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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
28th May 1863.

Read the following papers :—

No. 254. From ROBERT COLE, Esq, Principal Inspector General Medical Department, Fort Saint George; to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Judicial Department, Fort Saint George, dated 11th April 1863, No. 70.

I have the honor with reference to Proceedings of Government as per margin, to enclose a report from the Acting Inspector General of Hospitals,* from which it appears that the old Jail building in the Fort is not suited for a Lunatic Asylum.

Judicial Department, No. 305 of 25th February 1863.
* Dated Calicut, 26th March 1863.

2. The objections are so numerous that I fully endorse the opinion given by Dr. Shaw.

3. It seems, however, that the building now used as a Garrison Hospital might, with a few inexpensive alterations, be made to serve as a very good Lunatic Asylum, and that sufficient accommodation for the sick of the Garrison can be found in other Government buildings. I have the honor, therefore, to recommend that the necessary steps be taken to convert the present Garrison Hospital into a Provincial Lunatic Asylum.

From JAMES SHAW, Esq., Acting Inspector General of Hospitals; to W. R. CORNISH, Esq., Secretary to the Principal Inspector General Medical Department, dated Calicut, 26th March 1863.

In accordance with the instructions conveyed to me in your letter, No. 586, March 9th, paragraphs 3 and 4, I proceeded to Cannanore, and yesterday in company* with the gentlemen named in the margin visited the Fort.

* Accompanied by the Garrison Surgeon, the Joint Military Magistrate in charge of the Jail, and the Assistant District Engineer.

1. The building occupied as a Jail at Cannanore is one of the Casemates of the Fort, and consists of a Bomb-proof room of about 163 feet in length, divided in the centre by an arched wall, the arches being about 6 feet high, 4 broad, and the wall 4 feet in thickness.

2. The extreme breadth of the room from the outer to the inner wall is about 24 feet, 4 of which are occupied by the intervening arched wall.

3. Ventilation is entirely through gratings in the doors on the sea-face, but even this is partial as a portion of the Flag Staff Bastion (on the western extremity) is nearly as high as the Bomb-proof itself, intercepting the sea-breeze.

4. The back of this long apartment is in its whole extent attached to the Bastion, or more correctly the Bastion, which is about 70 feet wide, forms the back wall of the Jail, and of course prevents any attempt at ventilation upon this side.

5. The Engineer considers that roof ventilation is inadmissible in such a building, and that side ventilation could only be done in the face of the building, and here the walls are at least 6 feet thick, but this operation would be so expensive that it would be cheaper to knock down the present building and erect a new one with the old materials.

6. I do not find that much sickness prevails in the Jail, but it is impossible to form a correct opinion upon this point, for as soon as a prisoner is unable to work he is sent back to Tellicherry, and another sent in his place.

7. I see by the Statistical Report upon Malabar, that this Jail is said to be well ventilated. I state matters as I found them. When the Statistical Report was written the numerical strength of the Convicts confined in it was only 46, at present it is 130.

8. I think the Principal Inspector General will agree with me that the building is quite unsuitable for the purpose proposed.

9. Having come to this conclusion it is unnecessary to allude to several other objections which might be brought forward.

10. The Station or Garrison Hospital, proposed to be occupied as a Jail in the event of the latter being converted into a Lunatic Asylum, stands upon high ground, and the buildings themselves are well raised.

11. A very correct account of the Hospital is given in the Statistical Report for Malabar, page 14. The Hospital consists of three separate buildings, capable of accommodating, without crowding, 50 patients. This arrangement appears to be peculiarly well adapted for a Lunatic Asylum, there would be no difficulty in separating the male and female patients, and there is also sufficient room for quarters for the Warders, male and female.

12. Some of the smaller wards could at a small expense be converted into separate rooms, or by sub-dividing the large wards, any number thought requisite could be formed. There is a large room only enclosed upon three sides, which would answer for a Workshop, and a garden could be formed in the rear of the building which may be enlarged to any extent, as the ground adjoining belongs to Government.

13. The supply of water is said to be ample during the whole year.

14. The principal expense to convert the Garrison Hospital into a Lunatic Asylum would be that of building a wall around it. The Assistant District Engineer considers that Rupees 3,000 would cover all expenses.

15. The average number of patients treated daily at the Garrison Hospital is 12.

16. Were it determined that the Garrison Hospital should be converted into a Lunatic Asylum, there are two buildings at present occupied by Commissariat Stores, either of which would be sufficiently large for a Garrison Hospital.

