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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
9th January 1868.*

No. 146. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Military Department:—

Passing orders on a proposal submitted by the
Inspector General of the British Medical Ser-
vice for the establishment of a sea sanitarium
at Ennore for invalids and convalescents. } (Here enter 26th December 1867, No. 4,972)

No. 147. ORDER THEREON, 9th January 1868, No. 76.

MILITARY WORKS, No. 5.

Communicated to the Superintend-
ing Engineer of the 4th Division.

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division.

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MILITARY DEPARTMENT.
PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter:—

From the Inspector General of Hospitals, British Medical Service, Madras, 14th December 1867, No. 289; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George.

I have the honor to state, for the information of the Government, that shortly after my arrival in this Presidency, I visited Poonamallee, when I was struck with the necessity, should it be retained as a Convalescent and Invalid Depôt, of having both the Barracks and Hospital re-built, as the present buildings of both descriptions are quite unsuited for their respective purposes, besides which it being the residence of a considerable number of pensioners, the Convalescents and Invalids are led into the temptation of drinking more than they would be if in a station by themselves; for Poonamallee is, no doubt, notorious for the extent to which drinking is carried on.

2. Another consideration is that although Poonamallee has no doubt on the whole proved itself to be a healthy station, yet it is not well suited for the purpose for which it has been used, as most of the cases generally sent there would be more benefited by a residence on the sea coast, and I beg to recommend, for the consideration of Government, "Ennore" as a suitable site for a sea sanitarium where Invalids and Convalescents can be landed without difficulty, or conveyed by canal or a good road, being only about 12 miles from Madras, and the General Hospital cannot be considered a good residence for such cases as require a change to the sea coast, besides which although the hill station of Wellington is a good residence for the newly arrived European or those whose constitutions are little impaired and free from organic lesion, still as a rule Medical men who have had experience of the effects of hill stations assert, (and no doubt on good grounds) that little benefit is to be derived from removal to the hills when the health has been much injured, and the constitution exhausted by a long sojourn in the plains or by diseases contracted there, and so for such cases a sea sanitarium is no doubt required, and as ground exists at "Ennore" belonging to Government, and that annexed to it could, I believe, be purchased at a moderate rate, Barrack accommodation for 200 men with Hospital room for 80 patients might be built at no very great expense, as a complete system of surface and dry conservancy would, no doubt, be the proper plan to be adopted, there being a surface of sand. Sea bathing could also be carried out without any risk from sharks, good drinking water is also to be had, but the best means of procuring it in sufficient quantity would rest with those who are best able to judge in such matters.

ORDER, No. 4972, 26th December 1867.

Communicated to the Commander-in-Chief, (Quarter Master General's Department) for remark, with reference to previous correspondence regarding the further occupation of Poonamallee as a Depôt.

2. Adverting to the proportion of Barrack and Hospital accommodation recommended by the Inspector General British Medical Service for the proposed sea sanitarium, the Governor in Council

Barrack.....	200
Hospital.....	80

desires to be furnished with a return of the average number of sick and convalescent of all ranks sent to the coast during the last three years for the benefit of their health, with the view of re-joining their corps again for duty in India.

Proceedings of Government, No. 4306, 12th December 1866, para. 2.

(True Extract.)

Marshall Major General,
Secretary to Government.

To the Inspector General British Medical Service.

„ Quarter Master General.

„ Adjutant General.

„ Sanitary Commissioner, ...

„ Barrack Master, Fort Saint George, }

„ Public Works Department }

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Paying orders on a
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ment of a Sea Lau-
tarium at Coimbatore for
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