
Secretary to Government  
Revenue Department.

With reference to Extracts from the  
Consultation of Government in the Revenue  
Department N<sup>o</sup> 1130 dated 27<sup>th</sup> October 1856 com-  
municating Extract from a Dispatch of  
the Honorable Court of Directors desiring to  
be informed whether any arrangement had  
been made for inducing settlers on the She-  
varoy Hills to continue to defray the salary  
of a Medical subordinate to be stationed  
there, I am directed by the Board of Revenue.

From Salem dated 17<sup>th</sup> June to forward the accompanying copies.  
February 1857.  
In conformity with the Collector of Salem  
on the subject.

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It appears that the Residents on these Hills now obtain Medical aid from an Apothecary, not in Government employ and pay him 50 Rupees a month by subscriptions among themselves, but that to secure his services permanently it will be necessary to increase the salary to 100 Rupees a moiety of which they solicit that Government may contribute. A private fund to defray his present salary has been raised and the Committee appointed by the Government state that the latter are desirous of retaining their Medical Officer with a view to retain the present Apothecary whose skill and local experience they highly appreciate.

3. The Committee also solicit a contribution from Government of 100 Rupees 500 towards a Dispensary to be built of rough stone and mud and estimated to cost 1000 Rupees. It will consist of a residence for the Apothecary and a Surgery and sick ward. The latter to contain 3 beds. The site has been already secured and the building materials are being collected.

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4. No mention is made by the Committee of any provision for the expense of keeping the Dispensary in efficient repair, but Mr. Richardson who in the first instance communicated with the Acting Collector (Mr. Henry) on the reference of Government now under disposal states that the residents will take that duty upon themselves.

5. The difficulty of obtaining medical assistance in case of illness is undoubtedly one of the obstacles to settlement on Hill Tracts and deters Europeans and East Indians from resorting to such localities and investing capital in agricultural pursuits notwithstanding advantages of climate.

6. The Board are satisfied that aid from Government in removing this impediment would be a great boon to the present settlers and would indirectly induce others to locate themselves on these Hills. They beg therefore to submit the present application for the favorable consideration of Government.

7. The Board think however that

that in the want of Government according  
to the present proposition, some definite  
arrangement should be made to secure  
free medical treatment for the poorer  
classes, especially of natives.

8. The medicines for the new Dis.  
if necessary will it is presumed be supplied  
from the Civil Dispensary at Labuan, &  
whence the coffee planters appear to have  
used to obtain them under the sanction  
of Government conveyed in Contract & Amalgam  
Consolidation of 1851 dated 9<sup>th</sup> January 1851,  
referred to in the Colonist.

Revenue Office  
Labuan  
21<sup>st</sup> October 1851

I have the honor to be,  
Sir,  
Your most obedient servant.

J. H. M.  
Secretary

To  
The Chief Com.  
of the  
Government  
Revenue Department.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board  
of Revenue, dated 29<sup>th</sup> April 1857.

Read Letter from the Acting  
Collector of Salem dated 17<sup>th</sup> February 1857  
forwarding copy of a letter from Mr. F.  
Richardson affording the information  
called for by Government (Extract Minutes  
Committee's N<sup>o</sup> 130 dated 24<sup>th</sup> October 1856)  
respecting the employment of an Apollis.  
copy on the Laboratory Files.

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The Board observed that the Acting Collector has omitted in the foregoing letter to notice the contents of Mr. Richardson's letter which forms its enclosure. 25 The Government would no doubt wish to have the opinion of the Board regarding the application of the letters for assistance towards the erection of the Hospital alluded to, the Collector is requested to enquire and report how much the building is estimated to cost: whether

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Case 12 January 1858*

*Thos  
The Deputy Clerk  
Board of Revenue.  
St Albans  
In the presence of  
the Government  
Masters*

Dec 21<sup>st</sup> (Wednesday) 1857.  
 Dec 22<sup>nd</sup>  
 6 South Atlantic St. N.Y.  
 1857  
 Dear Mr. May -  
 I have the pleasure to inform you that the  
 manuscript of the "History of the  
 American Revolution" has been received  
 on the 21<sup>st</sup> of the month of December.  
 I have not yet had time to read it  
 in the whole, but I have read a  
 considerable portion of it, and I  
 am very much pleased to find that  
 it is a work of great merit and  
 interest. I have no doubt that it  
 will be a valuable addition to the  
 literature of the country.

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a substantially or merely temporary sta-  
tion, is being erected and how much the  
residents have contributed.

5. The Board also wish to as-  
ertain what amount of salary is required  
to secure for a worthy the services of the  
present collector or an equally compe-  
tent person and what, but for it, it will  
be necessary for the government to contribute if  
the application of the letters is complied  
with.

(The Board)  
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The Collector of Salem  
(The Board)  
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Revenue Dept.

Extract from the Minutes of the <sup>1st</sup> ~~12th~~ <sup>12th</sup> ~~January~~ <sup>December</sup> 1854.  
Under date the 12th ~~January~~ <sup>December</sup> 1854.

Read the following  
letter from the Acting  
Secretary to the Board of  
Revenue.

Here enter 21<sup>st</sup> October 1857  
N<sup>o</sup> 3554

In a letter dated  
14<sup>th</sup> December 1854, the Hon<sup>ble</sup>  
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with this letter, that the  
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Fund called the "Yercaud  
Apothecary fund," which  
is managed by a Com-  
mittee appointed by  
themselves.

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from an apothecary not  
a Government employe.

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prefer to have a Medical  
Officer of their own se-  
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and, <sup>they</sup> solicit the aid of  
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the ~~entire~~ control <sup>and</sup>  
management of the  
Dispensary, ~~but~~ <sup>and</sup>  
the nomination of its  
Medical Officer, and  
<sup>that</sup> that they require  
from Government is, a  
present donation of  
500 Rupees towards the  
building of the Dispensary,  
a monthly grant  
of 50 Rupees towards  
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(11) The maintenance of the  
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The Right  
Honorable the Governor  
in Council has given  
his careful consideration  
to all the circumstances  
of the case, and is dis-  
posed to take the  
same favorable view of  
it as the Board have  
done; but he does not  
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feel that he is competent  
to pass any orders on  
the subject as yet  
without, in the first  
instance, consulting  
the wishes of the  
Honorable Court of  
Directors, on whose  
<sup>for information</sup>  
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2<sup>nd</sup> Copy to the Secy of Sur.  
Returned & Enclosures  
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Copy in a Letter to Engd.  
Q. 25<sup>th</sup> Jan 1858 N<sup>o</sup> 2.

R. 28 October 56 N<sup>o</sup> 20.

Pub. Com. 12<sup>th</sup> Jan 1857 - 45-46.

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Com. 12<sup>th</sup> January  
N<sup>o</sup> 47.

Extract Minis of Com.  
of 12<sup>th</sup> January 1858.

Observing that Government  
do not feel themselves competent to  
pass any orders on the subject of  
affording Medical aid to the residents  
on the Theroaray Hills, but will sub-  
mit the matter to the Honorable Court  
with their strong recommendation  
that the requests of the Committee may  
receive favorable consideration.