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No. 37. Read the following letter from Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 18th June 1857, No. 1328.

SIR,

In reply to Extract Minutes Consultation dated 27th April 1857, No. 794, I have the honor to inform the Government, that it is stated by the Collector of Chingleput in his letter No. 127, of the 15th Ultimo, that the verandah of the Chingleput Hospital seems to be appropriated to the use of Lepers, there being no other place for keeping them separate from other patients.

2. I cannot think that the practice of placing those affected with this loathsome disease in the verandah of a common Hospital is at all desirable, and if there is not sufficient separate accommodation in the Hospital, a separate room had better be constructed. Judging however from the size of the Hospital and the small number of in-patients, only 415 since 1855; I am of opinion that such a separate ward might be constructed in the Hospital itself. The out-patients in the same time were 9,332.

3. The verandah surrounding the Hospital is 9 feet to the outside, and though it is true that the openings in the verandah are high 10 feet, still I do not see that it is necessary either to construct an additional and unsightly verandah, or even to place venetians in the Arcaded verandah. The venetian windows of the Hospital itself would it might be thought keep off the rays of the setting sun, and likewise the glare from the tank which is certainly not less than 80 yard distant, and on a much lower level than the Dispensary.

4. Should the Government be of opinion that the verandah is not the proper place for Leper patients, I think that the proposed verandah and even the external venetians may be dispensed with.

No. 38. ORDER THEREON, No. 1249; dated 25th June 1857.

Ordered to be communicated to the Public Department with reference to Extract Minutes of Consultation in that Department, dated 9th April 1857, No. 436.

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

Central Office of P.W.

Fort Saint George,

18th June 1857.

No. 1328.

From,

The Chief Engineer

Medical Buildings.

Chingleput Dispensary.

To,

The Secretary to Government P.W.D.

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A. Fraser Colonel
Chief Engineer.

Central Office of P.W.
Fort Saint George,
18th June 1857.

To,
The Secretary to Government P.W.D.

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The Chief Engineer.

To
The Secretary to Government
N.W.P.

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States that the verandah of the Dispensary at Chingleput had been used for the accommodation of lepers, which he considers very objectionable and states that a separate ward might be contrived for them or a separate room built and that then he sees no particular need either of an additional verandah or outside venetians. — Pl. with an order

Ex: from Mer P. D. dy 3rd July/57
C No. 1416 Cons:

No. 1249.

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Lt Col Genl
25th June 1857.

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