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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
10th November 1865.*

Read the following Endorsement from the Principal Inspector General, Medical Department, dated Fort Saint George, 27th October 1865, No. 335.

No. 188. Read the following letter from the Director of Public Instruction, to the Officiating Principal Inspector General, Medical Department, dated Madras, 19th October 1865, No. 2,218:—

1. I have the honor to forward, for your consideration, copy of a letter from the Principal of the Medical College, No. 84 of the 12th instant.
2. If Dr. Smith's proposal be regarded as unobjectionable, as I imagine it is, I shall be obliged by your taking the necessary steps to have it carried into effect.

From the Principal Medical College, to the Director of Public Instruction, dated Madras, 12th October 1865, No. 84.

1. I have the honor to bring to your notice, that, in consequence of the alterations of, and additions to the Medical College now in progress, the row of out-houses lying to the west of the College has been removed, depriving me of the room which has been hitherto used under the name of the "Conjee-house," as a place of confinement for refractory students.

2. In the sanctioned plan of the alterations now in progress, no provision has been made for a solitary cell, wherein to confine students under punishment; this omission was intentional on my part, as I desired that the place of confinement should form part of the General Hospital, instead of being attached to the buildings of the Medical College.

3. My objection to a solitary cell forming part of the Medical College buildings rested principally upon this, that I could neither directly nor indirectly exercise sufficient surveillance over the confined students during the night; that, consequently were sickness (as cholera) to attack the lad at such time, the consequence of his isolation and of the probable impossibility of making his case known to the College servants on duty, might be attended with most serious results.

4. I would therefore solicit that the authorities be moved to sanction the erection of a suitable and safe solitary cell in connection with the buildings of the General Hospital, to be set apart solely for the use of the Medical College, but to be under the inspection and surveillance of the authorities of the General Hospital. I am permitted by Dr. Paul to state, that he has referred to this suggestion of mine in his letter addressed to the Deputy Inspector General, and dated 5th instant. Dr. Paul sees no objection to the proposed arrangement.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) E. B. POWELL,
Director of Public Instruction.

Forwarded to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, for favorable consideration.

(Signed) R. COLE,
Prin. Insp. Genl. Medical Department.

No. 189. ORDER THEREON, 10th November 1865, No. 3,373.

MILITARY WORKS, No. 10.

The Superintending Engineer of the 4th Division will be requested to submit a plan and estimate for a Solitary Cell, in connection with the General Hospital buildings, for the use of the Medical College.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division.
,, Principal Inspector General Medical Department.
,, Educational Department.
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Director of Public Instruction

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From,

E. B. Powell Esqre

Director of Public Instruction

To,

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5. From Velangode River to Chonghaub where the head of the natural navigation to Cochin is reached, is a distance of 12 miles; most of which appear to have been artificially cut along a low lying valley cultivated with rice for a long time. From the old survey made previous to its excavation it would seem that but 2 Dams existed in former days; the Mos. -kul Dam at the southern end to keep out the Salt Water, and the Tiravattam Dam, a mile north of it, where the old creek apparently ended. Ponds of water, fed by springs, occurred at intervals along the line, and from their subsidiary

use in Irrigation it would appear to me that the practice had arisen among the Ryots of considering the new Canal in the light of a series of enlarged ponds which they might utilize to the extent by Dams. At the same time no real use can be derived from multiplying Dams if the level bed of the Canal is maintained throughout, as one Dam at each end will do all that is required, which is to keep the Salt Water out. I cannot but think therefore that proper inquiry on the part of the Magistrate will show that the multiplication of Dams is purely for the purpose of extortion; and that all but one at each end may be prohibited without detriment to the cultivation.

6. The construction of permanent Dams or Locks may be deferred till their necessity shall have been proved by further experience. It is during the Monsoon, when communication by sea is suspended, that the great utility of the Inland Water Transit is chiefly developed; and as it is utilized by craft of much greater tonnage than at other seasons, it is all the better that they be not obstructed by permanent structures, which are only detrimental and themselves liable to damage during the floods. If only 2 Temporary Dams are allowed to be constructed by the Cultivators, those who navigate the smaller boats used during the dry season will not grumble much at the trouble of hauling them over, as the rise of Tide Water is so small that two feet extra height of Dam keeps it out. But the system of buying Black Mail indulged in by the cultivators with impunity, must be stopped with a heavy hand. Being early in the season I encountered but one Dam, and whatever the Collector's orders may be to the contrary, (vide para 4. of his letter with G. O. under reply), I had myself to promise payment before I could get the men engaged at it to pass my boat over.

Madras Medical College
 No 84 12 October 1865
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 To, The Director of Public Instruction
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Done 11th November

Mr 4244/66
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