17. These buildings are in a line with the two Infantry Hospitals (Native). I am informed that this situation is more accessible for those who seek Medical aid at the Station or Garrison Hospital than the present one.

I enclose a plan of the Garrison Hospital hastily sketched by Assistant Apothecary Lawrence.

From Colonel D. BABINGTON, Brigadier, Commanding Malabar and Canara; to the Quarter Master General of the Army, dated Cannanore, 5th April 1863, No. 85.

Referring to your Office Memorandum, No. 1,013, dated 9th February 1863, and to its accompaniment; also to your Memorandum, No. 2,515, dated 30th ultimo, I have the honor to say that, as paragraph 2 of the Order of Government, dated 31st January 1863, No. 152, upon the "papers" it is appended to, (forming the "accompaniments" above referred to) directs "the Magistrate of Malabar" to "place himself in communication with the local authorities at Cannanore, Military and Medical, and ascertain whether any objections exist to the arrangements proposed by Mr. Rhode." I understood that any correspondence upon the objects in question would be looked for from the Magistrate of Malabar; that functionary having deputed his "Acting Joint Magistrate" to see me on the subject; which he duly did, together with the senior local Medical Officer, and took our views upon it, for report to his superior.

2. The view I expressed on that occasion was, and is, that the building ("Subsidiary Jail") now occupied by convicts, in the Fort here, might, as unobjectionably, (Militarily speaking) be used as a Lunatic Asylum. The Garrison Surgeon, speaking sanitarily, gave it as his opinion that the said building is unfit, in structure and site, for the custody of Lunatics. I and the Garrison Surgeon concurred in the availableness of the present Station Hospital here for conversion into a Subsidiary Jail, if another building were made disposable as a Station Hospital, viz., the one proposed, "the Barracks used as a Grain Store," and provided only Military and Military followers and Police sick were admitted to it—and not, as in the present Station Hospital, the miscellaneous sick of Cannanore and neighbourhood, with possibly infectious diseases, the building being placed immediately between the two Hospitals of the two Native Infantry Corps of this Garrison.

3. If the said building were now taken from Commissariat use, some other would have to be hired for stores which that Department has no other accommodation for.

4. I presume "the Magistrate of Malabar" has made his report, comprising the purport of the foregoing.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
28th May 1863.

No. 255. No. 3,197.

MEMORANDUM.

For the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

Forwarded to Government, with reference to Proceedings of Government, No. 409, dated 5th February 1863.

(By Order.)

(Signed) F. H. SCOTT, Lieut. Colonel,
Quarter Master General.

QUARTER MASTER GENERAL'S OFFICE,
FORT SAINT GEORGE,
18th April 1863.

Transferred to the Judicial Department.

(Signed) R. HAMILTON, Lieut. Colonel,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
21st April 1863.

No. 256. ORDER THEREON, 28th May 1863, No. 831.

It appears from the report of the Acting Inspector General of Hospitals, who has recently inspected the buildings in the Fort at Cannanore, that the range now used as a Subsidiary Jail is altogether unsuited for the purpose of a Lunatic Asylum. Mr. Shaw recommends, and the Principal Inspector General of the Medical Department concurs in the recommendation, that the present Garrison Hospital should be converted into a Provincial Lunatic Asylum, there being two buildings at present occupied by the Commissariat Stores, either of which would be sufficiently large for a Garrison Hospital: The Assistant Engineer, who visited the buildings with the Acting Inspector General, is of opinion that the expense of converting the Garrison Hospital into a Lunatic Asylum would not exceed 3,000 Rupees. The Officer Commanding Malabar and Canara approves of the arrangement, provided that the Garrison Hospital is used in future exclusively for the Military and Police. He observes, however, that a building will have to be hired for the Commissariat Stores. The present Garrison Hospital, in addition to its regular uses, is available for the treatment of the prisoners in the Jail, Police patients, and as a Civil Dispensary; separate wards being devoted to each purpose. If Colonel Babington's proviso be acted on, it will be necessary to make separate Hospital provision for the prisoners and for the Civil patients. The Magistrate, adopting the suggestion of the late Acting Joint Magistrate, recommends that a suitable building be erected as a Civil Dispensary, and states that he is inquiring as to the probable amount of local contributions that might be expected. He proposes that sick Convicts should be treated in the Jail.

