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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
23rd January 1864.*

No. 526. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Educational Department:—

Requesting the preparation of a revised Plan and Estimate for the alterations and additions to the Medical College building, Presidency District, which have been recommended by the Principal. } (Here enter 16th January 1864, No. 14.)

No. 527. ORDER THEREON, 23rd January 1864, No. 261.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, who will be requested to submit the required Plan and Estimate with the least practicable delay.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.
PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from E. B. POWELL, Esq., Director of Public Instruction ; to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 8th January 1864, No. 33.

In Order of Government, No. 204, of the 15th August 1863, His Excellency the Governor in Council sanctioned the enlargement of the principal theatre of the Medical College, and directed the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, to revise, in communication with myself, the plan and estimate for the improvement of the building.

2. The revision had been almost completed at the time of Dr. Smith's appointment to the Principalship of the College. I thought it advisable, however, to make that gentleman acquainted with the proposed modifications : and, on learning from him that some requirements of the College had not been provided for, and that the Professors generally had not been consulted upon the matter, I thought it fitting to request Dr. Smith to go over the modified plan in consultation with the Professors, and to suggest such changes and additions as would fully meet the wants of the College, at the same time paying all due regard to economy.

3. Dr. Smith acted in conformity with my request ; and, after consulting with the other Professors of the College, forwarded to me a letter noted marginally, together with a plan

showing the arrangements considered advisable by himself and his colleagues. The plan contains elevations for the front and sides of the College ; and in these respects it appears to me to possess a great superiority over the original design. Dr. Smith's letter and plan are herewith submitted.

4. The chief additions now suggested are as follows :—

(1.) A private room for the Chemical Examiner, whose analyses should be conducted so as to preclude the possibility of any person having access to the substance under examination.

(2.) A private room for the Principal.

(3.) Rooms for the Junior Department of the College, in lieu of the range of old buildings now occupied as Lecture and Practical Pharmacy rooms. The present Chemical Laboratory, which was proposed for this purpose, besides being inconvenient, is too limited in space.

(4.) A general store-room for distilling apparatus and other bulky articles.

(5.) A room for preparing specimens for the Museum.

(6.) A small retiring room for the Professors.

5. Of the foregoing, the rooms for the Principal and the Chemical Examiners are proposed to be placed upstairs. By this arrangement, besides meeting the wants of the College as regards accommodation, they will serve to break the dead uniformity of a long frontage, and very much improve the architectural effect of the College. Complete privacy will also be secured for the Chemical Examiner's operations, which could not well be the case if they were carried on in the Laboratory.

6. The Superintending Engineer has now placed in my hands a rough estimate of the modified structure according to Dr. Smith's plan, prepared by the Presidency Executive Engineer. This together with the letters* giving cover to it, as noted in the margin, I beg to submit ; and I trust that Government will be pleased to approve of the plan, and sanction

* Letter from Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, No. 4542 of 5th January 1864.
Letter from Executive Engineer, Presidency, No. 4599 of 10th December 1863.

the expenditure involved therein, which Captain Prendergast estimates roughly at Rupees 32,500. In case of a general approval being given by Government, a more exact estimate and a more complete plan can be prepared by the Department of Public Works.

7. In conclusion, I have to express my regret that so great a delay should have occurred in respect to the improvement of the Medical College building ; but it appeared to me preferable to incur the loss of some time than to carry out a plan which would in all probability be found very defective.

ORDER THEREON, 16th January 1894, No. 14.

The Governor in Council approves of the ~~proposed~~ alterations and additions to the Medical College building, which have been recommended by the Principal. A revised plan and estimate will be prepared by the Executive Engineer as suggested by the Director of Public Instruction at the close of his letter.

(True Extract.)

H. J. Cunningham
Chief Secretary.

To the Director of Public Instruction.
" Public Works Department,
(with plan, estimate, and enclosures.)

Exd. J. Tulloch.

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The Board, which have
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