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Local & Munl. (1895) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS.

G.O., No. 1966 M

DATED 25th November 1895.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Hospital.

Recording correspondence on the question of building a new-----for Triplicane.

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OFFICE OF SURGEON-GENERAL
WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

No. Four

Encl. 616

Ootacamund ~~Madras~~, 19 August 1895.

From

SURGEON MAJOR-GENERAL C. SIBTHORPE, F.R.C.P.I.,
SURGEON-GENERAL WITH THE
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,
~~Madras,~~

To

THE Hon'ble the Chief Secretary to Government.
Public Department.

SIR,

In continuation of my letter No. T/520 dated the 1st August 1895 on the subject of the hospitals in the 1st District Madras, I have the honor to address Government regarding the Royapettah Hospital.

Pub Current No. 24 & 4 of 95 - GO 832 re a hospital 7.10.95 for the North Madras

2. This institution which lies in the 4th District and belongs to the Madras Municipality was inspected by me in May 1894 when I found that there was overcrowding in nearly every ward - Especially in those occupied by men, the superficial space allotted to each patient being less than 60 square feet - I suggested that if money was available a ward for men might be built on the top of the present women's ward thereby doing away with some of the overcrowded male wards and using them for offices &ca. - I also proposed some other improvements and expressed a pity that the site was so restricted.

3. I again addressed the Surgeon Genl. District in December last and pointed out to him that before any serious expenditure was made on the hospital it would be most desirable to bring before the Municipal Council the advisability of changing the site to a more open one in which extension could be possible. I drew attention to the fact that the present site was so restricted that the buildings were crowded together to a dangerous extent and there was no room for erecting new ones which would certainly become necessary in course of a few years if the hospital continued to gain in popularity. I suggested that the present building and site could be disposed of for a reasonable amount and with this sum coupled with some help from the Municipality, special subscriptions from the public and a grant from Government a better hospital might be built on a more commodious and carefully selected site on modern principles. The Medical officer was also requested to lay the following facts before the President of the Municipality with his own opinion.

The site should be selected by the Civil authorities in consultation with the District Medical and Sanitary Officer and Local Engineer. It must be accessible for the class of patients to be treated there, should [illegible] near to the main lines of communication [illegible]ible. The space should be ample for proposed requirements and for possible extensions. The report on it should show

1st. The aspect and conformation of ground as regards elevation, access of sunlight, exposure to prevailing winds unhealthy or otherwise.

2. Nature of soil as regards power of retaining heat, level of ground water and necessity of drainage.

3. Area in relation to proposed number of beds and attendants, amount of open space in proportion to height of buildings, space for gardens.

4th. Convenience of access for patients and Medical staff.

5th. The area between buildings should be at least double the height of the building.

4. The Medical officer in forwarding these proposals to the President made the following remarks:-

"Even at the present time increased "accommodation in the Royapettah Hospital "is urgently required and that before long "very large additions would be absolutely

"essential if the hospital was to be carried on.
"I therefore most sincerely trust that the Munic-
"apality will seriously consider the question of
"building a new hospital in Triplicane. Not
"only is a much larger hospital required for
"this part of the town, but also one built in
"accordance with modern requirements.
"The present building not having been constructed
"for the purposes of a hospital is extremely
"unsuitable. The wards as well as the out
"buildings are small, ill arranged and
"ill drained. There are no wards for cases
"of infectious diseases or for purposes of
"isolation, and there is no operation room.
"Operations are now performed in a verandah
"where sun, wind, rain and dust beat in.
"Without having gone into the matter in any
"detail it appears to me that if the whole block
"of buildings in the midst of which the
"hospital now lies were bought up, sufficient
"space would be gained for building a
"new and efficient hospital. At the
"same time I have no doubt that there are
"other places where equally good sites could
"be obtained. The only difficulty appears to
"be the question of money and this, it appears
"to me, is not so very serious because as
"the Surgeon General has pointed out, it is
"an object for the furtherance, of which the
"general public would be glad to subscribe
"and the Government to assist."

5. As nothing was since heard in con-
nection with this question I made enquiries
of the Surgeon Lt. Col. Bedford who reports that
no reply has yet been received from the
President to these communications. In
the meantime I am informed that steps
are being taken to remove the defects
pointed out by me in May 1894 and
to carry out some of the improvements
there suggested.

