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Proceedings

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
4th May 1869.*

No. 71. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Public Department:—

Sanctioning Rupees 2,250 towards converting the
building used as a Police Hospital at Mammothdy
into a Civil Hospital and Dispensary, on condi-
tion that the balance of the estimate, Rupees
1,250, is raised by local subscriptions. (Here enter 20th April 1869, No. 509.)

No. 72. ORDER THEREON, 4th May 1869, No. 1,461.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 12.

Communicated to the Officer in
charge of Public Works Operations in
the Wynaad.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
20th April 1869.*

No. 177. Read the following letter from G. A. BALLARD, Esq., Collector of Malabar, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Calicut, 20th March 1869, No. 33A.

In 1868, I brought to the notice of Government that a Civil Hospital and Dispensary were much required at Manantoddy. A plan and estimate, amounting to Rupees 7000, were prepared for the conversion of the present building, which is used as a Police Hospital, and for the treatment of a few casual civil cases, into a really efficient hospital.

The arrangements proposed were considered too expensive by the planters and other residents of the neighbourhood, and nothing was done.

2. I have now the honor, at the instance of the Secretary to the Planters' Association, North Wynaad, to forward plan and estimates on a less expensive scale, and I believe that, if Government approve of the work being carried out as now proposed, the usual local contributions will be forthcoming.

3. It will be observed the plan provides a general male ward 30 x 20, a female ward 19 x 20, and a police ward 30 x 20, with bath-rooms and store-rooms, cook-room, privy and dead-house, and a very small building for the Hospital Attendant. The whole estimate amounts to Rupees 2900.

4. It will be seen that this amount is arrived at only by very close dealing. The situation of the dead-house and cook-room, (both requiring considerable repair,) as at present existing, is shown in enclosure No. I.

These old buildings are just in front of the main building, and should certainly be removed and placed as indicated in yellow. This I think essential.

I doubt whether the whole can be done with the utmost economy consistent with tolerable efficiency under Rupees 3500; but for this, I believe an efficient hospital and dispensary may be provided, and it is sorely wanted.

5. The Secretary to the Planters' Association proposes that Government should subscribe four-sevenths of the amount required; taking the total at Rupees 2900, I think, as above stated, Rupees 3500 will certainly be wanted. Perhaps Government would contribute Rupees 1000 for the police, and Rupees 1250 towards the general improvements, leaving the residents to make up Rupees 1250 to complete the repairs and improvements.

It would fall to the residents to provide for menial attendance, ordinary furniture, dieting of in-patients, &c., and I hope Government will provide a Hospital Dresser, medicines, &c., as usual.

I enclose the correspondence noted in original. The plans were sent to me at first in so rough a state as to be unintelligible save by a person acquainted with the existing building. I requested intelligible plans to be sent in, but have only just received them.

From Secretary to the Planters' Association, North Wynaad, dated 20th November 1868.
Enclosing letter from Dr. Hawston, with estimates.
Letter from Sub-Engineer, North Wynaad, dated 2nd December 1868, No. 4076, with two rough sketches.

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From the Honorary Secretary to the Madras Association, North Wynad, to the Collector of Malabar; dated Manantoddy, 25th November 1868.

Enclosed I have the honor to send you a report by Mr. Howston, Esq., on the building at present made use of as a sort of hospital at Manantoddy; and also on what improvements are necessary should it be resolved to convert it into a hospital. With this report is also attached an estimate of the probable cost of the alterations proposed in the present building, including estimates for extra buildings, such as Dresser's quarters, &c., and for furniture, &c. Plans are also enclosed of the present building as it now stands, and as it is proposed that it should be altered, as well as a plan of building to be erected on the ground adjoining the same.

2. These estimates and plans have been prepared by the Association in consequence of its being of the opinion that the alterations, &c., proposed by Government were too moderate, and of an expensive and unnecessary character. The total estimated amount required for the same is Rs. 2900 only in the plan of Report 1868 by the former committee.

