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No. 485. Read the following letter from the Officiating Principal Inspector General, Medical Department, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Fort Saint George, 8th May 1866, No. 166 :—

No. 54, 25th April 1866. 1. I have the honor to forward a letter from the Medical Officer in charge of the Lazaretto requesting.

- ✓ 1st.—That bath-rooms be provided for the wards of the Leper Hospital.
- ✓ 2nd.—That means be taken to remedy the perpetual dampness of the floors in the Native male wards.
- ✓ 3rd.—That two wells be sunk in the premises last added to the Lazaretto.
- ✓ 4th.—That the latrines be improved, and (5th.) The Deputy Inspector General recommends that receptacles for dryearth be built within each latrine.

2. There is not one permanent bath-room in the Lazaretto; how this want has never been brought prominently to notice before I am unable to offer any explanation. That there ought to be every facility afforded to persons suffering from this, at times loathsome disease, admits of no difference of opinion.

3. Mr. Porteous recommends three as absolutely necessary, one for Europeans, one for Native males, and one for the women generally. Dr. VanSomerén, in a communication I had from him, dated the 5th instant, asks for one bath-room for European males, one for European females, one for Native females, and three (one for each block of wards) for Native males, in all seven (7) bath-rooms. I think at present four (4) will be sufficient: two (2) for males European and Native, two for females European and Native.

4. The most effectual, and, I believe, eventually the cheapest, mode of remedying the perpetual dampness of the floors in the Native wards will be by coating them with a layer of asphalte of sufficient thickness. Mr. Porteous prefers re-bricking them, and there is no doubt that a brick floor has a more cheerful appearance in a ward than an asphalte one, but in a saline soil the latter will be more efficient in keeping the floors free from dampness.

5. I beg respectfully to recommend that the Right Honorable the Governor in Council be pleased to sanction for the Lazaretto :—

- 1st.—Four bath-rooms with asphalted floors.
- 2nd.—That the present floors in the Native wards be removed, and replaced by a layer of asphalte of sufficient thickness.
- 3rd.—That two wells be sunk in the premises last added to the Lazaretto.
- 4th.—That four (4) galvanized buckets be supplied to the European male latrine, and the same number to the European female latrine.
- 5th.—That receptacles for dry earth be built in each latrine; these need not be more than 2½ feet square and the same in height, and made with brick and mud.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department.
18th May 1866.

From the Surgeon First District, to the Deputy Inspector General of Hospitals, Presidency, dated Madras, 25th April 1866, No. 54.

1. In accordance with instructions received from His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor, I have the honor to request that bath-rooms be provided for the Leper Hospital wards; that means be taken to remedy the perpetual dampness of the floors in the Native male wards; and that two wells be sunk in the premises last added to the lazaretto.

1. With reference to this letter, I inspected the Leper Hospital this morning. I am of opinion three bath-rooms are absolutely necessary, one for Europeans, one for Natives, and one for females.

2. Beyond for appearance I question the necessity for an asphalt floor; even in well-raised houses the walls show the excessive dampness of the air at this season, no ill-effects arise from the discoloration. If any change be made, I recommend raising the floor and re-bricking it.

3. Ample trenches exist, but being filled with earth above the level of the floor, none were supposed to be present; they are all that can be desired. I recommend four galvanised iron buckets for the European latrines, and a receptacle for earth to be built inside each latrine, the cost will be very trifling and preferable to wood.

(Signed) H. W. PORTEOUS,

Deputy Inspector General of Hospitals.

Madras, 2nd May 1866.

coating the floors with a layer of asphalt, at least one and a half inch thick, as the means best suited to remedy the defect complained of.

3. May I also beg that the latrines of the Hospital be improved! Trenches should be built in those provided for the Natives; enamelled pans for the Europeans and East Indians would be a great comfort; boxes coated with tar are required for holding earth; and the ventilation of all the latrines admits of improvement.