6. I consider this an unnecessary waste
of expenditure as sooner or later the
hospital will require large extensions

which could not be carried out owing to the restricted nature of the site so that the present building will have to be given up and a new and better site selected. With this contingency impending it is hardly advisable to expend a large amount upon the present buildings - which money could be better utilized in the purchase of a more open site and the construction of a new hospital.

7. Under the foregoing circumstances I think Government will be pleased to draw the attention of the Municipality to the necessity of having a new hospital built for the requirements of Triplicane as the present one is so ill. adapted

for the purpose.

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

C. Sibthorpe
Surgeon. Major. General.
Surgeon-General with the Govt: of Madras

No. 2721

Public (189) Department.

Local & Municipal Dept.
CURRENT No. 2662 M

From

Surgn. Major-Genl. C. Sibthorpe, F.R.C.P.I.,

Surgeon-General with the

Government of Madras,

~~Madras,~~

8/355

To

CHIEF SECRETARY
20. AUG. 1895
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

No. Tour 616

Enclosures.

Dated 19th } August 1895.
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No.

Subject.

Requests to draw the attention of the Municipality to the necessity of having a new hospital built for the requirement of Triplicane as the present one is so ill-adapted for the purpose.

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Local & Municipal Dept.
CURRENT No. 2652 M

Endl No. 1958

Transferred to the Local and Municipal Department

F.D.B.
for C.S.
~~Ag. Under Secretary~~
21/8/5.

Ootacamund
22nd August 1895

TO BE RETURNED WITH REPLY.

No. 1272

Referred to the Municipal Commissioners Madras, for favour of remarks.

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9.9.95

By order

W. Francis

Ag. Under Secretary

V.R.
3/9/95

Forkthrup
7th Sept. 95

To,
The President, Municipal Commission
Madras.

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Extract referred to

Endorsement No.1272, dated 7th September,1895 of the Local and Municipal Department forwarding for remarks letter from the Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras suggesting to build a new Hospital for Triplicane.

Proposed by M.R.Ry.V.Varadappa Nayudu Garu and second-ed by M.R.Ry.M.Venkataramiah Chetty Garu-

"That the question be deferred pending the result of the Committee appointed to report upon the Monigar Choultry question"

On the resolution being put to the meeting there were 9 for and 9 against it-the President gave his casting vote against it.

Proposed by M.R.Ry.G.Subramania Iyer Avargal and seconded by Mr.Cowasjee Eduljee.

"That the Commissioners will endeavour to provide funds as early as possible for the purpose of meeting the Surgeon-General's proposal to build a new Hospital or to improve the existing one"

Carried.

Genl. Dept.
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G. No. 437

MUNICIPALITY OF MADRAS.
General Department.

Madras, 30 October 1895.

Local & Municipal Dept.
CURRENT No. 3403 M

From

LIEUT.-COL. G. M. J. MOORE, C.I.E.,

President, Municipal Commission.

To

The Chief Secretary to Government,
Fort Saint George.

SIR,

Enclosure
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With reference to your Endorsement No.I272 dated 7th September I895 on Current No.2662 M.(herewith returned) I have the honor to forward an Extract from the Proceedings of a General Meeting of the Commissioners held on 28th Instant

2. The question of a new Hospital for Triplicane or of improving the existing one has been engaging attention sometime and it will be apparent from the resolution passed that there is no unwillingness on the part of the Commissioners to subscribe to the Surgeon-General's proposals, but simply inability from want of funds.

3. However I trust that the Public may be led to realize that in matters like this the Municipality cannot be expected to do every thing, and may reasonably look to the Public for assistance.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

G. M. J. Moore Lt. Col.

President, Munl. Comm

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CURRENT No. 3403 M

1895

Madras Municipality.

From

The President,

Municipal Commission,

MADRAS.

To

The Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort St: George.

G. No. 437.

Dated 30th October 1895
Despd. 31st " 1895.
Recd.

CHIEF SECRETARY
31 OCT. 1895
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

SUBJECT.

Forwarding with reference to Endorsement No: 1272 dated 7th September '95 L & M. Department re question of building a new Hospital for Triplicane, an extract from the proceedings of a General Meeting of the Commissioners held on 28th October 1895.

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