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Order—dated 13th February 1889, No. 94, Financial.

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No. 1475.

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(True Extract.)

(Signed) A. KENNEY-HERBERT, BRIGR.-GENL.,
Secretary to Government,
Military Department.

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(Signed) H. R. MEAD, Colonel, R. E.,
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Enclosures—G. O. with 5 enclosures.

2. It would appear that the Police Department obtained orders of Government to make over the building to the Municipality.

No. 388-D.

Transferred and the referred papers returned to the Financial Department. It is not known by whom the orders, referred to in para. 2, were issued. The Police Department should, on vacating the building, have made it over again to the Public Works Department in whose charge it originally was.

(Signed) R. W. DRAKE-BROCKMAN, Lieut.-Col., R.E.,
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24*th June* 1889.

The Inspector-General of Police is requested with reference to the enclosed letter from the Superintending Engineer, 4th Circle, to quote the orders of Government, authorising the action reported in the 2nd paragraph.

J. F. PRICE,
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13*th July* 1889.

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From GEORGE T. EAGAN, Esq., Superintendent of Police, Malabar, to the Assistant Inspector General of Police, Madras, dated Calicut, 31st July 1889, No. 750.

Adverting to your Official Memorandum No. 3578, dated 24th Instant, General Department, forwarding a copy of letter No. $\frac{255,}{E.\ W.}$, dated 13th June 1889, from the Superintending Engineer, 4th Circle, herewith returned, I have the honor to state that the Old Artillery Hospital building at Cannanore said to have been transferred to the Police Department was never taken charge of by the Police and that it was not therefore made over to the Municipality by this Department.

2. It might have been made over to the Municipality by the Public Works Department.

From B. D'ROZARIO, Esq., Chairman, Municipal Council, Cannanore, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Local and Municipal Department, (through the Sub-Collector of Malabar), dated Cannanore, 22nd May 1889, No. 142.

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* Dated 2nd May 1889, No. 141.

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the circumstance that house properties in Cannanore are at present worth little or nothing, the Council trusts the Government will be pleased to accord their sanction to let out the Barracks; if they are not disposed to give it free of rent.

4. A copy of the resolution of the Council is enclosed.

From SURGEON J. KERNAN, Officiating Civil Surgeon, Cannanore, to the Chairman, Municipal Council, Cannanore, dated Cannanore, 2nd May 1889, No. 141.

I have the honor to forward for your information the marginally noted papers and to request that you will apply to Government for sanction to occupy one half of the Artillery Barracks as a Civil Hospital. I have a plan of that building before me, and I assure you it would make a magnificient Hospital. No doubt you know it has three large rooms, a central one and two side ones, allowing each persons 60 superficial feet of flooring, the amount necessary by regulation for a native soldier in Hospital. The central room which would do as a police ward, would accommodate 19 patients, each of the side rooms would accommodate 24 patients. The smaller rooms would do for store rooms and the out-patient department.

1. Letter No. 4, dated 15th January 1887.
2. Extracts from Reports by Medical Officers regarding the building.

The building is new and I should say would be fit for immediate occupation, and would require but slight repairs from time to time.

It is in a much more central part of Cannanore Municipality than the present building, as it is much nearer the town.

It is well suited in design and ventilation for a Hospital and I feel certain that Government would give it on easy and satisfactory terms if you pointed out to them how excessively low the value of all house property in Cantonment has fallen since the reduction of the strength of the Garrison.

As to the objections to the present building they are:—

I. It is a common bungalow faulty in design and very badly ventilated and consequently unsuited for a Hospital. The worst parts of it are the police ward and the adjoining one.

II. I often have to remove patients with sloughing sores from the general wards to a godown for fear they might cause an out-break of Hospital gangrene among the patients in the badly ventilated rooms.

III. In this building it is impossible to arrange properly to see the out-patients. There is no private place for examining cases, and the men and women are all mixed up in one passage; these facts probably deter many of both sexes from coming here.

