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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 29th October 1858.

No. 172. Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Military Department, dated 5th October 1858, No. 3581.

Read the following letter from Colonel F. A. REID, Quarter Master General of the Army ; to Colonel C. A. BROWNE, Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated Poty 28th September 1858, No. $\frac{2}{11}$.

SIR,

In forwarding copy of a letter from the District Engineer Bellary, received through the Officer Commanding Ceded Districts, I am directed by the Commander in Chief to convey His Excellency's recommendation for the sanction of the suggestion contained in paras. 4 and 5 in regard to the Garrison Hospital at Bellary.

Letter from Lieutenant J. F. FISHER, District Engineer of Bellary ; to Major General D. MACLEOD, Commanding Ceded Districts, dated Bellary, 13th September 1858.

SIR,

With reference to a letter from the Acting Deputy Assistant Quarter Master General of the Division, No. 738, dated 9th September 1858, forwarded with copy of a letter No. 631, dated 8th September 1858, from the Officer Commanding Bellary, desiring me to inspect the Garrison Hospital at the station and the buildings belonging to it, I have the honor to report, that I have this morning in company with the Garrison Surgeon Dr. Forbes, inspected the buildings, and regret to add that the roofs of all of them are in most unsatisfactory and dangerous state.

2. I beg to say, I agree with Dr. Forbes in considering that those buildings, which it is proposed to occupy and keep in use, should have the roofs taken off at once, and flat roofs put after the walls had* been raised by having a course of brick and chunam laid along the top of them to prevent the white-ants working through the stones of which the wall is built, and attacking the roof.

* Sic in original.

3. As all these buildings are in the same unsatisfactory condition and not safe to be inhabited by sick men it becomes necessary to remove all the patients, stores, &c., to some other building temporarily.

4. The most suitable building available is the portion of the Old European Barracks, at present occupied by the Government School, this could be divided off into wards for Europeans and Natives, and a part fitted up for the European Women and Surgery.

5. There is a large building out-side the Garrison Hospital, belonging to the Church Mission Society very well adapted for a School, and I believe, this could be obtained for the purpose either by purchase or at a moderate rent.

6. I beg to say, that though the orders have come to abandon the Old Fort and construct other buildings near the European Barracks, this ought not to interfere with keeping the present Garrison Hospital, in a safe condition, some considerable time must elapse before the New Cantonment can be built, and during this period, the old Hospital will be made use of, and in the event of its being given up hereafter, it is more likely to sell for some considerable sum, if properly repaired, than in its present state.

7. But if Government do not feel inclined to go to the expense of new roofing these buildings, I beg to suggest that, the portion of the Old European Barracks before mentioned, should be given up for the Hospital and the present building sold for what they will fetch for, strange to say, that the roofs of these Barracks have hardly been touched by white-ants, whilst those of the Hospital have been most seriously damaged.

Communicated to the Department Public Works.

(Signed) H. MARSHALL, Lieut.-Colonel,

Deputy Secretary to Government.

Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 29th October 1858.

No. 173.

ORDER THEREON, No. 2283; dated 29th October 1858.

Communicated to the Officiating Chief Engineer who will issue instructions for the immediate execution of the work to the Old European Barracks at Bellary, referred to in para. 4, of the District Engineer's letter for adapting that building for a Hospital, an Estimate being in the meanwhile prepared and submitted for sanction. Orders will be issued through the Public Department, for the removal of the Government School from the Barracks.

2. The suggestion made in para 7, of Lieutenant Fisher's letter for the sale of the present Hospital buildings will receive consideration in the Military Department.

(Signed) W. H. BAYLEY,
Acting Secretary to Government.

Military Department

N. 3581

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Dated 5th October 1858

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From the General's Office

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District Engineers Office

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/ True Copy /

Signed J. G. Booksan Captain

A. D. A. D. M. General

(True Copy of a Copy)

/ signed J. A. Reid.

Quarter Master General.

Communicated to the
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/ Signed H. Marshall Lieut.

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To the Department Public Works.

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