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*Proceedings of the Madras Government Public Works Department,
14th September 1864.*

No. 293. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel F. H. SCOTT, Quarter Master General, to Colonel H. MARSHALL, Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated Head Quarters, Ootacamund, 13th August 1864, No. 267/7,844:—

SIR,

1. I have the honor by order of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief to inform the Government that in November 1862, certain alterations necessary to the European Hospital at Bellary, to prevent the glare from affecting the eyes of the patients, were ordered by the Commander-in-Chief to be estimated for, after personal inspection. Nothing having been done, and the Principal Medical Officer of Her Majesty's British Troops having brought that fact to the notice of the Commander-in-Chief, enquiry was made of the Superintending Engineer what had caused the delay. Lieutenant-Colonel Hemery's reply is enclosed.

2. The Commander-in-Chief submits that this is no answer to the question, and that the delay that has ensued, on a matter of small professional importance, but of great moment to the sick of the Regiment, ought not to have been allowed.

Referred to the Department of Public Works, with advertence to Proceedings of Government Military Department, No. 2,151, dated 2nd July 1863.

(Signed) R. HAMILTON, Lieut.-Colonel,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
29th August 1864.

To the Public Works Department, with two enclosures (to be returned).

From Lieutenant-Colonel E. HEMERY, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, to the Quarter Master General, Fort Saint George, dated Cuddapah, 16th August 1864, No. 684.

SIR,

1. In reply to your letter No. 189, dated 5th instant, I have the honor to inform you that on inspecting the upper story of the Hospital at Bellary in January last, in company with Captain Fischer, R. E., Executive Engineer in charge of Military buildings at Bellary, we came to the conclusion that, to put up heavy venetians supported by the slender pillars of the upper verandah would greatly endanger the safety of the building, and I therefore requested Captain Fischer to submit another scheme less open to objection.

* To be returned.

2. Captain Fischer's letter* on the subject is herewith forwarded for your information.

From Captain J. F. FISCHER, R. E., Executive Engineer, 1st Class, to Lieutenant-Colonel E. HEMERY, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, dated Bellary, 8th February 1864, No. 77.

SIR,

1. With reference to the conversation I had with you at this station, I have the honor to request you will be good enough to obtain the sanction of Government to postpone the putting up of the venetians to the upper verandah of the new Hospital at this station; the arrangement adopted is very defective, and you agreed with me in considering it so, the merely slinging these heavy wooden frames to such slender pillars with their lower ends resting but on one point in their circumference cannot be considered safe especially during the prevalence of the strong winds which blow for months at this station, and in the event of the pillars being damaged by any of these frames swinging out of its position their repair would not only be a difficulty but a portion of the roof which they now support would probably be damaged.

2. The wood work of these frames can all be used up in the buildings constructing here without any great loss to Government, and in the meantime I will endeavour to make some more suitable arrangement for the protection of this verandah and submit an estimate of its cost.

*Notice of the Commanding Engineer
enquiry was made of the Superintending
Engineer*

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14th September 1864.

No. 294.

ORDER THEREON, 14th September 1864, No. 2,673.

1. The Government regret much to learn that the work referred to in the foregoing letter has not been carried out. They observe that the estimate was prepared in November 1862, by order of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, that it was submitted to them on the 20th June 1863, and sanctioned on the 9th July.
2. The Superintending Engineer explains that, when inspecting the Bellary Hospital in January last, he came to the conclusion that to put up heavy venetians, supported by the slender pillars of the upper verandah, would greatly endanger the building, and he therefore called on the Executive Engineer to submit another scheme less open to objection. From that time to the present nothing seems to have been done.
3. The Governor in Council considers this explanation most unsatisfactory. He observes that Lieutenant-Colonel Hemery should have satisfied himself as to the fitness of the proposed alterations before he recommended them for sanction; and that the Executive Engineer should not have allowed so many months to elapse without discovering that the execution of the work was likely to endanger the Hospital. Captain Fischer has now allowed seven months more to pass without, apparently, suggesting any more suitable arrangement for the protection of the verandah from the sun's glare.
4. Captain Fischer will now be called on for any explanation he may have to offer regarding the great delay which has occurred, and which seems doubly due to his neglect. Colonel Hemery will also explain how it was that he recommended the estimate for sanction, without first ascertaining that the execution of the work was impracticable.
5. Captain Fischer will also be directed to submit, without further delay, a plan and estimate for protecting, in the most suitable manner, the upper verandah of the Bellary Hospital from the glare.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Military Department, with two original Enclosures.
Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division.

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Quarter Master General's Office,
Head Quarters Cochin
No 267
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13th August 1864.

From

Lieut Colonel J. H. Scott
Quarter Master General.

To
Colonel Mc Marshall.
Secretary to Government
Military Department

I have the honor by order of
His Excellency the Commander in
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been done, and the Principal Medical
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Engineer what had caused the delay.
Lieutenant Colonel Hennery's reply
is enclosed.

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the delay that has ensued, on a
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to have been allowed.

I have the honour,
Sir,

Yours most Obedt Servt

Thos. Scott, Lieut Colonel
Quartermaster General

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the delay in preparing
an estimate of the cost of certain
alterations necessary to the European
Hospital at Bellary, & further
the delay in affecting the eyes
of the patients, and drawing the
delay ought not to have been allowed -

Referring letter from

26.12.93 - 11.2.1864

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Recd 18.12.93

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Public Works Department
No. 2673

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 14th September 1864

Read the following

From the Secy Secy to Govt in the Military Dept

Referring letter from the Secy Secy
General bringing to notice the delay in
preparing an estimate of the cost of
certain alterations necessary to the
European Hospital at Bellary to
prevent the glare from affecting the
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H. E. 29th August 1864

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of the Bellary hospital
from the sun's glare.
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The reply Sept 4 with two original orders. ✓
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Sept 1864
Hon. of Gov. of Mass.

Sept 26/78
Hon. of Government
Sept 14/82

Letter from the
Quarantine Master. But
bringing to notice the
delay in the execution
of certain alterations re-
specting the Curfew
Hospital at Bellary to
prevent the spread of
pestilence the eyes of the
patients.

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الانسان خليفة في الارض