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81 Mount Road,
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Dear Doctor Heiser,

There is enclosed herewith a preliminary draft of budget for hookworm work in the Madras Presidency during the period January 1st to December 31, 1927, the total allotment amounting to Rs.23,200. This budget, you will notice, has been prepared in two ways; one according to the Board's usual system and another according to the financial system that is being used in this Presidency. If the budget is approved and the finance department finds no objection to the one prepared according to the Government system I shall be glad if they will issue next year's budget in that form.

In previous years we have had a great deal of trouble trying to work with budgets which should be the same but which were entirely different. I have tried repeatedly to get Government to adopt our system in this budget but since they have declined to do it I thought it advisable to prepare the 1927 budget according to their system.

Some months ago I explained to Mr. Beal the meaning of the various terms used, but most of them are self-explanatory. Tour charges is a term used by Government to denote charges paid for the transportation of sub-assistant surgeons for distances of five miles or less, cost of the transportation of their personal effects, field equipment, etc., and the travelling expenses of menials, such as sweepers. The Government budget also combines under one item "Drugs and Field Equipment".

When you were out here I told you that the Madura District Board had allotted Rs.20,000 for latrine construction during the present year. This allotment was made at my suggestion with the understanding that Government

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would provide an equivalent amount to assist the District Board. Although Government declined to make this grant the District Board is going on with the latrine construction work in Usilampatti and nearby village and we have several men at work there examining, treating, and doing propaganda work. The plan is to construct a sufficient number of public latrines in a few places to meet the needs of the entire population of the several villages and see what success we shall have in getting the latrines used. When I was out there a few weeks ago none of the latrines had been completed but my assistant tells me that most of the have now been finished and I expect to be there on the 23rd and will await the arrival of Major Russell, the Surgeon-General, the President of the District Board(Mr.Foulkes), and the Sanitary Engineer on the 26th.

I am asking Government to allot Rs.50,000 for this purpose next year(1927-28) and there is reason to believe that the District Board will provide Rs.25,000. The President and every member of the Board is very enthusiastic about the scheme and I believe it offers greater possibilities than anything that has been undertaken in the form of public health work. The Surgeon-General and Major Russell have offered to do all they can to get this money out of Government and the Governor and the Minister have spoken as though they are very much in favor of it.

The point of greatest importance is what effect would Government's failure to provide any money have on the District Board and I have been wondering whether you would think it advisable to ask the Board to make an appropriation of about Rs.25,000 if Government fails us. I shall say nothing about this out here, but I believe it would be well worth the consideration of the Board. In any case the money could be allotted for use in case Government provides

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none or in case the work progresses sufficiently satisfactorily to justify supplementing their efforts.

I am of the opinion that we should confine our efforts along this line to one district until we get a solid footing rather than trying to do a little in a number of districts with the possibility of failing in all. At all events it is necessary for us to try several different types of latrines before we can be certain that we have one which will be acceptable to the people.

Yours sincerely,

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