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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 21st September 1858.

No. 11. Read the following letter from Major F. A. REID, Quarter Master General ; to the Military Secretary to the Right Honorable the Governor, dated Ootacamund, 24th August 1858, No. 205.

SIR,

By order of the Commander-in-Chief, I have the honor to enclose, for submission to the Right Honorable the Governor, a copy of the proceedings of a Medical Committee ordered to assemble by His Excellency and report on the sites selected for a Sanatorium and a Gaol ;* in conformity with the instruction to that effect verbally communicated by Lord Harris to Sir Patrick Grant.

Proceedings of a Medical Committee assembled at Jackatalla, on Monday the 16th of August 1858, by order of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, to report for His Excellency's information, and that of the Right Honorable the Governor, on the suitability, in a sanitary point of view, of the sites at Jackatalla, selected by Lord Harris and His Excellency, for a Convalescent Depot and a European Prison.

PRESIDENT.

Surgeon D. Macpherson, M. D., Inspector General of Hospitals.

MEMBERS.

Surgeon B. S. Chimmoo, 48th Regiment N. I., in Medical charge Convalescent Depot.

Assistant Surgeon J. Maitland, M. D., Medical Officer, Coonoor.

The Committee having assembled pursuant to instructions conveyed in the Adjutant General's letter, No. 1561, dated Ootacamund, 13th August 1858, the President and Members assisted by Captain J. A. Campbell, 7th Regiment L. C. and Executive Engineer at Jackatalla, who was present, having minutely inspected the proposed site for a Convalescent Depot, are unanimously of opinion, that it is admirably adapted in every point of view for the purposes required.

The Committee further examine the ground to the north of the proposed site and find there is suitable space to extend the Depot if necessary, according to the calculations of the Executive Engineer, for 1000 men in addition to the number now about to be provided for.

From East to S. S. W. to N. W. and a hill bearing N. E. about two miles from the selected site.

The bearings per compass as stated in the margin, the Committee are of opinion, should be planted with Forest trees, so as in some measure to subdue the force of the wind, which at times blow with great violence down the valley.

The Committee therefore proceed to examine the site for a European Prison. The site is well protected, except on the south east ; the brow of the hill on that side should, in the opinion of the Committee, be planted with Forest trees.

In the ravine running S. S. E. of the site, from whence the chief water supply for the Prison will be procured, there is a considerable extent of swamp. This requires draining ; or it can be formed into a lake by throwing a bund across the ravine. The ravine to the north of the site also requires draining.

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With these objections, the site selected for a European Prison, is in a sanitary point of view, a very eligible spot.

(Signed) D. MACPHERSON, M. D.,
Inspector General of Hospital. } President.

(Signed) B. S. CHIMMOO,
Surgeon 48th Regiment M. N. I. }

(Signed) J. MAITLAND, M. D.,
Assistant Surgeon,
Medical Officer, Coonoor. } Members.

Ootacamund. }
19th August 1858. }

(True Copy.)

(Signed) F. A. REID, Major,
Quarter Master General.

No. 12.

ORDER THEREON, No. 1257; dated 15th September 1858.

Ordered to be communicated to the Inspector of Prisons and the Military Department.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

No 1257

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Fort St. George, }
15th September/58 }

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