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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department, 22nd September 1863.

Read the following papers :—

No. 192. From G. A. BALLARD, Esq., Collector of Malabar; to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Calicut, 24th August 1863, No. 94.

In Government Order, dated 28th May 1863, No. 831, I was ordered to report on the proposal to convert the present Garrison Hospital at Cannanore into a Lunatic Asylum, and the arrangements that would be necessary and best if this were done.

I had lately an opportunity of visiting Cannanore and conferring with the various authorities interested. The following remarks are in accordance with their views as will be seen by the enclosures.

1. Letter from Major Ewart, Acting Deputy Assistant Commissary General, dated 4th August 1863, No. 419.
2. Do. from Brigadier Babington, Commanding Malabar and Canara, dated 6th August 1863, No. 336.
3. Do. from Dr. Morton, Acting Garrison Surgeon, Cannanore, dated 14th August 1863, No. 61.
4. Do. from Major Ewart, dated 17th August 1863, No. 458.

(Requested to be returned.)

2. The whole arrangements hinge on providing other accommodation for the Commissariat Stores now occupying the building proposed to be turned into a Garrison Hospital.

Major Ewart observes that a tiled house in the Cantonment, No. 78, now occupied as a School, is well suited for the lodgment of the Stores, and is the only one available without inconvenience to the Officers of the Garrison. The present rental is Rupees 35 per mensem.

There are one or two thatched houses, one of which might be used as a School till the new School house is built.

It seems by an estimate of the late Assistant Engineer, that a new building for Commissariat Offices and Stores would cost about Rupees 15,000.

The total rental payable for Commissariat Offices, &c., if the house No. 75 is taken, will be Rupees 1,140 per annum.

It must remain for Government to decide which plan it is best to adopt. I only venture to recommend either that Bungalow No. 75 be taken, or a new building erected.

Assuming that accommodation for the Commissariat Stores provided, the following arrangements are proposed.

3. The present Garrison Hospital is in a fine situation, and can, by a few alterations which may cost about Rupees 3,000, be adapted for a Lunatic Asylum.

Orders should be issued for the execution, with as little delay as possible, of the works necessary for its conversion to this purpose.

4. The present Subsidiary Jail is so utterly unsuited for a Lunatic Asylum that I cannot but wonder that the proposition of turning it into one should ever have been mooted.

It should be retained as a Subsidiary Jail till better accommodation for the prisoners is in course of time provided. But no part of the building is adapted for the treatment of sick, nor is any building, near the Jail and adapted for the purpose, available.

The sick prisoners must continue to be healed in a separate ward of the *present* Garrison Hospital which can be made available though the building becomes a Lunatic Asylum.

5. There is a good site for a Civil Dispensary close to the present Garrison Hospital.

With some assistance from Government a sufficient sum to build a Civil Dispensary can easily be collected.

The handsome sum of near Rupees 7,000 was subscribed last month in Cannanore towards the erection of a School-house. I am unwilling to beg for a second subscription immediately, however good the subject; but I have several promises of assistance and in the course of a few months doubt not that several thousand Rupees will be easily collected for a Civil Dispensary.

Meanwhile until a separate Civil Dispensary is provided Civil patients, as well as the sick prisoners, can have a separate ward in the proposed Lunatic Asylum.

6. The building now occupied by Commissariat Stores and situated between the Native Hospitals is well adapted for a Garrison Hospital. The stores should be removed and the building converted to this purpose.

7. In conclusion I beg to say that the changes proposed involve dispositions affecting various Departments and somewhat conflicting interests and that some delay has unavoidably ensued in the submission of this letter.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
22nd September 1863.

No. 193. From G. A. BALLARD, Esq., Magistrate of Malabar; to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Calicut, 27th August 1863, No. 95.

In continuation of my letter of the 24th instant, No. 94, regarding certain buildings at Cannanore, I have the honor to inform you that the sum of Rupees 3,000 mentioned as likely to be required to convert the present Garrison Hospital into a Lunatic Asylum was estimated by the late Assistant Engineer.

2. At my request the present Sub-Engineer after communication with Dr. Morton has anew approximately estimated the probable expenses.

3. I have just received the Sub-Engineer's report. He considers that Rupees 5,800* will be required to make the Garrison Hospital into a Lunatic Asylum, and further that to make the Commissariat Store† into a Garrison Hospital will cost about Rupees 1,100, allowing for a double cook-room and privy.

* Rupees 3,960 of this is for the compound wall.

† Vide paragraph 6 of my previous letter.

No. 194. Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Revenue Department, dated 31st August 1863, No. 1,591.

Communicating for consideration the question of sundry Military buildings in the Malabar District being required for use of Revenue Department in that District. (Vide Proceedings Revenue Department, dated 31st August 1863, Nos. 317 and 318.)

No. 195. ORDER THEREON, 22nd September 1863, No. 1,531.

