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Public Works DEPARTMENT.
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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
from 11th to 17th June 1859.*

No. 60. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Department, dated 6th June 1859, No. 875.

Calling for a Plan and Estimate of a building which would
answer the joint purpose of a General Dispensary and
Civil Hospital at Ootacamund. } (Vide Public Proceedings from 1st to 10th June
1859, Nos. 31-32.)

No. 61. ORDER THEREON, 15th June 1859, No. 1470.

Forwarded to the Chief Engineer for the issue of the necessary orders with reference to
para. 6.

(Signed) W. C. SIM,
Acting Dy. Secretary to Government.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Following letter from J. McKENNA, Esq., M. D., Superintending Surgeon, Presidency, in charge of Office of Director General, Medical Department; to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 14th May 1859, No. 87.

I have the honor to bring to the notice of Government that, the building at Ootacamund General Dispensary is reported to be in a dangerous state, and likely to fall down.

District Engineer has examined the building, but he does not give a decided opinion of probability of its falling down: he does not consider it safe.

It appears from the report of Assistant Surgeon Mackay, that the building is altogether unsuitable for a public Dispensary or Hospital. The site is low, damp, and confined, the building is constructed and devoid of ventilation.

Under these circumstances, and considering the yearly increasing population of the Station Natives and Europeans, I beg to recommend to Government the construction of a new building with suitable accommodation, on a well selected site.

It appears from the correspondence on the subject, that the present building used as a Dispensary can be sold for its full value.

As the present building will be uninhabitable during the rains, the Medical Officer has arranged to let a house belonging to Messrs. Framjee and Co., well accommodated for the purpose, as a temporary arrangement.

Messrs. Framjee and Co., agree to let the premises in question for 90 Rupees per month, which would include quarters for the Assistant Apothecary. The terms are considered reasonable by the Medical Officer, and I recommend the house to be secured temporarily until a new building can be sanctioned.

The original papers on this subject are not forwarded, but should Government require them to be sent.

ORDER THEREON, 6th June 1859, No. 875.

In the correspondence now submitted, it appears that the building, occupied as a General Dispensary at Ootacamund, is from the dilapidated state of the walls considered unsafe.

It is proposed therefore to rent a building, now available at the station and in every way suitable for a Dispensary, which its owners, Messrs. Framjee and Co., are prepared to let for a month, if taken for one year or more.

Government authorize this building being at once engaged on the terms proposed for one year.

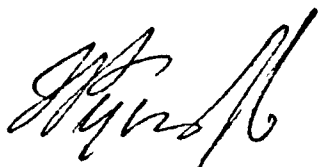
Mackay seems to think that the Government Dispensary would, if sold, realize its full value, and the Collector of Coimbatore will accordingly take steps for its disposal.

Further, it appears that the separate building at Ootacamund, used as a Civil Hospital, is not fitted for the purpose—it being, independently of its objectionable site, stated to be constructed and totally devoid of ventilation.

It is recommended therefore that the District Engineer be called upon, through the Department, to prepare, in communication with the Collector and Medical Officer in charge, a plan for the erection of a building which would answer the joint purpose of a General Dispensary and Hospital.

7. The Officer in charge of the Office of Director General, Medical Department, will state whether any and what saving could be effected in the establishments of the two Institutions in the event of their both being accommodated in the same building.

(True Extract.)


Chief Secretary.

To the Officer in charge of the Office of Director General, Medical Department,
with 6 original enclosures.

- „ Department Public Works. *Def. g.*
- „ Collector of Coimbatore.
- „ Accountant General.
- „ Civil Auditor.

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