IV. This building is too far from Cannanore town, which has a large population many of whom no doubt would come daily for treatment if they had not so long a distance to travel.

This building is a disgrace to a town like Cannanore.

From SURGEON S. C. SARKIES, Civil Surgeon, Cannanore, to the Chairman, Municipal Council, Cannanore, dated Cannanore, 15th January 1887, No. 4.

With reference to Resolution, No. 7, dated 11th January 1887, on true copy of letter No. $\frac{390}{B.}$, dated 9th December 1886, from the Deputy Assistant Quarter Master General, Southern District, herewith returned, I have the honor to report that I have inspected the Royal Artillery Barracks which it is proposed to utilize as the Municipal Office and Hospital, and I beg to state that I greatly approve of this idea as the Barracks are well suited for the purpose; the accommodation there will be ample for a Civil Hospital and there is the additional advantage of having the Medical Subordinate's Quarters in the same place. Besides, the Barracks being situated so close to the Old Town of Cannanore it will be a greater inducement for Moplas to resort to the Hospital more frequently than they do now, and the change in the locality cannot in any way inconvenience the inhabitants of Burnacherry or Camp Bazaar.

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Report for the year 1881 by Surgeon-General Cornish:—The situation of the hospital is bad for the inhabitants of old Cannanore and if it is maintained in Cantonment on its present footing, I think a branch for out-patients should be established in old Cannanore.

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Report for the years 1882 and 1883 by Surgeon S. C. Sarkies:—The building is a private dwelling house quite unsuited for a Hospital.

Report for the year 1884 by Surgeon A. Newland:—The dispensary still occupies the dwelling house described in last year's report; it is not well adapted for the requirements of a Hospital.

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Report for the year 1887 by the Acting Civil Surgeon C. A. Lafranais:—The building is the same as described in last year's report. The dead house is too small and close to the wards; the want of a proper operating room is greatly felt.

Report by Surgeon-General Bidie on his inspection, dated 11th November 1887:—The Hospital is still in an ordinary dwelling house rented by the Municipality, which is not suitable for Hospital purposes. The present buildings want a good many repairs. There is no proper operating room and so a corner of a verandah has to be utilized. The dead house is too near the wards.

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(Signed) J. TWIGG,
Ag. Sub-Collector,
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No. 190.

Forwarded. I learn from the District Munsiff that the Barracks have been permanently vacated by the Judicial Department.

I think the request may be acceded to, on the condition that the building be restored to Government when required.

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From H. M. WINTERBOTHAM, ESQ., Collector of Malabar, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Calicut, 5th July 1889, No. 191.

I have the honor to request that no orders may be passed on letter, dated 22nd May 1889, No. 142, from the Chairman of the Cannanore Town Council, (forwarded with this office endorsement No. 190, dated 3rd July 1889), regarding the making over to the Council of part of the Artillery Barracks, until Government hear again from me on the subject.

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G.O., 30th September 1889, No. 649.

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3. It is not likely that the Artillery Hospital will find a renter for any purpose, and I beg therefore to recommend that the use of it be granted to the Municipality free of rent on the condition the Municipality keep it in good repair, and that Government continue their contribution of Rs. 39-8-0.

Order—dated 13th February 1889, No. 94, Financial.

The Collector's letter will be referred to the Military and Public Works Departments for information whether there is any objection to handing over the old Artillery Hospital to the Municipality on the condition stated in the third paragraph.

(True Extract.)

J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

To the Public Works Department, with original papers will follow from Military Department.
,, Military Department.

Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department, No. 94, dated 13th February 1889.

From the Quarter Master General, No. 841 A, dated Ootacamund, 21st February 1889.

No. 1475.

Order—Ordered that the Financial Department be informed that the Royal Artillery Hospital Buildings at Cannanore have already been transferred to the Public Works Department, agreeably to the orders contained in Proceedings of Government, Public Works Department, No. 3037 W, dated 26th September 1888.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) A. KENNEY-HERBERT, BRIGR.-GENL.,
Secretary to Government,
Military Department.