Before passing final orders as to the arrangements to be made for providing a Lunatic Asylum at Cannanore, the Governor in Council would wish to have full information regarding the dimensions, &c., of the Hospital at Tellicherry, included in the list of Military buildings submitted with Mr. Ballard's letter to the Board of Revenue, under date the 20th July last, No. 147, and which he has proposed should be converted into a Lunatic Asylum.

2. Mr. Ballard will be good enough to submit a rough plan of this building, and such information as may enable the Government to form an opinion as to its suitability for conversion into a Lunatic Asylum. He will also report the probable cost of the necessary alterations.

3. His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief will be requested to cause the Garrison Surgeon at Cannanore to be directed to inspect this building in company with the Zillah Surgeon at Tellicherry, who will receive the requisite orders from the Principal Inspector General Medical Department, and these Officers will furnish Mr. Ballard with a statement of their opinion for transmission to Government.

4. If the building in question should prove to be suited for the purposes of a Lunatic Asylum, it will not be necessary to establish one at Cannanore.

5. The report now called for must be submitted with as little delay as possible.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

No. 336

To

G. A. Ballard Esq^re
Collector of Malabar
Calicut

Sir,

I have the honor to day in acknowledging your letter No. 2564 of the 1st instant, accompanied by Copy of one from you to Garrison Surgeon Morton No. 2699 of same date, that I and that Officer have conferred upon the latter and that I have no further observations or suggestions to offer upon the subject of the present Garrison Hospital being given up for a Lunatic Hospital, and of the Building (Vacant Native Infantry Place of Arms) at present occupied by Commissariat Stores, being taken for a Garrison Hospital instead of the present one than what I have already on former occasions stated. Viz^t that I do not see objection to either measure (under the circumstance of the Public Service probably requiring both) provided the Commissariat Stores be otherwise supplied with fit accommodation

2 I do not enter into details of the distributions of the present Garrison Hospital to the several purposes which you discuss with the Garrison Surgeon as I could not be appropriately give opinions on those subsidiary points as he can

3 I have only to stipulate, as

before for no related of out sick being taken into the proposed Garrison Hospital, whom Medical Officers might object to admit to Military Hospitals - & it is Returned to Regimental Hospitals - & that adequate other provision be made for the Commissariat stores -

Cannanore
6th August 1863

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedt Servant
[illegible]
Lt Col
Brigades
Comg Malabar & Canara

Rec'd 10th

No 1119.

Commissariat Office
Ootacamund 4th August 1863

From

Major T. J. P. Ewart
Dy: Deputy Asst: Comm: Genl:

To

G. A. Ballard Esqre
Collector of Malabar
Calicut

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No 2505 of the 1st Instant together with its enclosure, and in reply beg to state with reference to para 3 of the enclosure that, if the Building occupied at present by Commissariat Stores be handed over to the Military Authorities, as a Garrison Hospital, it would be necessary to rent a dry and tiled house for the Accomodation of the Stores now kept in it; The greater part of these stores are of a perishable nature, Consisting of Hospital Clothing, and Tea, and the only House I know of, suited for the purpose, and which if taken as a Store Room would not put the Officers of the Garrison to

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to inconvenience, is Bungalow No 75 situated in the N. S. Line, and at present used as a School Room by Mr Garthwaite the Inspector of Schools, it is a good Room, tiled dry house, and the rent not exceeding Rs Rupees 35-0-0, it is the only House in the Cantonment (not occupied by an Officer) suited for the purpose, and any thatched Building would answer Mr Garthwaite's purpose equally well in my opinion.

2nd Should there be any difficulty in Carrying out the above plan, I would recommend that a good Roomy Commissariat Store Room with Office attached be built at this Station, for the Accomodation of the Stores, and Office Establishment. This it is true would involve an Outlay of some thousand Rupees at first, but would be a saving in the end, as at present this Department is paying a rather [illegible] another Building is rented, will pay Annually about Rupees 1140 as rent for Buildings for the Accomodation of Stores and Office Establishment.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedt Servant
[signature] Major
Agy A General

No 61 Cannanore 14th August 1863

From J. J. Morton Esquire I.M.S.
Acting Garrison Surgeon
Cannanore.

To G. A. Ballard Esquire
Collector of Malabar

Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No 2499 dated the 10th Instant, and in reply to state, that in the event of the present Garrison Hospital being converted into a Lunatic Asylum as proposed, Separate wards in it, can be set apart for the treatment of Civil Patients and Sick Prisoners (as an indefinitely temporary arrangement) the rest of the building being devoted to the purposes of a Lunatic Asylum.

2 Agreeably to your request, I have explained to Mr Baily Sub Engineer the alterations I deem necessary for converting this hospital into a Lunatic Asylum, with the view of his being able to furnish you with an estimate of the probable expenditure they will involve. -

3 I do not consider that any part of the present subsidiary Jail is adapted for the treatment of Sick prisoners, nor is there any building

Commissariat Office
Cannanore 17th August 1863

No. 458.

