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No. 67. Read the following letter from Major J. VERTUE, R.E., District Engineer, Trichinopoly, to Major-General G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Trichinopoly, 22nd December 1875, No. 773:—

With reference to G.O., No. 3,398, of 30th ultimo, I have the honor to report that the European Detail Hospital at this place was erected in 1806 and is now, therefore, nearly seventy years old.

2. The buildings then constructed were the hospital, guard-room, cook-room, and two necessaries.

3. The age of the building will, I think, sufficiently account for the necessity of re-roofing, as, with the exception of occasional shifting tiles to remedy leakage, I cannot ascertain that any considerable sum has been spent on the repair of the roof.

4. At the date of construction, accounts were kept in pagodas and fanams, and it may be of some interest to mention that, taking the pagoda as $3\frac{1}{2}$ Rupees, the rates for work of every description seem to have been much higher than in the present day. This is so contrary to what might have been expected that one can only suppose the work of those days to have been much more carefully done, that is to say, greater time must have been occupied in doing a certain quantity of work. In the several items of brick in chunam, roofing, plastering, the present rates show a reduction of, respectively, 21, 46, 57 per cent.

No. 68. ORDER THEREON, 5th January 1876, No. 34.

MILITARY WORKS, No. 2.

ORDERED to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

Major-General, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Trichinopoly.
„ Military Department.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.
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District Engineer's Office
Trichinopoly.

C.O. 773

22nd December 1875.

From:

The District Engineer
Trichinopoly

To:

The Secretary to Government
P.W. Department
Madras.

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I have the honor to be,
Sir,
your most obed^t Serv^t;

James Vernon Major R.E.
District Engineer Trichinopoly.

Roofing

