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No. 63. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Camp, Coonoor, 27th September 1866, No. 130:—

1. It was my intention to have addressed Government on the subject of their Order No. 2,819 of 4th September, from Coimbatore itself; but the serious inflammation of one of my eyes, affecting its vision, has from week to week detained me here, much to my chagrin. As my entire recovery may still be postponed some time, I will no longer delay the following remarks.

2. I observe that Colonel Wilson addressed Government on the day after my last interview with him, when it was agreed between us that he should do so; but he has entirely omitted to state the insufficiency of the funds at my disposal as the chief cause of my not having carried out his wishes, regarding the immediate undertaking of the Hospital. I have ordered arrangements to be made for the collection of its materials, but must request that additional funds, to the extent of Rupees 35,000, be placed at my disposal within the current year, if it be desired that the building shall be completed within that time.

3. But I must further take occasion to state that, in my opinion, the exact site of the Hospital and Latrines, and some details relating to them have not been sufficiently considered. The subject was discussed by Colonel Wilson and myself at some length, at Coimbatore, in July last, and I certainly did not understand it to have been definitely disposed of then. The Hospital having to be outside, as recommended by all Medical authorities, it should, in all consistency, be entirely shut off from the body of the Jail, by a wall, and not by an open railing. Again, that wall should not be identical with the Jail inclosure, for Police purposes, as interfering with circulation and vision immediately around the latter. I have further to state that the Latrine site, proposed by Colonel Wilson, is objected to by house-owners in the immediate vicinity, and is the most exposed to observation of any part of the Jail precincts.

No. 64. ORDER THEREON, 3rd October 1866, No. 3,139.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 18.

1. The Government regret to observe that no commencement has yet been made with the Hospital of the new Central Jail at Coimbatore, notwithstanding that it was definitely settled in June last,* after mature consideration, that its site should be fixed in front of the wall marked B on the plan which accompanied the Order under date the 14th idem, No. 1,868, and that it should consist of two separate buildings in echelôn, so as to secure thorough ventilation. The special attention of the Superintending Engineer of the 7th Division will be called to the necessity for arrangements being made for putting the work in hand *at once* and for completing it as *speedily as possible.* In the Order of the 24th ultimo, No. 3,060, Colonel Walker was instructed to push on the construction of the Central Jail buildings in anticipation of a supplemental allotment of money later in the year,

* See G. O. No. 907, dated 6th June 1866, Judicial Department.

and he will now be requested, in conformity to those instructions, to proceed with the erection of the Hospital from the general funds at his disposal, and to impress upon the Officer in Executive charge the importance of carrying on the work with the utmost possible expedition.

2. The Government understand that the Collector of Coimbatore has withdrawn his objections to the site selected for the Latrine. No further time should, therefore, be lost in the commencement of that building.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.
,, Judicial Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No 130

Superintending Engineer's Office, 7th Div
Camp Coonoor 24th September 1866

From,

Lieutt Colonel G. W. Walker R. E.
Superintending Engineer, 7th Div

To,

Colonel C. A. Orr R. E.
Secretary to Government. P.W.D.

Sir,

I was my intention to have addressed Government on the subject of their Order No 2819 of 4th September from Combatore itself, but the serious inflammation of one of my eyes, affecting its vision, has from week to week detained me here, much to my chagrin. As my entire recovery may still be postponed some time, I will no longer delay the following remarks.

2. I observe that Colonel Wilcox addressed Government on the day after my last interview with him, when it was agreed between us that he should do so; but he has entirely omitted to state the insufficiency of the funds at my disposal as the chief cause of my not having carried out his wishes regarding the immediate undertaking of the Hospital. I have ordered arrangements to be made for the collection of its materials, but must request that additional funds to the extent of Rs 35,000

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be placed at my disposal within the Current year if it be desired that the building shall be completed within that time.—

3. But I must further take occasion to state that in my opinion the exact site of the Hospital and Latrines, and some details relating to them have not been sufficiently Considered — The subject was discussed by Col: Wilson and myself at some length, at Coimbatore, in July last, and I certainly did not understand it to have been definitely disposed of then. The Hospital having to be outside as recommended by all Medical Authorities it should, in all consistency, be entirely shut off from the body of the Jail, by a wall, and not by an open railing — Again that wall should not be identical with the Jail Enclosure, for Police purposes, as interfering with circulation and vision immediately around the latter — I have further to state that the Latrine Site proposed by Col: Wilson is objected to by house owners in the immediate vicinity, and is the most exposed to observation of any part of the Jail precincts.—

I have the honor to be &c-

W. Monteith Lieut Colonel R.E.
Sole Engineer Madura

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Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 3rd October 1866
Read the following

From the Supdg Engineer
of the 1st Dn.

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From Supdg Engr
1st Dn
To Secy to Govt
Madras

No 130

Dated 27th Sept 1866
Rec'd 1st Oct

Reports on the subject of construction of Hospital at the new Central Jail Coimbatore - requesting sanction of additional funds

No 63.

Pro: Govt No 3139 3rd October 1866

Forwarded No 1385 / 27th Sept 1866

The Government regret to observe that no commencement has yet been made with the Hospital in connection with the new Central Jail at Coimbatore, notwithstanding that it was definitely settled after mature consideration in June last, that its site should be fixed in front of the wall marked B on the plan which accompanied the Order under date the 14th Idem, No 1868, and that

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that it should consist of two separate buildings in echelon, so as to secure thorough ventilation - The special attention of the Superintending Engineer of the 1st Div. will be called to the necessity for arrangements being made for putting the work in hand at once and for completing it as speedily as possible. In the Order of the 21st Ultimo, No. 3060, Coll. Walker was instructed to report on the construction of the Central Jail buildings in anticipation of a supplemental allotment of money later in the year, and he

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will now be requested in conformity to those instructions, to proceed with the erection of the Hospital from the general funds at his disposal, and to impress upon the Officer in executive charge the importance of carrying on the work with the utmost possible expedition -

The Govt. understand that the Collector of Coimbatore has withdrawn his objections to the site selected for the Latrine ~~in connection with the new Jail~~. No further time should, therefore, be

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Proft of the Madras Govt

Dated 3 Oct 1866

Sanctioned is granted for the early completion of Hospital and Latrine of the Cuddalore Jail at Cuddalore

To

The Govt. of Madras Judicial Dept

Dated 29 October 1866

No 63-64.