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No. 27. Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Military Department, dated 17th November 1858, No. 4169.

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 Ootacamund, 26th October 1858, No. 270.

SIR,

In forwarding for submission to Government copy of a letter received from the Officer Commanding Mysore Division, I am directed by the Commander in Chief, to beg that no further delay may be made in commencing upon the improvements in the old Dragoon Hospital at Bangalore, for which sanction was given in July last.

2. His Excellency would also strongly recommend that the floor be raised, and the walls correspondingly so, and swing Ventilating windows furnished, as recommended by Lieutenant General Beresford.

3. Sir Patrick Grant cannot support Doctor Williams' suggestion for a new Hospital, His Excellency considers it quite unnecessary, and the great additional cost is a serious consideration in these times of financial difficulty.

Letter from Lieutenant General M. BERESFORD, Commanding Mysore Division; to Colonel F. A. REID, Quarter Master General of the Army, Ootacamund, dated Bangalore, 20th October 1858, No. 233.

SIR,

Having just completed my Inspection of H. M.'s Regiment of the King's Dragoon Guards I deem it within my duty to report that the Hospital of that Corps remains in the same very unsatisfactory state which led to the Commander in Chief's reference to Government recommending certain alterations and improvements to be at once entered upon.

No. 2579, 19th July 1858.

The Government in their Minutes of Consultation as per margin sanctioned the improvements advocated by His Excellency, so long ago as July of this year, ordering that the work should be immediately proceeded with, up to this date no order upon the subject has been sent to the Executive Engineer here.

Finding that Doctor Williams, Deputy Inspector General of H. M.'s Hospitals, still holds to his opinion that a new Hospital should be built in place of repairing the old. I offered to send up for His Excellency's consideration any further observations he might wish to offer, in the feeling that His views are entitled to full consideration. I herewith enclose the letter containing these views.

If His Excellency considers the arguments used by Doctor Williams sufficiently weighty to induce him to recommend the new building, of course there is full time to submit such opinion to the Government; as no work has been commenced. The financial view is as follows;

A new Hospital, if built upon the Plan and Estimate of new Cavalry on Race Course, will cost	Rs. 82,000
Deduct value of present Hospital	10,000
Leaves for expenditure on new Hospital	72,000
The present Estimate for repairs	22,400

There certainly is the disadvantage of want of breadth in the present Hospital, which Doctor Williams remarks upon, but as its past history shews that there are no differences in its sanitary qualities, and as we know that the sick of the 43rd Regiment were more speedily cured in that, under same Surgeon's treatment, than in the upper Hospital, in old Infantry Barracks, I think we may anticipate that the improvements sanctioned together with *one other* which Doctor Williams strongly recommends, will render it a very satisfactory building. The improvement alluded to, is raising the floor, and consequently raising the walls. I confess that it was an omission on my part, not proposing this in my former report, it was not brought under my notice,

and I did not observe this urgent requirement, the floor at present is on a level with the ground which is very objectionable. In raising the walls the improved ventilation obtained by swing windows, not now contemplated, can also be obtained; all this can be done, Captain Mayne informs me, for between 4 and 5,000 Rupees; His Excellency will observe that Doctor Williams fully admits, that with this improvement, added to the others sanctioned by Government, "this Hospital will be a good one." Doctor Macpherson, Inspector General of Hospitals has, I know, reported to the same effect as Doctor Williams, and strongly recommending this additional work. I therefore earnestly request that His Excellency will be pleased to advocate this further (I think I may say) necessary improvement and obtain the order that the work be entered upon at once and so end the vexata question of this Hospital.

Extra the 22,400.

Communicated to Department Public Works, with the sanction of Government to the improvements referred to in para. 2 of the Quarter Master General's letter, being carried into effect.

(Signed) H. MARSHALL, Colonel,
Dy. Secretary to Government.

No. 28. ORDER THEREON, No. 2667; dated 9th December 1858.

Ordered to be communicated to the Officiating Chief Engineer in view to the submission of Plans and Estimates for the improvements alluded to in the above Minutes of Consultation to the Dragoon Hospital at Bangalore.

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

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Military Department

No. 4169

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 17th November 1858.

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Dr. M. General's Office
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Head Quarters,
Octacamund
29th October, 1858.

Sgd/ J. A. Reid
Dy. Mr. General.

Head Quarters Mysore Division
Bangalore 30th October 1858
No 233

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Deduct value of present Hospitals ——— 10,000
Leaves for expenditure on new Hospital — 72,000
The present Estimate for repairs ——— 22,600

There certainly is the disadvantage of vacant ground in the present Hospital, which Dr. Williams remarks upon - but as its past history shews that there are no differences in its sanatory qualities, and as one Know that the sick of the 42d Regiment were more speedily cured in that, under same surgeons treatment, than in the other Hospitals, in the Infantry Barracks; I think we may anticipate that the improvements sanctioned together with one other which Dr. Williams strongly recommends, will render it a very satisfactory building. The improvement alluded to, as raising the floor, and consequently raising the walls. I confess that it was an omission on my part, not proposing

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of this Hospital. I have the honor to be &c.

Sig[d] M. Beresford, Lt Genl. &c.
Commanding Imperial Division.

(True Copy.)

[Signed] F. A. Reid
D[y] M[r] General.

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[Signed] H. Marshall, Colonel.
Dy. Secretary to Govt.

To

The Department Public Works.
" Quarter Master General.
" Chief Engineer Imperial Div[n].

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Edward Smith

Cons: 19th Octr 1858 Nos 72-73
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P.W. 1858 Despatch
Do to Govt 14th Decr
No. 2793

Extract Minute Consn
in the Military Dept

Dated 17th
Received 20th } Novr 1858

No. 4169
From the Chief Engr AI 11th
Feby 59 Cs No 339 Civil

Enclosing
certain supplementary
Estimates recommended by the
Old Dragoon Hospital at Banga-
lore.

William Orders
No 2667 - 9th Decr 1858.

No. 2667

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in view to the submission of Plans
and Estimates for the improvements
alluded to in the above Minute of Cons
to the Dragoon Hospital at Bangalore

No 2793

Fort St George
9th December 1858

To Colonel the Hon Chief Engr
Dated 15th