3. The Association would be glad to learn that the Government are prepared to the extent of altering its present building into a hospital, and whether it would be able to the extent of erecting the extra buildings, &c., proposed under the same estimate; and in that case there is no doubt but that the Government would be liberally supported by the European and Native Community of North Wynad.

From Dr. A. HEWSON, Esq., to the Honorary Secretary to the Madras Association, dated Manantoddy, 25th November 1868.

I have much pleasure in acknowledging the receipt of your letter, dated 25th Nov. 1868, and the enclosed Resolution from the North Wynad Madras Association, with reference to the "requirements of the district for the establishment of a hospital and other arrangements to Manantoddy."

2. I regret that I have found it impossible, on account of the pressing business demanded, to forward this to you before the purpose of laying it before the Madras Association for its consideration.

3. With reference to the general reading of the Resolution, I presume it is unnecessary to enter into it very minutely, for it must be very apparent to every one that in a district where so much sickness prevails as in this, the requirements for a hospital must be very great; and that such a building will be most beneficial, as affording that extra care and attention to each case, which the nature of their disease may require, and which in a general hospital they can receive on the estate; while at the same time we shall be better prepared to give assistance to the sick among us, who have a special claim to our charity through their inability to procure that assistance and attention which the necessity of their circumstances, and which can be given only in a well-organized hospital.

4. The present hospital buildings are in a most wretched state, and their condition reflects disgrace upon both Government and people, but I have endeavored to make as few alterations as is consistent with the comfort of a hospital, and to retain everything which may be of use in carrying out the proposed repairs, so that the amount required to establish a comfortable Asylum for the sick may be as small as possible. I may add, however, that I have experienced considerable difficulty by adhering to this principle; and it may be found necessary hereafter to modify to a small extent the following arrangement.

5. By referring to the two plans (loosely sketched for illustration), it will be observed that I have divided the whole building into three wards by erecting another partition, so as to divide the present north portion of the hospital into two unequal parts, the northern and larger of which is intended as a general ward for males; and the smaller or south portion as a general ward for females, and the present end and south part of the building set apart exclusively for the accommodation of the police.

6. The two small rooms occupying the ends of the back veranda are selected as male and female bath-rooms, and the two corresponding rooms on the front veranda are chosen, one as the Doctor's room, and the other as a place to examine patients.

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7. One of the greatest defects of the present building is insufficient ventilation, and for the improvement of this, as also for the better accommodation and seclusion of patients, I propose that a door be placed in the front wall of the female ward, as a way of entrance to that ward from the front veranda; and that a door likewise be built in the back or west wall of each ward as a way of communication to and from the bath-rooms.

8. The police ward requires two windows in the south end wall, one in the front, and a frame, &c., to convert the hole, already in the west wall, into a window.

9. The male and female wards each requires one new window, which is to be placed in the front or east wall.

10. The two small rooms occupying the ends of the front veranda require a window in the end wall of each.

11. The entrance to the two small rooms situated on the back veranda is at present from the outside. I propose that three doors be built up, so as to convert the upper portion into windows; and that doors be cut through the opposite walls, opening on the veranda.

12. With the exception of a few of a trivial character, I believe these alterations comprise all that is necessary at present. But in addition it will be requisite to repair the floors of the wards and verandas; to supply two new beams; and to renew the rafters, and re-tile the roof.

13. About fifty feet in front of the south-east corner of the hospital building are situated two outhouses; a kitchen and water closet. I suggest that the former be repaired (very little required) so as to be in a condition for use; and that the latter building be removed and erected a few yards from the south end of the hospital. It will also be better to supply a place of residence for a Dresser, (lowest class); and this should be near to the hospital so that he could attend to the patients, and be at hand in case of emergency.

14. A coty will also be required to be in attendance at the hospital; and he should, in like manner, be supplied with a place to live in, such as is generally made use of by that class of people.

