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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
5th August 1875.*

Read the following letters:—

No. 84. From Surgeon-Major H. KING, A.M., M.B., Acting Sanitary Commissioner, Madras, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. MULLINS, R.E., Officiating Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Coonoor, 10th June 1875.

With reference to G. O. of 20th April 1875, No. 1,116, I have the honor to state that I have examined the plans and site of the proposed Lock Hospital at Wellington, in company with the District Engineer and the Medical Officer, and that, except in one or two particulars, they appear to be well suited to the purpose intended.

2. Should new quarters for the Hospital Assistant be sanctioned, the objection to the proposed position of the latrine can easily be obviated by providing a door between it and the bath-room, in addition to the external door which appears in the plan; and, with hospital sweepers constantly in attendance, the presence of a latrine in the house is unobjectionable. There appears to me, however, to be no occasion for the erection of additional accommodation for medical subordinates. The establishment of the Wellington Hospitals includes two Hospital Assistants only, for whom quarters have been provided, (between the dépôt hospital and the site of the proposed hospital). The accommodation, indeed, is very meagre, and I venture to suggest that the Lock Hospital Assistant should occupy both Hospital Assistants' quarters, and that the small building at present used as a Lock Hospital should be assigned as residence to the Dépôt Hospital Assistant.

3. As regards the hospital itself, I do not see the objection suggested in the order of Government to the position of the bath-room; but I think it desirable that it should communicate directly with the inspection-room as well as with the verandah. The "matron" being a retired native prostitute, on Rupees 10 monthly, I am sure Government will concur with me in thinking that neither she nor her successors, who will in all probability be of the same class and degree of respectability as herself, are likely to require or to appreciate the provision of a separate bath-room.

4. The District Engineer proposes to ventilate the ward by "windows above the verandah swung on pivot-hinges." These windows will be completely under the control of the patients and the matron, neither of whom can be trusted with the management of voluntary ventilation. Other openings should be provided either in the ridge or between wall and eave, to ensure purity of atmosphere.

5. The peon's quarters will, I presume, be built outside the gate of the enclosure, where the guard-room is situated on the present plans.

6. I trust that it will be found possible to begin the construction of the hospital this year. There are at present only thirty-two women on the register, a number notoriously far below what it ought to be. A little more energy in detecting and registering clandestine prostitutes, of which some symptoms are even now apparent, will render the present Lock Hospital quite inadequate to its purpose.

7. The plans have been handed over to the District Engineer for transmission to your office.

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5th August 1875.*

No. 85. From Captain J. L. L. MORANT, R.E., District Engineer, Nilgiris, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. MULLINS, R.E., Officiating Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Ootacamund, 8th July 1875, No. 178.

With reference to your memorandum, No. 91, of the 19th ultimo, I have the honor to resubmit the plans and estimates of the proposed Lock Hospital at Wellington, duly corrected according to the letter of the Sanitary Commissioner of Madras.

2. The cost of new quarters for the Hospital Assistant has been now entirely omitted. I never considered them necessary. But they were ordered by the Medical Department. I am of opinion that the question of eventually converting the present Lock Hospital into Hospital Assistant's quarters had better be deferred until the new hospital has been built, when the Medical Department will be in a better position to know exactly what they require.

3. The Sanitary Commissioner's wishes, regarding the ventilation of the hospital, can be easily carried out when the building is constructed. They entail no alteration in the estimate.

4. I have now provided for peons' quarters as shown in the drawings and estimates.

5. With reference to Public Works G. O., No. 218, of the 21st ultimo, I beg to report that no reduction can be made in the cost of the hospital buildings. The absence of limestone and the high rates paid for labor render all work executed on these hills costly.

No. 86. ORDER THEREON, 5th August 1875, No. 2,264.

MILITARY WORKS, No. 4.

SANCTIONED.

2. Ordered that the following letter be sent.

(Here enter No. 2,265, dated 5th August 1875.)

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Major-General, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Nilgiris.

„ Controller of Public Works Accounts.

„ Military Department,

with Notes by the Hon. R. S. Ellis, on letter from Sanitary Commissioner.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
OOTACAMUND, 5th August 1875.

No. 87.

No. 2,265.

FROM

MAJOR-GENERAL G. W. WALKER, R.E.,

Secretary to the Government of Madras,

Public Works Department,

TO

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,

Public Works Department.

MILITARY WORKS, No. 5.

SIR,—In reply to your letter No. 289 A. G., dated 8th May 1875, I am directed to forward copy of Order of Government in the Financial Department, No. 1,153, dated 26th May 1875, from which the Government of India will learn that funds raised by the Coonoor Municipality cannot be appropriated towards the Lock Hospital proposed to be built at Wellington.

2. The position of the existing building used as a Lock Hospital is considered most objectionable, its arrangement bad and its accommodation defective. The estimate of the new building, amounting to Rupees 13,400, has received the sanction of the Government, and I am to request that the Government of India will be pleased to withdraw their objections to the prosecution of the work.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Major-General, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

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P. W. 1875 Deph.
From Actg No: 5129
The Sanitary Commissioner
for Madras.

To Sec. to Govt.
P. O. D.
Cotacamund

Dated 10 June
Received 17 Aug. 1875
No.

Enclosures.
G.O. No. 1,116 dated 20 Apr.

Subject.

Offen remarks
on plans of
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OFFICE OF SANITARY COMMISSIONER,

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I have the honor to be,
Sir,

your most obt. servt.

Henry King, M.D.

Chas. S. Augustus, Esq.

Misf. 0. 21 June 75 No 218
 S.O. 20. 24/75 No 526.529
 Mis 17 June 74. No 149
 S.O. 24 June 74. 422.423
 S.O. 26 July 75. 687.
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From W. 1875 dep. h.
 No. 5128
 The Public Works
 To The Chief Engineer
 & Secretary to
 Government Works
 No 178

Dated 5th July 1875
 Received 7th July 1875
 Enclosure 7

Subject
 Resubmitted Plans
 & Estimate of the
 proposed Lock Hospital
 at Wellington,
 duly corrected, as
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 Of 5 August 75 No 2264

Recd. 22 Aug 10-8-75
 Recd. 2-8-75 No 57876
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In
 your most ob. servt.
 Permy. A. M. M.

Military works
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No 2264
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 Under date the 5th Aug 1875
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From
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 for Madras
 Dist. Eng. Melgheries. (No. 178 - 5th July 1875)

Sanctioned.

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 Notes by the Hon. R. Ellis
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(H.C. No. 2265 dated
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