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Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
20th January 1866.*

No. 490. Read the following Memorandum from the Chief Secretary to Government, Public Department :—
(Here enter 8th January 1866, No. 6.)

From the Collector of Madura, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated, Kodikanel, 25th December 1865, No 2,240.

Adverting to the Order of Government in the Public Department, dated 26th October last, No. 1,127, I have the honor to submit copy of a letter from the Zillah Surgeon, dated the 18th December, No. 87, again urging the necessity of having a separate building for a Dead House. I concur with him in his remarks, and beg the Government will sanction the erection of the building, as it is in my opinion urgently required. The dissection of dead bodies in either Hospital must be exceedingly revolting to the patients.

No. 491. ORDER THEREON, 20th January 1866, No. 237.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 86.

1. The Governor in Council sanctions the estimate, amounting to Rs. 215, for the erection of a Dead House in connection with the Civil Dispensary at Madura.

2. As there are at present no funds at the disposal of Government, the Superintending Engineer of the 8th Division will provide the amount which is required from the allotment for Minor New Works in the Madura District, but if this be found to be impracticable he will apply for a grant, early in May next, from the Reserve of 1866-67.

(True Extract.)

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

Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, with Plan and Estimate.

Accountant General.
Controller of Public Works Accounts.
Public Department.

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From

V. St. Levinge Esq^r
Collector of Madras

To

The Honble S. J. Arbutnot
Chief Secretary to Government
St. George

Sir

Adverting to the order of Government
in the Public Department dated 26th October
last N^o 1127 I have the honor to submit copy
of a letter from the Zilla Surgeon dated the
18th December N^o 107, again urging the neces-
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volting to the Patients.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your Most Obedt Servant

Affluence
Collector

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
26th October 1865.

No. 148. Read the following letter from the Magistrate of Madura, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madura, 16th October 1865, No. 487.

With reference to the enclosed copy of a letter* from the Zillah Surgeon of Madura, I have the honor to request Government will sanction the construction of a dead house at Madura, according to the enclosed plan and estimate, for the purpose of examination of bodies being made by the Surgeon, and that the Superintending Engineer be directed to furnish funds for the construction of the same.

* Dated 13th May 1865, No. 25.

From the Zillah Surgeon of Madura, to the Magistrate of Madura; dated Madura, 13th May 1865, No. 25.

I have the honor to inquire whether you can give me any room, shed, or small building, in which dead bodies sent to me for examination may be kept, and the *post mortems* made?

2. At present these bodies are brought to the Civil Dispensary. I think this proceeding is highly objectionable for three following reasons:—

1st.—Because these bodies are always more or less decomposed, and evolve a most horrible effluvia, which penetrates every part of the building. This is, I think, very likely to prove injurious to patients, in most of whom the vital powers are already low.

2nd.—Because there is no private place in the Dispensary for this purpose,—consequently, it has to be done immediately under the observation of such patients as may choose to notice it.

3rd.—The proceeding cannot but be revolting to the feelings of most people, and is likely to deter persons from coming to Hospital, and to cause a general prejudice against the institution; even if there were a secluded place for the purpose, then it would be well known what is going on.

3. I, therefore, feel bound strongly, to advocate the provision of a separate place, for the reception and examination of these bodies.

4. Yesterday a body was brought in a very advanced state of decomposition,—immediately the whole place was permeated by a most powerful and disgusting effluvia, and at the time of examination every patient must have known what was being done.

No. 149. ORDER THEREON, 26th October 1865, No. 1127.

The Government consider that it will be an appropriate addition, and an improvement to the Madura Dispensary, if a dead house were built near it, so as to be available as well for the deposit of the bodies of dead patients, awaiting removal by their friends, or burial, as for the examination of corpses sent in by the Police or Magistracy.

2. Before, however, sanctioning the measure, the Government desire to have before them the joint opinion of the Collector and Zillah Surgeon, as to whether any objection exists to such an arrangement; also, whether an enlargement of the Jail dead house would not equally answer Dr. Rule's purpose.

(True Extract).

Alfred W. P. Collector
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Collector of Madura.
" Principal Inspector General, Medical Department.
Ed. J. H. Burns.

Recd 26 Oct 1865

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From 177790/66
The Collector of
Madura

To the Chief Secretary
to Government
Madura

Dated 25 Decr 1865
Recd 25 Jan 1866
No 3
No 2240

Requesting sanction
for the erection of
a dead house in
connection with the Civil
Dispensary at the Station

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From The Zillah Surgeon Madras
To The Collector of Madras

Sir With reference to the Proceedings of Madras Government dated 26 October 1865 & your letter No 1913 and dated 2^d November 1865 I have the honor to inform you that there is no proper dead house in the Jail & even if there were, I think that the same objections would apply to the frequent examinations of highly decomposed corpses sent from different parts of the District in the Jail as do in the case of the Civil Dispensary. I think it most desirable that there should be a separate Building for this purpose conveniently near to the Civil Dispensary, & I know of no objection to this arrangement.

I have the honor to be
Signed S. P. Ruler. Esq.
Zillah Surgeon
(Enclosure)

Madras -
10 December 1865

W. L. S.
Collector

to 1866 Dept
Pro. of Govt for January
No. 93.

Memo from the
Chief Secy to Govt
Public Dept.

Recd 21 Jan 1866
No. 6

Intimating that there
is no objection to the Plan
of the Dead House proposed
to be erected in connection
with the Civil Dispensary
at Madura.

No. 237. 20th January 1866

21st January 1866 (No. 186)

Civil Works
Public Works Dept

No. 237

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 20th January 1866
Read the following

Memo from the Chief Secretary
to Govt Public Dept.

Intimating that there is
no objection to the Plan of the
Dead House proposed to be erected (Here enter 8th January 1866
No. 6.)
in connection with the Civil Dis-
pensary at Madura.

The Governor in
Council sanctions
the estimate amounting
to Rs 215 for the erection
of a Dead House in
connection with the
Civil Dispensary at
Madura.

As there are at
present no funds at
the disposal of Govt.
the Supply Commission
of the 8th Dec will
provide the amount

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 Enclosure No. 1 in
 a letter
 from 777792/116
 The Collector of
 Madras
 to the Chief Secretary
 to Government
 Dated 25 December
 Recd
 Copy of a letter from
 the Collector of
 Madras regarding the
 necessity of having
 a separate dead
 house
 Public Works

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Public DEPARTMENT.
 No. 6

MEMORANDUM.

The Chief Secretary has the honor to
 send the papers ^{received from the Collector of} noted in the margin, together
 with the Plan and Estimate ^{which accompanied}
 for the erection of a Dead House in connection
 with the Civil Dispensary at that Station, -
 and to inform Colonel Orr that he sees no
 objection to the Plan.

Fort St. George,
 8 January 1866

[Signature]
 Chief Secretary.

To
 The Secretary to Government,
 Public Works Department.

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 the allotment for
 Minor New Works
 in the Madras Dist.
 but if this be found
 to be impracticable
 he will apply for
 a grant, early in
 May next, from
 the Reserve of 1866/67

W. B.

*Print the following
 in the Madras Dist.
 1866/67*

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Dead House for the
Civil Dispensary at a Madras.
The estimate amounting to
Rs. 215 for the erection of
sanatoriums and the Supg
Engineer furnished with certain
instructions relative to the
funds required for the
work.

No. 490. 491