From The Executive Commissariat Officer
To The Collector of Malabar
Calicut

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 2695 of the 15th Instant, in which you state, it is your intention to propose that the Building at present used as a Commissariat Store room, be henceforth used as a Garrison Hospital.

2nd In the event of Government acceding to your suggestion, it will be necessary that I be allowed to hire a dry, airy, tiled house as stated in my letter of the 4th Instant to your address, and for the reason therein given the rent of such a house would probably be from Rupees 35 to Rupees 50 per mensem, or that a suitable Building be built large enough to contain all the Commissariat Stores at this station, which by an Estimate made by Mr. H. B. Smith, late Executive Engineer

at this Station, would cost about Rupees 15,000—...

The Building referred to in the 3rd para of your letter, is much too small for my purpose, and there is not sufficient space on either side of it, to admit of its being enlarged sufficiently to contain the Stores now kept in the Public Building above referred to.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obed. Servant

James Sweeny Major
Dy. A. C. General

Recd. 22nd Septr. 1863
Forwarded
Oct. 1863.

Memorandum for orders.

Letter under date the 24th & 27th August 1863 from the Collector of Customs suggesting arrangements for providing a Lunatic Asylum at Cannanore.

This is rather a perplexing matter. The Collectors proposals are these;

(a) that the Garrison Hospital should be converted into a Lunatic Asylum at a cost of £ 5800. and that pending the existence of a Civil Hospital part of the building be used temporarily as a Hospital for sick prisoners and civil patients.

(b) that a building were
used for Commissariat
stores & turned into a
Lunatic Hospital at a
cost of Rs 1100.

(c) that a new building
at a cost of Rs 15000 be
erected for the Commissariat
stores & that the former new
erected for the Commissariat
Stores should be made
over to the Commissariat &
the School moved into two
thatched houses which are
available.

The proposal to use part of
the projected asylum as a
Hospital for other patients
than the present inmates & any
such case, must be regarded
with great jealousy & never
until a new School House is
ready. It is a very important
institution - the only trained
School as the Western Coast

that nothing should be
done that may damage
it.

In the proposed scheme there
appears to be sufficient
room for a Lunatic Hospital
Should be annexed into
a Lunatic Asylum.
Perhaps it would be as
well & better that
a separate should
be built

Very well - only let this building appear
this information be in any way
obtained as quick- in the Commanne -
-ly as possible - the
want of a Lunatic
Asylum somewhere
on the Western Coast
is very pressing & the danger
& inconvenience of any thing
pending a Common School.
What has been done towards the
provision of Lunatic Asylums at
the other Stations mentioned in G O
10 Nov 1862. Vizagapatam. Bellary &

Tellicherry?

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Judicial Department

Proceedings of the Madras Government.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Malabar

(Rec'd Enter 24th & 27th August 1863. Nos 94 & 95)

Read also Proceedings of Government in the Revenue Department.

(Rec'd Enter 31st August 1863. No 1591)

Order thereon 2nd September 1863. No 1531.

Before passing final Order as to the arrangements to be made for providing a Lunatic Asylum at Cannanore, the Governor in Council would wish to have full information regarding the dimensions, &c., of the Hospital at Tellicherry, included in the List of Military Buildings submitted with Mr Ballard's Letter

letter to the Board of Revenue under date the 20th July last, No. 147, and which he has proposed should be converted into a Lunatic Asylum.

2. Mr. Ballard will be good enough to submit a rough plan of this building, and such information as may enable the Government to form an opinion as to its suitability for conversion into a Lunatic Asylum. He will also report the probable cost of the necessary alterations.

3. The Principal Inspector General will depute the Garrison Surgeon at Cannanore to inspect this building in company with the Civil Surgeon at Tellicherry, who will receive the requisite orders from the Principal Inspector General Medical Department, and these Officers will furnish Mr. Ballard with a statement of their opinion for transmission to Government.

4. If the building in question should prove to be suited for the purposes of a Lunatic Asylum, it will not be necessary to establish one at Cannanore.

5. The report now called for must be submitted with as little delay as possible. —

3. His Excellency the Commander in Chief will be requested to cause the Garrison Surgeon at Cannanore to be directed to inspect this building in company with the Civil Surgeon at Tellicherry, and these Officers will be instructed to furnish Mr. Ballard with a statement of their opinion, for transmission to Government.

To
The Collector of Malabar
The Principal Inspector
Genl Medical Depot
The Garrison Surgeon, Cannanore
The Civil Surgeon, Tellicherry

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Calling further information regarding the dimensions of the Hospital at Tellicherry which it is proposed to convert into a Lunatic Asylum instead of establishing one at Cannanore.—

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