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No. 383. Read the following letter from Captain J. MULLINS, R. E., Consulting Engineer Irrigation and Canal Company, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Madras, 4th August 1864, No. 57 :—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to forward for the consideration of Government a Plan and Estimate Rupees 1,690, for an additional ward to the Kurnool Hospital for the reception of patients with contagious diseases.

2. As it appeared to me that, with works in the neighbourhood of Kurnool likely to be finished ere long, an additional outlay on buildings would perhaps be unadvisable, I made a reference* to the Agent, and pointed out this circumstance, and asked for a statement of the number of cases of this description treated since a Hospital had been opened; and the list furnished, and which will be found attached to the last of the papers marginally noted,† shows that there were 38 cases in four years, of which one half were "sore eyes."

* No. 96 of the 5th July.

† From Agent No. 411, 17th June 1864.

" Chief Engineer, No. 11, "

" Agent No. 800, 29th July.

" Chief Engineer No. 458, 22nd July.

" Dr. Keess, No. 34, 21st July.

3. The sanctions given for Hospital buildings at Kurnool amount to Rupees 2,540, and Rupees 3,739 have been expended, and I think the list of cases, intended to be provided for, does not support the Medical Officer's opinion that a great necessity exists for additional accommodation. The extra wards proposed would not provide for the wants occasioned by a violent out-break of any epidemic, and with the workmen and materials always available at Kurnool, it would be easy to run up temporary buildings at a trifling expense, and at a few hours' notice.

4. I am unable also to agree with the Chief Engineer that buildings erected now will be likely at any future time to sell for what they may cost. When the works in that part of the country have been completed there will be a great fall in prices and rates, and therefore in that case similar buildings could be constructed by those who wanted them for much less money, added to which should Kurnool cease to be the head quarters of the Chief Engineer, the value of all the house property in the station would be materially lessened. These considerations would be of little consequence were there shown to be any real necessity for additional Hospital buildings, but, as it is, I think the three or four patients occasionally and at considerable intervals requiring to be kept out of the General Hospital, might very well be accommodated in a temporary building, a little better arranged and ventilated than a native house.

5. The difference between Rupees 1,740, the amount of the Estimate as received, and Rupees 1,690 as now submitted, is due to clerical errors in the original.

No. 384. ORDER THEREON, 19th August 1864, No. 2,375.

1. The Government cannot recognize the necessity for this building. Considering the very small number of infectious cases which have occurred during the last four years, the erection of separate wards for their treatment seems, in ordinary times, to be superfluous; while, on the occasion of a violent out-break of any epidemic, the proposed accommodation would, as the Consulting Engineer remarks, be wholly inadequate.

2. The isolated cases of infectious diseases which occur at the Hospital may very well be lodged in a temporary building, as recommended by Captain Mullins, or in a tent pitched in the compound.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. H. M. SHAW STEWART, Major, R. E.,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer, Irrigation and Canal Company.

" Agent for do. do.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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The Govt cannot recognize the necessity for this building. Considering the very small number of infectious cases which have occurred during the last four years, the creation of separate wards for these ^{treatment} ~~cases~~ seems, in ordinary times, the safer course; while, on the occasion of a violent outbreak of any epidemic, the proposed accommodation would, as the Consulting Engineer remarks, be wholly inadequate.

The isolated cases of infectious diseases which occur at the Hospital may very well be lodged in a temporary building, as recommended by Captain Mullins, or in a tent pitched in the compound.

To The Consulting Engineer, H. B. Baker, Esq.
 Immigration and Canal Co.
 Agent - Do -
 20th August 1905
 Chepauk
 19th August 1905
 3 letters
 1 Encl.
 1 Plan

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To the Secy. to Govt.
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Dated 4 August 1864
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1. Estimate Enclosures 5
1. Plan
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returned

Forwards for the Consider-
ation of Govt. a Plan
and Estimate. No. 1690
for an additional ward
to the Marine Hospital
for the reception of
patients with contagious
diseases.

ex. 2375-195th August 1864 -
With an order.

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