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Read the following letter from Surgeon A. LORIMER, Secretary Medical Board; to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 22nd May 1857, No. 110.

SIR,

With reference to the concluding para. of Extract from Minutes of Consultation, Public Department, No. 436, of date 9th Ultimo, relative to the Civil Dispensary at Chingleput, I have the honor by desire of the Medical Board to forward a communication from the Zillah Judge, suggesting certain alterations and to state, that in the Board's opinion such alterations will suffice for the due protection of the patients from the sun and weather.

2. The front Verandah is occupied by the Dispensary out-patients chiefly in the *morning*, but none are lodged in it, the back Verandah is occupied by a few leprous patients, who are kept separate.

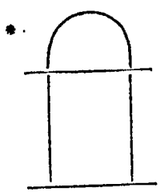
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From W. DOWDESWELL, Esq., Civil and Session Judge of Chingleput; to Assistant Surgeon R. ARNOLD, Acting Zillah Surgeon of Chingleput, dated 6th May 1857, No. 121.

SIR,

In reply to your letter of yesterday's date, I have the honor to state that Dr. Ratton a long while ago consulted me as to what he considered desirable alterations to be made to the Dispensary, and I took considerable trouble to ascertain what was required. It is clear that as the front of Hospital faces the west, the afternoon's sun shines directly on the doors and windows of the building as the arches of the Verandah are so high viz:, 10 feet 6 inches. It struck me then as it does now that if the upper part of these arches* were supplied with fixed open venetians sufficiently close to prevent the sun and rain coming in, the building would be well ventilated and perfectly sheltered, if any thing more was required, a common rattan blind hung below the fixed venetians would shelter any particular door or window. This would probably be necessary in front of the room where the Medicines are stored, although I consider they would be kept in better condition if placed in a room, facing the north. I mention this, as I ascertained from personal inspection that the heat caused by the sun shining on the door and windows was very great in that room, and Dr. Ratton considered the Medicines were deteriorated in consequence.

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2. I think it quite necessary that part of the back Verandahs should be inclosed, as at present there is no ward where lepers can be kept; and if those Verandahs were inclosed, there would be ample accommodation both for male and female lepers.

3. I do not perceive the advantage of having doors to the whole front Verandah; the building is large enough for the number of patients likely to be located in it, provided the Verandah at the back be inclosed; and am of opinion that the front Verandah would be too hot and confined, if enclosed with doors, to be habitable, and if the doors were kept closed, the inner rooms would not be sufficiently ventilated. Moreover doors of such a size as those proposed would require a Verandah to protect them or they would be warped and injured by exposure to the sun and rain.

4. If the above plan should not be considered sufficient, I would suggest that a sloping Verandah be substituted for the present one and that it be considerably deeper say 12 feet and not more than 7 feet in height. A Verandah of this sort would answer every purpose; but I pre-

fer the first proposition as being less expensive and not interfering with the appearance of the building.

The Civil and Sessions Judge of Chingleput is of opinion that the front or western Verandah of the Public Dispensary at that station would be too hot and confined, if enclosed, as originally intended, with doors. In lieu of this arrangement, he suggests that the upper part of the arches of the Verandah be supplied with fixed open venetians sufficiently close to prevent the sun and rain coming in. The building would then, he observes, be well ventilated and perfectly sheltered.

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3. The alteration to the building proposed by Mr. Dowdeswell seems desirable, an Estimate of the work will therefore be called for from the Department of Public Works, to include also, that for enclosing the back Verandah.

(True Extract and Copies.)

(Signed) E. MALTBY,

Acting Chief Secretary.

No. 56.

ORDER THEREON, No. 1196; dated 20th June 1857.

Ordered to be communicated to the Chief Engineer, with a request that he will submit an estimate, for the alterations suggested, in the foregoing Extract from the Minutes of Consultation to the public Dispensary at Chingleput.

(Signed) H. FORBES,

Acting Secretary to Government.

No. 705.

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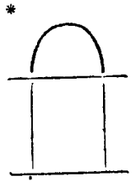
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Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Department Public Works.
„ Medical Board.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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From the Chief Engr 3 July No. 1348
In Cons.: No. 705

Observing that the alterations to the Public Dispensary at Chinglepet proposed by Mr. Dowdeswell seems desirable and Calling for an Estimate providing also for enclosing the back Verandah.

With an Order
No 1196. 20th June

No. 1196

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Fort St. Geo:
20th June 1857

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