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Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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Dated 16-9-57

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No. 4. Read the following letter from Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 7th September 1857, No. 3527.

SIR,

With reference to para. 3 of Extract Minutes Consultation No. 1590, dated 17th August 1857, requesting me to report, what Officer, or Officers, are to blame in the matter of the Chicacole Hospital, both as to the choice of site, and to its construction, I have the honor to state that the plan and estimate were prepared by Lieutenant Rundall, when 1st Assistant Civil Engineer in the 9th Division, and that they were forwarded to Mr. Glass, the Civil and Session Judge of Chicacole, with an explanatory letter No. 196, dated 28th August 1851.

2. Lieutenant Rundall's letter was forwarded by the Judge to the Zillah Surgeon Mr. Rogers, and was returned with that Officer's approval of the proposed arrangements in connexion with the Jail, and Hospital.

3. The plan and estimate were subsequently, on the 23rd September 1851, forwarded by the Foujdaree Udalut to the late Board of works, and by them submitted to Government, with a letter No. 1012, dated 8th December 1851 the estimate of Rupees 2554-13-6 receiving sanction in Extract Minutes Consultation No. 23, dated 12th January 1852.

4. Neither the correspondence referred to by Mr. Rohde in para. 1 of his letter No. 257, of the 13th July 1857, nor the Extract Minutes Consultation No. 778 of the 6th Idem, are in the Central office, the letter from the Session Judge of Chicacole, dated 27th March 1855, having been forwarded by the late Board of works to the Foujdaree Udalut on the 21st April 1855, nor is there any thing on record in this Department, to show that any doubt was expressed by the Engineer or local authorities, as to the suitability of the ground for building purposes, at the time the hospital was projected.

5. The Acting District Engineer will be requested to submit a plan for draining the ground in the vicinity of the Hospital, which may probably be effected either by excavating a shallow drainage channel to a sufficient distance down the course of the river, or to any lower ground that may be found in the neighbourhood, or probably by deepening, and embanking the Nullah referred to by Mr. Rohde.

6. The floor of the Hospital, as well as the ground in its immediate vicinity, may probably be raised, and in any case, a basement of sufficient height can be built round the Hospital to secure the floor from damp.

7. The suggestions, in the absence of any plan of the ground, are of course merely conjectural, but from the reputation Lieutenant Rundall bears as a professional Officer, I cannot suppose, that the site selected by him, and approved of by the local authorities is so decidedly objectionable, as not to admit of being improved.

8. I propose to forward to Captain Rundall, and Major Birdwood, a copy of the order of Government under reply, and of this letter, for any explanation they may have to offer.

No. 5. ORDER THEREON, No. 1759; dated 16th September 1857.

The Government will await the receipt of the reply from Major Birdwood and Captain Rundall to the reference which in the concluding para. of the above letter, it appears has been made to them.

(Signed) H. FORBES,
Acting Secretary to Government.

Central Office of Pub: Works
Fort St: Georges 7 September 1857.

No: 3527.

From The Chief Engineer

To The Secretary to Government

Public Works Department

Judicial

Jail Hospital

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I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant-
[illegible] Colonel
Chief Engineer

To
The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department

Cons. 18th Aug.st 57 Nos. 38. 39.

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From The Chief Engineer
To The Secretary to Government
N.W.D.

Dated 8th } September 1857
Rec.d 8th }

No. 352

Affording information reg.d by Lieut Gov.r in Ex.e Instr.s Cons.n No. 1590. dated 17th Aug.st regarding the Choice of Site & the Construction of the Chesaco Cholera Hospitals - & stating that the Distt Engr will be requested to forward a Plan for draining the grounds in the vicinity of the Hospitals & that Copies of the order of Govt under reply & of this letter will be forwarded to Capts Kendall & Major Birdwood for any explanation they may have to offer.

No. 1759.

The Government will await the receipt of the reply from Major Birdwood and Captain Rundall to the references noticed in the concluding para of the above letter, it appears has been made to them.

Fort St. George
16th Sept.r 1857

Copies to the Chief Engr. Dist.t

No. 1454

Sept. 15th

Sept. 16th