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No. 17. Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Military Department, dated 10th November 1857, No. 3968.

Read the following papers.

From Lieutenant Colonel CHARLES DENISON, Deputy Adjutant General of Her Majesty's Forces, ; to Colonel C. A. BROWNE, Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George, dated 26th October 1857, No. 50.

SIR,

In compliance with the instructions contained in the Extract from the Minutes of Consultation (Military Department) No. 1232, dated 25th May 1852 I have the honor, by direction of His Excellency the Commander in Chief, to forward, for submission to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, the accompanying Extract from the General Sanitary Report for the year ending 31st March 1857.

2. The Annual Report by the Deputy Inspector General on the State of the Depôt Hospital H. M's. Troops at Poonamallee, is herewith transmitted.

Extract from the General Sanitary Report of the whole Troops Serving in the Presidency of Madras from 1st April 1856 to 31st March 1857.

Alleged causes of sickness and Mortality.

Not having been here during the preceding year, I cannot venture to make any remarks beyond what is contained in each separate return, but I hope observation and experience will enable me next year to offer suggestions (if necessary) for improvement of the health of the Troops under my Superintendence.

Extract from the Report of the Deputy Inspector General H. M. Hospitals, on the state of Depôt Hospital H. M's. Troops at Poonamallee, dated 14th May 1857.

"The Hospital is clean, but in consequence of being inside the Fort it is very hot and close, the greatest portion is in an unsafe state, and the Engineers have represented it as dangerous to be occupied, in consequence the safe portion is rather crowded. If Poonamallee is to be retained as a station, I would beg to recommend the present Hospital being vacated and another built outside. At present and while used it requires some repairs and the unsafe part might be made available by the use of wooden props; tats ought to be more generally used in front of verandahs extended out and supported; thus adding shade and not preventing the access of air. The provisions supplied for the sick are very good. The Bedding is in good repair, but I would much prefer seeing Iron Bedsteads used in place of boards and tressels. The Barracks are clean but at present overcrowded. The verandahs being all used for sleeping in, tats as recommended for the Hospital would be also most serviceable in particular localities, and I beg they may be used. The Guard room requires to be better ventilated. I have recommended some additional tents, say 8 being sent out so that those who are near the Bath room may be thinned as it is from this locality most of the Fever cases have come from; the Bath Houses for men and women are in good order and kept clean. The supply of water is abundant. The Privies are tolerably good. There is a very objectionable practice in the Hospital. The soil from the Privies is thrown into a drain without even a trap to it and escapes into the moat, thus adding to the already unpleasant and unhealthy effluvia from the stagnant water. I beg to recommend that in future all soil be removed nightly to some place at a distance.

From the Quarter Master General.

(Here enter 2nd November 1857, No. 478.)

The Governor in Council observes by the report of the Deputy Inspector General of H. M's. Hospitals on the state of the Depôt Hospital at Poonamallee that certain repairs appear to

be required to the building, and that Taties should be more generally used for the comfort of the patients.

2. The Governor in Council sanctions immediate measures being taken to put the building in a state of security and comfort.

3. An objectionable practice is brought to notice in the above report which calls for remark. His Lordship in Council is at a loss to understand how such a procedure could have been permitted, and continued, until noticed by the Deputy Inspector General; orders will be at once issued for the remedy of this nuisance.

(Signed) R. HAMILTON, Major,
Actg. Dy. Secretary to Government.

No. 18. ORDER THEREON, No. 2183; dated 26th November 1857.

Ordered to be communicated to the Chief Engineer with a request that he will issue the necessary instructions to the District Engineer of Chingleput to take immediate steps, for putting the Depot Hospital at Poonamallee in a state of security and comfort.

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

Military Department

No 3968.

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10th November 1857.

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H. M. Forces
Head Quarters 26th October 1857. No 50.

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To

The Deputy Adjt. General H. M. Forces. 10th Entered & Dated 11th November 1839.

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