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No. 198. Read the following letter from G. A. BALLARD, Esq., Collector and Magistrate of Malabar; to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Judicial Department, Fort Saint George, dated on Circuit, Cochin, 18th March 1863, No. 22A.

Adverting to Government Order 31st January last, No. 152, I have the honor to report that I requested Mr. MacGregor, late Acting Joint Magistrate, to communicate with the Military and Medical authorities at Cannanore regarding the arrangements proposed by Mr. Rohde with respect to the buildings* noted, and to communicate the result to me.

* 1. The Subsidiary Jail.
2. The Station Hospital.
3. A Barrack at Cannanore.

Mr. MacGregor accordingly visited Cannanore towards the end of last month.

He spoke amongst others to the Deputy Inspector General of Hospitals on the proposed changes.

That Officer inspected the buildings, and I understand approved of the proposals, but intended writing direct on the subject.

I do not know the buildings myself and can offer no personal opinion.

2. Mr. MacGregor writes:—"Surgeon Major Reynolds considers that the building within "the Fort now used as a Jail cannot in consequence of confined position and defective construc- "tion be converted into a Lunatic Asylum except as a temporary measure."

"The Brigadier has no objection to this part of the scheme provided that Military rules "regarding ingress and egress to and from the Fort be conformed to."

"The present Garrison Hospital, in addition to its regular uses, is available for the treatment "of Jail Convicts, Police patients, and as a Civil Dispensary, separate wards being devoted to "each purpose."

"The Barrack proposed in substitution of the building now used would not, Dr. Reynolds "considers, serve for more than the treatment of "Garrison details alone."

"The Brigadier too would object to the introduction to a building, situated as this is with "regard to the Regimental Hospitals and Barracks, of this miscellaneous classes of patients and "their necessary concomitants."

"The difficulty as regards Jail Convicts would be overcome by treating them within the Jail "as is apparently the intention of the Inspector General."

"The Police of the Cantonment and its out-skirts may be regarded as legitimately forming "part of Garrison details."

3. Dr. Reynolds writing on the subject says: "I do not consider the building now used as a "Subsidiary Jail at all suitable; nor is it, in my opinion, owing to its confined situation and "defects in construction capable of being converted into other than a temporary substitute, for "a Lunatic Asylum."

4. Mr. MacGregor further writes:—"As regards the Civil Dispensary I can only suggest "that a suitable building be erected in the vicinity of the present Garrison Hospital.

"Parties suffering from serious wounds, the result of crime or accident, are frequently in-pa- "tients, and a large number of out-patients are also treated.

"Corpses too are frequently forwarded for post mortem examination, and as the nearest Civil "Surgeon is at Tellicherry, fourteen miles off, it is very desirable that the means now existing "for taking advantage, in such cases, of the professional attendance always available at Canna- "nore, be not lost."

5. I do not know what view of the Medical aspect of the proposal to turn the present Subsidiary Jail into a Lunatic Asylum, Dr. McKenzie may have finally taken. From Dr. Reynolds' remarks it does not seem well adapted for the purpose.

But if it is taken for an Asylum there seems to be no objection to use the Station Hospital as a Jail, and the Barrack as a Garrison Hospital; sick prisoners being treated in the Jail, and the Police in the Garrison Hospital.

6. Perhaps Government may be inclined to assist the erection of a Civil Dispensary, the establishment of which it will be seen from the remarks quoted in paragraph 4 of this letter is very desirable.

I am making inquiries as to the probable amount of local contribution that might be expected.

7. I request that intimation may be given as to whether estimates for the changes in the buildings that will be necessary if Mr. Rohde's proposals are adopted, are to be prepared or not.

No. 199. ORDER THEREON, 31st March 1863, No. 499.

The Governor in Council will await the report of the Deputy Inspector General of Hospitals which should be submitted with as little delay as possible. The Magistrate should have ascertained this Officer's opinion before submitting this report.

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

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