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2. The funds for the erection of this building were mainly raised by private subscription, and the work was placed under the supervision of your department under an order of Government of the 13th May 1856. The plan was furnished by Major Birdwood modified from a much more costly and ambitious conception of his predecessor Captain Rundall.

3. No intimation has ever been officially made to me that the estimates were insufficient. On the contrary from Lieutenant Syme's letter of the 19th February last it was inferred that by using country wood instead of Teak, a considerable sum of money would be saved, and would be applicable for the building of out-houses, &c., for which a sum of money had been purposely reserved.

4. Now as it would seem that there will be a considerable deficiency, I beg you will inform me what further sums will be required to finish the Dispensary itself, as means must be immediately taken to provide funds for the completion of the building.

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From Lieutenant J. VERTUE, Acting District Engineer, Vizagapatam; to the Collector of Vizagapatam, dated 8th July 1857, No. 575.

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From Agent, 12th April 1856.

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(True Extract and Copies.)

(Signed) E. MALTBY,
Acting Chief Secretary.

No. 20. ORDER THEREON, No. 1521; dated 5th August 1857.

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PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

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To the Magistrate of Vizagapatam.
,, Public Works Department.
,, Accountant General.
,, Civil Auditor.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

Cons: 8th July/57 No 2647/68

Public Works 1857 Dept.
Dr to Govt Mrs Sept.

No 1527

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Public Department—

Dated 23d July 1857.
Rec. 29th

Ext. from the Proc. of the Chief Engr of 1st Sept. for C. No 1748 with corrs. Resolving to call on Major Birdwood through the D.C.W. to explain the reason why the funds for building the Dispensary at Vizagapatam, have proved wholly insufficient; & determining to disburse the sum of Rs 3000, being the amount in excess of Major Birdwood's Estimate.

With an order
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No 1524

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Fort St. George
5th August 1857

To Chief Engr. Cuddp. 26

No 19 & 20.