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20th July 1875.*

No 484. Read the following endorsement of the Officiating Chief Secretary to Government, Public Department, dated 5th July 1875 —

From Surgeon-General EDWARD BALFOUR, Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department, to the Hon D F CARMICHAEL, Officiating Chief Secretary to Government, Public Department, dated Fort St George, 30th June 1875, No. 358

THE Order of Government No 1,440 of 26th May, Public Works Department, sanctioned for the General Hospital the conversion of the Ophthalmic theatre into an operating theatre at a cost of Rupees 725, but mentioned that no funds are available

2 I beg to bring to the notice of Government the urgent character of the sanctioned work, and to submit, for favorable consideration, that funds be provided from some other source.

3. Operations of the greatest severity are being constantly performed; in the case of accidents they cannot be deferred, and of all the rooms in that institution the operating theatre is the most important. In its present condition it can only be used with comfort when there is a bright glaring sunshine; with an ordinary day-light the Surgeon has to draw the table forward into the opening leading to the narrow verandah, over the railing of which, to screen the work from the passers-by, a piece of bamboo matting has been fastened, for the Surgeon, while operating, has been recognized from the road. At the evening visit operations are not unfrequently required, and the waning light then is altogether insufficient.

4. The Clinical students at the General Hospital have to be present in the operating theatre, but the accommodation for them is insufficient, and when the table is moved forward into the opening, the students, unable to see anything from the raised steps, crowd down on the operating Surgeon to his great inconvenience. On one occasion while operating there rain came on, and the patient had to be removed inside and the door shut.

5 His Honor the Governor in Council will see from the above that the circumstances under which I am asking a reconsideration of the Order No 1,440 of 26th May 1875, Public Works Department, are of an emergent character and require the allotment of money for the changes. Perhaps sufficient alterations to give ample light could be effected at a small cost, and all ornamental finishing deferred until the ensuing year.

TRANSFERRED to the Public Works Department for provision of funds if available.

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Officiating Chief Secretary.

No 485. ORDER THEREON, 20th July 1875, No 2,056

CIVIL WORKS, No. 37.

THERE are no funds at present available in the Public Works Department, but as the work is of an emergent character

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the District Engineer, Presidency, is authorized to put it in hand in anticipation of a specific allotment from savings

(True Extract)

Major, R.E.
Offg Joint Secretary to Government

No. 358

OFFICE OF SURGEON-GENERAL, I. M. D.,
Fort Saint George, 30 June 1875.

From

SURGEON-GENERAL EDWARD BAIFOUR,

Surgeon-General,
Indian Medical Department,
Fort Saint George

To

The Chief Secretary to Government,
Public Department,
Fort Saint George.

SIR,

The Order of Government, No 1440 of 26th May 1875, Public Works Department, sanctioned for the General Hospital, the conversion of the Ophthalmic theatre into an operating theatre at a cost of Rupees 725, but mentioned that no funds are available.

2. I beg to bring to the notice of Government the urgent character of the sanctioned work and to submit for favorable consideration, that funds be provided from some other source.

3. Operations of the greatest severity are being constantly performed: in the case of accidents, they cannot be deferred, and of all the rooms in that Institution, the Operating theatre is the most important. In its present condition, it can only be used with comfort when there is a bright glaring sunshine, with an ordinary day light, the Surgeon has to draw the table forward into the opening leading to the narrow verandah, over the railing of which, to screen the

work from the presence of a piece of machinery
has been fastened, for the reason, that operating
has been recognized from the road. At the evening
with operations are not infrequently required, and
the morning light then is altogether inconvenient.

4. The Clinical students at the General
Hospital have to be present in the operating theatre,
but the accommodation for them is manifestly bad
when the table is moved forward into the operating
the students unable to see anything from the second
steps, crowd down in the operating drape, to the great
inconvenience. On one occasion while operating
there, pain came on and the patient had to be re-
moved inside and the door shut.

5. To know the Governor in Council will
see from the above that the circumstances under
which I am asking a reconsideration of the order
of 14th of May 1880, Public Works Department,
are of an urgent character and require the al-
lotment of money for the proposed bridge, &c.
recent alterations to give ample light could be effected
at a small cost, and all arrangements finish-
ing deferred until the evening year.

Have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
Wm. A. G. M. Surgeon General
John Macdonald Esq.

Public Works Dept.
Cm. II 11/15

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Under date the 18/5
Read the following

"Surgeon Genl. S. M. D. (H.C. No. 358 of 30th June 1875)
tho: Public Dept."

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able in the Public Works
Dept., but as the work
is of an emergent charac-
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Presidency is authorized
to put it in hand in
anticipation of a
specific allotment from
savings.

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S.O. 26 Aug/75. No. 455-456
No. 18-18-1875

Transferred to the Public Works Department
for provision of funds if available.

5th July 1875.

Chief Secy

the Public Works Department.

2/7/75.

P. M. 1875 S. M. D.
Public Works Dept.
From (Surgeon General L. M. D.)
Surgeon-General L. M. D.
Indian Medical Department,
Fort Saint George.

The Chief Secy for
Public Works
Dept.

Dated 30 June
Despatched
Received 29 July 1875
No. 10/75
Subject

Requests that money may
be provided for carrying out
the scheme of extension in the
nature of the first
hospital

With orders.

Transferred

It is indicated to provide
funds for the work in the
three new primary hospitals of
last year which are still unfinished
for.

H. S. Presidency.
S. M. D.

Date

As directed by
the District Engineer
Presidency.

We must think we can
leave our largest hospital
& our largest clinical dep
with insufficient operating
accommodation. The
work must be increased
emergent & funds provided
by the Dept. P. M. D.
12 July 75