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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from Colonel J. H. BELL, Chief Engineer, to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, dated Chepauk, 9th March 1860, No. 11,187 : —

With reference to the Proceedings of Government, dated 6th January 1860, No. 45, I have the honor to forward herewith a letter* from the Committee appointed to report on the best mode of enlarging the Madras General Hospital, relative to the suggestions of the Government of India contained in para. 2 of their letter, dated 12th December 1859, No. 8,362, communicated with the above Proceedings.

2. It will be observed that the enlarged plan of the Hospital, inclusive of the new Wing and Upper Story, is calculated to accommodate 576 and not 700 patients, as supposed by the Supreme Government; and as there will be about 100 superficial feet of space and 1,500 cubic feet of air for each patient, with free and independent ventilation for each separate portion, there can be no objection to locate the former number in one building.

3. The Committee remark in reference to the suggestion of the Supreme Government, that "if any addition to the present building be necessary, it would be made with greater advantage in regard to architectural effect by placing an Upper Story on the present building, than by adding to its length," that the addition both of the Wing and the Upper Story is indispensably necessary for carrying out their plan for the improvement of the Hospital, and for providing the required amount of accommodation.

From GEO. PEARSE, Esq., M. D., Major W. H. HORSLEY and A. BLACKLOCK, Esq., Committee appointed to report on the best mode of enlarging the General Hospital, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 2nd March 1860.

The Committee ordered in Proceedings* of Government, with the exception of two members absent from the Presidency on duty, having re-assembled, with reference to the Proceedings† of the Madras Government, and carefully considered the suggestions contained in the 2nd paragraph of the Proceedings‡ of the Government of India, have the honor to report, that instead of giving cover to 700 patients as supposed by the Government of India, the enlarged General Hospital, new Wing and Upper Story included, will contain 36 wards, affording, at 16 cots to each, accommodation for only 576 persons, and, that as there will be about 100 superficial feet of space, and 1,500 cubic feet of air for each patient, with a very free ventilation, which in each division is independent of the other, there cannot be any imprudence in having that number in one building, especially one so free from epidemic visitation as the old General Hospital has always been. The women and children of the European Troops in the Fort must be received into the General Hospital, as it is the nearest to which they can resort; but comparatively few females of the Civilian class will require to be admitted, and measures will be taken to keep their division of the building entirely distinct from that occupied by male patients.

2. With reference to the suggestion of the Supreme Government that "if any addition to the present building be necessary, it would be made with greater advantage in regard to architectural effect by placing an Upper Story on the present building," the Committee would observe that the addition both of the Wing, and the Upper Story over all, is essentially necessary for carrying out their plan, and providing the required amount of accommodation, according to the arrangement shown in paragraphs 8, 9 and 10 of their original report.§ Nothing short of this, in fact, would meet the requirements of the Public or of Her Majesty's Service.

* Dated 2nd March 1860.

* No. 1,165, dated 30th July 1859.

† No. 45, dated 6th January 1860.

‡ No. 8,362, dated 12th Decr. 1859.

§ Dated 26th August 1859.

ORDER THEREON, 4th April 1860, No. 710.

1. This letter and its enclosure will be transmitted to the Government of India with reference to paragraph 2 of their letter, dated 12th December 1859, No. 8,362.

2. The Honorable the Governor in Council fully concurs in the opinion expressed by the Committee on the General Hospital, as to the plan on which that building should be enlarged. The Government direct the Chief Engineer to issue orders that the construction of the wing shall be commenced immediately, and be prosecuted with all practicable expedition.

3. They also request to be informed whether it will not be desirable and economical that the building of the Upper Story of that Wing shall be undertaken at once as a part of the Project.

4. The Plan and Estimate for the whole Upper Story which were returned to the Chief Engineer as requested in his letter, dated 21st January 1860, No. 9,433, should be re-submitted for transmission to Calcutta for sanction, with any amendments which further consideration may have suggested.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Chief Engineer.

Exd. Wm. Thomas.

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Passing orders on
the Report of the best mode
of enlarging the Madras
General Hospital.

From the Secy and Engineer
to the Madras Hospital

Pro: of the Madras Govt.
Dated 14th April 1860

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From Secy and Engineer
to the Madras General Hospital

The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department

Sir,

Madam.

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from the Committee appointed to report on the
best mode of enlarging the Madras General
Hospital, relative to the suggestions of the
Government of India contained in para 2 of their
letter dated 12th December 1859, No 8362, com-
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enlarged Plans of the Hospital, inclusive of

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9th March 1860.

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to accommodate 276 and not 400 patients, as
supposed by the Supreme Government, and as
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space and 1500 cubic feet of air for each patient,
with free and independent ventilation for each
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locate the former number in one building.

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Leipakham }
9th March 1860 }

By 9/9 Major
D. C. B. Engle & J. H. Shaw

I have the honor to be
Dear Sir
Yours most Obedt. Servant
H. A. Ford Lieut. Colonel
Deputy Chief Eng. 6th Circ. 1st Div. Eng.

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4. The plan and estimate for the whole upper story which were returned to the Chief Engineer as requested in his letter dated 21st January 1860 N^o 9433, should be resubmitted for transmission to Calcutta for sanction, with any amendments which further consideration may have suggested.

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