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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 28th February 1867.

No. 406. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Department:—

Passing orders on letter from Acting Collector of Madura, regarding the establishment of a Dispensary at Ramnad Town by the Zemindarni of the estate. } (Here enter 20th February 1867, No. 183.)

No. 407. ORDER THEREON, 28th February 1867, No. 488.

Miscellaneous.

Communicated to the Revenue Board.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, with Proceedings Public Department, No. 183.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 107. Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of Madura, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madura, 23rd January 1867, No. 116.

I have the honor to forward herewith, in original, letters* from the Principal Inspector General, Medical Department, and Ponnusawmi Thiver, Manager of the Zemindarni of Ramnad, relating to the subject of opening a Dispensary at the town of Ramnad. Dr. Shortt, as will appear from his letter forming the enclosure to the Principal Inspector General's communication, suggested the measure to Ponnusawmi Thiver, who undertook to provide all that was necessary to maintain the institution, if Government would supply medicines and attach a Native Surgeon or Apothecary. To this the Zemindarni gives her consent, and the Principal Inspector General supports the measure.

* No. 4839, dated 7th December 1866, with one enclosure, and 16th December 1866.

2. With regard to the necessity for the institution, I would solicit the attention of Government to paragraph 4 of Dr. Shortt's letter marginally quoted.

4. A Dispensary located in an out-of-the-way place, such as Ramnad is, the estate of which comprises some 1900 square miles, divided into 17 Taluqs and containing nearly 3000 villages of sizes, with a large resident population, in addition to a floating one caused by pilgrims, must be the means of a much more extended sphere of usefulness from the humanizing effect it would have on the rude inhabitants of these remote parts. Under these circumstances, I would beg respectfully to submit the question for the favorable consideration and support of the Principal Inspector General.

3. Ramnad is a large town, the Capital of an extensive Zemindary, and the constant resort of a very large number of pilgrims from all parts of India. Most of the emigrants to Ceylon pass through the place in all seasons.

4. Cholera regularly visits the place two or three times a year and causes much loss of life and professional Medical assistance is not procurable in the place.

5. I, therefore, beg to submit the proposal to Government, with the confidence that they will be pleased to sanction the aid solicited, the building for the institution, the furnishing of it, clothing, perishable articles and diet for sick poor, and contingent expenses being provided by the Zemindarni. I beg also to suggest that the thanks of Government be conveyed to the Zemindarni and Ponnusawmi Thiver for their liberality in readily consenting to keep up the institution at their own cost.

From the Principal Inspector General, Medical Department, Fort Saint George, to the Collector of Madura; dated Fort Saint George, 7th December 1866, No. 4839.

I have the honor to forward the enclosed communication from Dr. Shortt, relative to the establishment of a Dispensary in Ramnad, and to request that, if you are satisfied as to the *bonâ fide* intention of the Zemindar to support a Medical charity, you will be so good as to forward the proposition to Government.

No. 869 of 5th December 1866.

2. So far as the Medical Department is concerned there can be no objection to afford the required aid.

From the General Superintendent of Vaccination, Madras Presidency, to the Secretary Principal Inspector General, Medical Department, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 5th December 1866, No. 869.

I have the honor to report, for the information of the Principal Inspector General, Medical Department, that, during my late visit in September last to Ramnad, observing much sickness in the villages, more especially cholera, which prevailed in a very virulent form in many parts of this estate, I suggested to the Manager, Ponnusawmi Thiver, Esq., the advisability of establishing a Civil Dispensary at Ramnad itself for the benefit of, not only the residents of this Zemindary, but for the host of pilgrims who make this their high road, on their way to and from the Island of Ramasweram, a great place of Hindoo sanctity in this vicinity.

2. Mr. Ponnusawmi Thiver readily fell in with my views, and agreed to provide a suitable building at once for the purpose of a Dispensary, and that he would undertake the furnishing of the institution and find clothing, perishable articles and diet for the sick poor, and provide for other contingencies that may arise, should Government, with their usual liberality, place the services of a Native Surgeon or Apothecary to undertake the work, and supply the institution with the necessary stock of medicines, &c.

3. I believe that an institution of this kind will be the means of doing great good, in relieving much sickness and suffering, and saving many lives that now perish from the want of suitable Medical aid.

4. A Dispensary located in an out-of-the-way place, such as Ramnad is, the estate of which comprises some 1900 square miles, divided into 17 Taluqs and containing nearly 500 villages of sizes, with a large resident population, in addition to a floating one caused by pilgrims, must be the means of a much more extended sphere of usefulness from the humanizing effect it would have on the rude inhabitants of these remote parts. Under these circumstances, I would beg respectfully to submit the question for the favorable consideration and support of the Principal Inspector General.

From PONNUSAWMI THIVER, Manager of the Ramnad Zemindary, to the Collector of Madura; dated Ramnad, 16th December 1866, No. 10.

In returning the papers which accompanied your letter, No. 2988 of the 14th instant, I have the honor to inform you that the Zemindar gave a ready compliance to contribute the aids therein* enumerated with regard to a Dispensary being opened in Ramnad, a matter, of course, that was for a long time under my contemplation.

* See Dr. Shortt's letter.

No. 103. ORDER THEREON, 20th February 1867, No. 183.

In this letter the Acting Collector of Madura reports that Ponnusawmi Thiver, Manager of the Ramnad Estate, is prepared to establish there a Dispensary (a measure to which the Zemindarni has given her assent), providing for this purpose the requisite building, bearing the entire expense connected with the dieting, clothing, &c., of the sick poor, and meeting all other contingencies that may arise, if the Government will defray the cost for medicines and Medical attendance.

2. The Ramnad estate comprises, it is stated, about 1900 square miles, and contains a large resident population; it is, moreover, the high road for pilgrims annually visiting the shrines at Ramasweram; the advantage, therefore, of the proposed Dispensary is unquestionable, and the Government highly appreciate the liberal spirit, so worthy of imitation by other wealthy proprietors, which is thus evinced by the Zemindarni and Ponnusawmi Thiver.

3. The Principal Inspector General, Medical Department, who, it is observed, has no objection to the required aid being afforded, will accordingly depute an efficient Medical Subordinate to the charge of the projected institution, and arrange also for the necessary supply of medicines.

(True Extract.)

E. J. Tulloch
Chief Secretary.
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To the Acting Collector of Madura.
" Principal Inspector General, Medical Department.
" Revenue Department.
" Accountant General.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

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