15. By this arrangement there is no ward set apart for special diseases. I do not think that this is urgently required at present, as I believe that, except during the invasion of an epidemic, those patients whose case demands seclusion may be accommodated in the small room occupying the south end of the front veranda, or in a general ward by attending to a careful arrangement of the inmates. If, however, it be found necessary to maintain a separate ward for special cases, it will be better to erect a separate building (about eighteen feet by twenty-five feet) for the purpose, a short distance behind the centre of the hospital building.

16. In presenting this report to the Association for consideration, I wish it to be understood that I do not suppose that making these alterations and repairs will constitute a complete hospital, but such a one as will supply the requirements of the district with reference to the ability of the district to erect and support a hospital.

From G. A. BALLARD, Esq., Collector of Malabar, to the Special Executive Engineer, Wynad; dated Manantoddy, 25th November 1868.

With a request he will be good enough to give his opinion as to the suitability of the changes proposed, and if so, to forward plan and estimate for the alterations proposed, in order that the papers may be submitted to Government.

From the Sub-Engineer in charge of North Wynad Range, to the Special Executive Engineer, Wynad; dated Manantoddy, 2nd December 1868, No. 75.

With reference to the endorsement to you by the Collector on the enclosed documents, I have the honor to inform you that, in preparing the estimates for the alteration of the hospital, I was entirely guided by the views of Dr. Howston, of the absolutely necessary improvements required, being desired to confine myself to such only. Had I been allowed greater latitude, I should have substituted glazed lights for the batten windows, the latter being, in my opinion, unsuitable for this climate in the monsoons, also, a drier flooring than that at present provided. I am also of opinion that the cook-room, as well as necessary, should be removed from the front of the building.

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and that a dead-house is required, as I have known instances of bodies brought in for inquest being exposed for some time for want of proper shelter. Further, perhaps a building of a more permanent character is required for the Hospital Assistant's quarters.

2. With the above exceptions I think the additions and improvements provided for in the estimate furnished to Dr. Hewston are all at present required.

No. 178. ORDER THEREON, 20th April 1869, No. 509.

With the foregoing letter the Collector of Malabar submits plans and estimates for repairing and improving the building used at present at Manantoddy as a Police Hospital, with a view to adapt it for the purposes of a Civil Hospital and Dispensary, so as to meet the requirements of the people of North Wynad.

2. The cost of the alteration and improvements, and of the furniture required, is estimated at Rupees 2900; but Mr. Ballard doubts whether the whole can be done, even with the utmost economy consistent with efficiency, for less than Rupees 3500; and he suggests, therefore, that the Government should contribute Rupees 1000 on account of the police, and Rupees 1250 towards the general improvements, leaving the residents to make up the balance, Rupees 1250.

3. His Excellency the Governor in Council is pleased to approve and sanction the suggestions made by Mr. Ballard, on the condition that the local contribution of Rupees 1250 shall be realized before the alterations and improvements are undertaken.

4. It is observed from the plan that the dead-house will be a separate building.

5. The Government consider it desirable that the female ward should be placed at one end of the building and railed off, as regards veranda, from the other male wards. A bath-room should be provided exclusively for the use of the females, and the privy should be designed so as to provide accommodation for males and females separately.

6. As soon as the alterations and improvements are completed, and the hospital ready for the reception of out-patients, orders will be issued for the appointment of a medical subordinate, and for the supply of medicines. All other charges must be met by local contributions.

7. Of the sum of Rupees 2250 to be contributed by Government, Rupees 1000 will be met from the Police Budget grant, and Rupees 1250 from savings from some other source of the General Budget for 1869-70.

(True Extract.)

R. S. M.
Chief Secretary.

To the Collector of Malabar, with seven enclosures returned.

- „ Inspector General of Police.
- „ Inspector General, Indian Medical Department.
- „ Accountant General.
- „ Public Works Department.

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To

THE GOVERNOR, MADRAS.

Dated April 1904

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Sanctifying Papers 1250 towards covering
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With an order

Communicated to the
Officer in charge of Public
Works Operations in the
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W. H. S. S. S.
17/10/1904

In witness whereof, I
The Governor of Madras

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