2. The information furnished to Government, in the papers above recorded, is not sufficient to enable the Governor in Council to decide on Mr. Shaw's proposal for converting the Garrison Hospital into a Lunatic Asylum. It must first be settled what arrangements can be made for the treatment of sick prisoners and of the Civil patients who now resort to the Garrison Hospital, and also for the custody of the Commissariat Stores referred to by the Brigadier. The Governor in Council accordingly directs that the Magistrate of Malabar will place himself in communication with the Military and Medical authorities, and also with the Inspector General of Jails, and furnish Government with a full report on the arrangements, which, in his opinion, are best adapted for meeting the several requirements above referred to, assuming that the conversion of the Garrison Hospital into a Lunatic Asylum is to be carried out.

3. Mr. Ballard will furnish the report now called for with as little delay as possible, taking care that it shall be sufficiently complete to obviate the necessity of any further references.

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

Exd. T. McMootry.

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Cannanore 5th April 1863

From

The Officer Commanding

Malabar and Canara

To

The Quarter Master General

Of the Army

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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servant
Jno Fraser Brigadier
Commd[g] Myself Cant[t].

D.A.G.'s Office
Bangalore April 10th
1863.

Approved
J. Thomas Captain
D.A.G.

Calicut 26 March 1863

From Samuel Shone Esq
Ag Inspector General of Hospitals
To W. M. Cornish Esq
Secretary
to the Principal Inspector General
Medical Department

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9 Having come to these conclusions it is unnecessary to allude to several other objections which might be brought forward.

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I have the honor
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Your very Obt Servant

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Actg Inspecting Genl of Hosps

I enclose a Plan of the Garrison
hastily sketched by Capt
Apthorp Commg Engrs

Forwarded to Surgeon Gallichan &c

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Lunatic Asylum
as not suited for
that purpose

Reports the Garrison
Hospl recommended
for a Gaol, as a
suitable Building
for a Lunatic Asylum

Reports upon
another Building
as suited for a
Garrison Hospl

Enclosed in Deputy Medical Dirs Letter No. 70.

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Apothecary's Quarters 22'

Subordinate Quarters

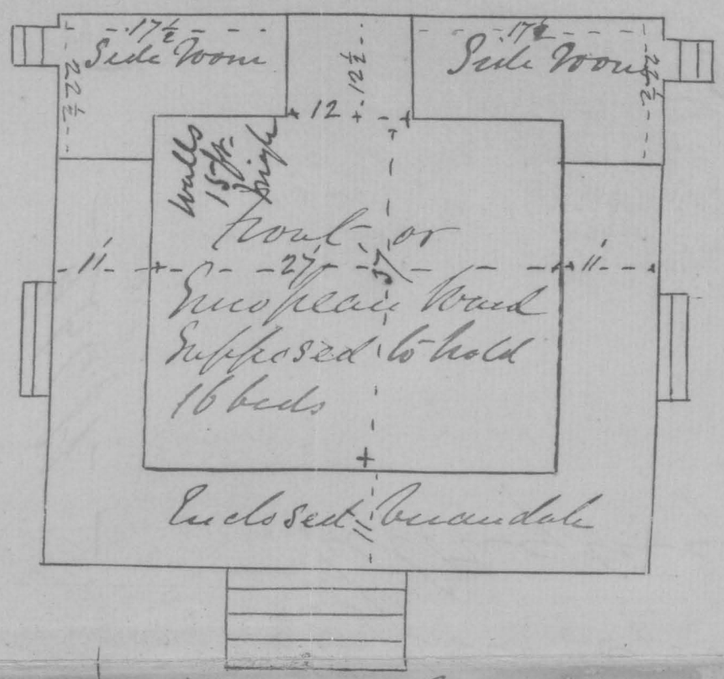
Fire Place

Apothecary's Privy

Apothecary's

Cook room | Godown

Ground Sketch of the Garrison Hospital at Lucknow



Open Space of Ground in front belonging to Gen: Hospital

200 ft

Road to Bungalow, Sickness &c



North
Convicts Ward
Supposed to hold 20 beds
62½
17½
Height of Compound Wall 5½ ft.
Enclosed Verandah
Height of walls 12½ ft.
Ward for Natives
Supposed to hold 14 beds
Enclosed Verandah
Open Space of Ground
98 ft
106 ft
206 ft.
Waste ground in the rear
Compound Wall
Well
Privy
Enclosed Verandah
Ward
Height of walls of this charge 13 ft.

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Judicial Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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J. H.

30 Oct. 80

To the Magistrate of Malabar
" Princ. Inspr Genl Med. Deptt
" Military Departt
" Inspector Genl of Jails.

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No. 837

PROCEEDINGS OF GOVERNMENT,

Dated 28 May 1863

Ft. 1529.

Calling further information called for with the view of enabling Govt to decide on the proposal for converting the Garrison Hospital at Cannanore into a Lunatic Asylum.