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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
9th January 1867.*

No. 149. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Public Department:—

Approving of the adoption, as a temporary measure, of certain arrangements for the accommodation of female in-patients of the Eye Infirmary, Presidency. } (Here enter 7th January 1867, No. 21.)

No. 150. ORDER THEREON, 9th January 1867, No. 71.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 35.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineer of the 4th Division for information and guidance in continuation of G. O. No. 1,304, dated 21st December 1866.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division.
,, Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
7th January 1867.*

No. 31. Read the following letter from the Principal Inspector General, Medical Department, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Fort Saint George, 21st December 1866, No. 447.

With reference to Proceedings of Government, dated 21st December, I have the honor to forward a letter* from the Superintendent of the Eye Infirmary, proposing certain arrangements which he considers will be amply sufficient to meet the exigencies of the case.

* No. 110, dated 19th December 1866.

2. I beg to recommend that Dr. Smith's proposals be accepted by Government, and that he should be requested to have the arrangements carried out at once, and submit a contingent bill for the expenses incurred when the alterations are completed.

From Surgeon Major G. SMITH, M. D., Superintendent, Eye Infirmary, to the Deputy Inspector General of Hospitals, Presidency Division; dated Madras, 19th December 1866, No. 110.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of the letters from the Executive Engineer, Presidency, as marginally noted, and to report to you what steps I propose to adopt, in order that provision may be made for female in-patients of the Institution.

No. 817, dated 14th December 1866.

No. 823, dated 15th December 1866.

2. I propose, in the first place, to remove the European and East Indian patients from their present ward, and to find accommodation for them in my own quarters. In the western flank of the house is a large bed-room, with suitable bath-room attached. The bed-room is large enough to accommodate eight patients, a number above the average generally residing in Hospital. In the event of admissions in excess of this number, I shall be able to find accommodation for them, either by giving up an additional room of my quarters, which I am ready to do, or by arranging the Students' room for their accommodation. I propose, further, to restrict the present bath-room to latrine uses, erecting a screen in the western verandah, and enclosing a space large enough for a lavatory and bathing room. By this arrangement, the patients will be most comfortably provided for, and, as the bed-room opens upon the Hospital grounds, no inconvenience of any kind will be experienced by the European and East Indian in-patients.

3. I propose, in the second place, to set apart the ward vacated by the European patients for female in-patients, closing up the northern door permanently, and opening up a door in the blank curtain between the northern end of the ward and the present lavatory. By this arrangement, the ward will be cut off from all access from the male part of the Hospital. There will thus be secured accommodation for 15 patients, a number considerably in excess of the average. The present lavatory and latrine will be used by patients—such as operation cases—unable to move far; a temporary latrine being provided for the remainder in the following manner. In order to isolate the female patients still more, and at the same time provide them with a separate latrine and sufficient portion of open space, I propose erecting on the eastern side of the ward, and parallel with it, a strong bamboo fence, 30 yards long, and at a distance of 10 yards from the wards, thus securing 300 square yards of space, taken from my garden, for the use of the female patients. At the northern extremity of this space, will be a temporary latrine to meet the wants of the patients not otherwise provided for; the latrine will be protected by a tiled roof, which, at present, gives shelter to the Waterman's bullocks. The door of this enclosed space will be within the limits of my garden, and at the south-eastern end of the bamboo fence.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
7th January 1867.*

4. I had the honor of pointing out to you this morning these proposed arrangements. They are amply sufficient to meet the exigencies of the case, and are unobjectionable as regards the comfort, convenience, and safety of the patients. The requisite alterations might all be completed—with materials at hand—in one day, and the expense ought not, I think, to exceed Rupees 100. The Executive Engineer might be requested to act with promptitude in the matter, or, if you accord me authority, I will undertake the necessary arrangements, and submit a contingent bill to meet the expense incurred.

The proposed arrangements I concur in, and recommend that they be carried out by Dr. Smith who will do so expeditiously.

(Signed) H. W. PORTEOUS,
Dy. Insp. Genl. of Hospitals,
Presidency Division.

No. 32. ORDER THEREON, 7th January 1867, No. 21.

The arrangements proposed in the foregoing letter by Dr. Smith, and approved of by the Deputy Inspector General and by the Principal Inspector General, Medical Department, may be adopted, as a temporary measure, for the immediate benefit of the patients, but they are not to supersede the inquiry directed in the Proceedings of Government of the 21st ultimo, the result of which should be reported with as little delay as possible.

(True Extract).

G. J. Condit
Chief Secretary.

To the Principal Inspector General, Medical Department.

Sanitary Commissioner.

Public Works Department.

Exd. J. E. Burns

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