4. With these alterations and additions I shall be able to render the lazaretto more comfortable, more clean, and more healthy than it is at present; and I therefore beg your own and the Principal Inspector General's kind support to measures which I would not presume to recommend without a deep conviction of their necessity.

No. 486.

ORDER THEREON, 18th May 1866, No. 1,604.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 64.

The Superintending Engineer of the 4th Division is requested to submit plans and estimates for the works referred to in paragraph 5 as speedily as possible, and, in the meantime, to order them to be proceeded with on emergency.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer of the 4th Division.

.. Officiating Principal Inspector General, Medical Department.

.. Public Department.

.. Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Madras 5th April 1866
From
The Surgeon 1st District 3B
To
The Deputy Insp^l Genl of Hospitals
Presidency
Sir

In accordance with instructions received from His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor, I have the honor to request that bath-rooms be provided for the Leper Hospital wards; that means be taken to remedy the perpetual dampness of the floors in the Native male wards; and that two wells be sunk in the premises last added to the lazaretto.

2. In my former letter on this subject, I suggested raising the ward-floors as one means of remedying their dampness, and this suggestion received the sanction of His Excellency the Governor; but subsequent reflection has made me regard such procedure as inexpedient. It would reduce the cubical area of wards, not too roomy already; the height of the floors would be diminished; the distance of the windows from the floor would be lessened; and the general harmony within each block of buildings interfered with. Under these circumstances, I beg to urge coating the floors with a layer of asphalt, at least 1 1/2 inch thick, as the one best suited to remedy the defect complained of.

3. May I also beg that the latrines of the hospital being filled be improved? Trenches should be built in those provided for the natives; enamelled pans for the Europeans and East Indians would be a great comfort; boxes coated with tar are required for holding earth; and the ventilation of all admits of improvement.

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From

The Offg. Principal Inspector General, Medical Department,
Fort Saint George,

To

The Secretary to Government, Public Works Dept.,
Fort Saint George.

SIR,

N^o 54, 25th April 1866.

I have the honor to forward a letter from the Medical Officer in charge of the Lazaretto requesting.

- 1st That Bath Rooms be provided for the wards of the Lepers Hospital.
- 2nd That means be taken to remedy the perpetual dampness of the floors in the Native male wards.
- 3rd That two wells be sunk in the premises last added to the Lazaretto.
- 4th That the Latrines be improved and
- 5th the Deputy Inspector General recommends that receptacles for dry earth be built, within each Latrine.

2. There is not one permanent Bath Room in the Lazaretto, how this want has never been brought prominently to notice before, I am unable to offer any explanation. That there ought to be every facility afforded to persons suffering from this, at times loathsome disease, admits of no difference of opinion.

3. Mr. Parsons recommends three as absolutely

Henry S. May P.M.

P. M. 19435

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1st Division
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4. The most effectual, and I believe eventually the cheapest mode of remedying the perpetual dampness of the floors in the Native wards will be by coating them with a layer of Asphaltum of sufficient thickness. Mr. Porteous prefers re-bricking them, and there is no doubt that a brick floor has a more cheerful appearance in a ward than an Asphaltic one, but in a saline soil the latter will be more efficient in keeping the floors free from dampness.

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5th That receptacles for dry earth be built in each Latrine, these need not be more than 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ feet square and the same in height, and made with brick and mud.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obedient Servant

W. S. S. S.

Inspector General of Hospitals

Offg. Asst. Insp. General -
Medical Department.

Ex. J. Thomson

18th Decr
Resd by Comtee on 11th May 1864

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The Wm. J. Lupton
Trust of Dependent

to
the City & Port
Public Works Dept.

Dated 8th May 1864
Recd. 11th May 1864

Per me J. W. L.

Recommend for location
of certain additions and im-
provements to the premises
of the Regatta

Comtee
Public Works

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The Superintendent

Engineer of the 4th Division
is requested to submit plans
and estimates for the
works referred to in
para 5 as already in-
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meantime, to order them to
be proceeded with on emergency.

N. J. W. L.

To
The Major Genl of the 4th Div

The Principal Engineer Genl Warren

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