27*th February* 1889.

To the Financial Department.

Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated 13th February 1889, No. 94, Financial Department.

No. 1080 C.

Referred to the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, for early report whether the Artillery Hospital at Cannanore may be made over to the Municipality.

2. The building was placed in charge of the Public Works Department under G. O. No. 3037 W, dated 26th September 1888.

(Signed) H. R. MEAD, COLONEL, R. E.,
Acting Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department.

4th March 1889.

From COLONEL H. M. VIBART, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 4th Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Camp Coonoor, 13th June 1889, No. $\frac{255}{E. W.}$

Enclosures—G. O. with 5 enclosures.

In returning your Endorsement No. 1080 C of 14th March 1889, with its enclosures, I have the honor to state that the old Artillery Hospital building at Cannanore was transferred to the Police Department for a station house in G. O. No. 3984 W of 20th December 1888, and as they have not been found suited for the purpose, they have been made over to the Municipality.

2. It would appear that the Police Department obtained orders of Government to make over the building to the Municipality.

No. 388-D.

Transferred and the referred papers returned to the Financial Department. It is not known by whom the orders, referred to in para. 2, were issued. The Police Department should, on vacating the building, have made it over again to the Public Works Department in whose charge it originally was.

(Signed) R. W. DRAKE-BROCKMAN, LIEUT.-COL., R.E.,
Ag. Joint Secy. to Govt.,
Public Works Department.

24*th June* 1889.

The Inspector-General of Police is requested with reference to the enclosed letter from the Superintending Engineer, 4th Circle, to quote the orders of Government, authorising the action reported in the 2nd paragraph.

J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

13*th July* 1889.

From COLONEL T. K. GUTHRIE, Inspector General of Police, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras 12th August 1889, No. 3889.

Adverting to C. No. 787, dated 13th July 1889, Financial Department, I have the honor to state that the old Artillery Hospital building at Cannanore, said to have been transferred to the Police Department by the Superintending Engineer, under G.O. No. 3984, W., dated 20th October 1888, was not made over to the Municipality by this department.

2. It will be seen from the accompanying letter from the Superintendent of Police, Malabar, that the building in question was never taken charge of by the Police and they were therefore not in a position to hand it over to another department.

From GEORGE T. EAGAN, ESQ., Superintendent of Police, Malabar, to the Assistant Inspector General of Police, Madras, dated Calicut, 31st July 1889, No. 750.

Adverting to your Official Memorandum No. 3578, dated 24th Instant, General Department, forwarding a copy of letter No. $\frac{255}{E. W.}$, dated 13th June 1889, from the Superintending Engineer, 4th Circle, herewith returned, I have the honor to state that the Old Artillery Hospital building at Cannanore said to have been transferred to the Police Department was never taken charge of by the Police and that it was not therefore made over to the Municipality by this Department.

2. It might have been made over to the Municipality by the Public Works Department.

From B. D'ROZARIO, ESQ., Chairman, Municipal Council, Cannanore, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Local and Municipal Department, (through the Sub-Collector of Malabar), dated Cannanore, 22nd May 1889, No. 142.

* Dated 2nd May 1889, No. 141.

In compliance with a Resolution of the Council passed at their Meeting held yesterday, and with reference to para. 10 of G.O., dated 8th January 1889, No. 16-M. (Local and Municipal), I have the honor to enclose for the favorable consideration and order of Government, copies of a letter* and its enclosures from the Civil Surgeon at this station, recommending that an application be made to Government for sanction to occupy one block of the late Artillery Barracks as the Municipal Civil Hospital at Cannanore.

2. That the building now used as the Hospital is quite unsuited for the purpose, has been explained at length by Dr. Kernan in his letter; and the extracts from the visitors' book and Annual Reports by several Medical Officers, and the Surgeon-General on the Municipal Hospital building from 1877 to 1887, which form a second enclosure to his letter, bear him out fully on the point.

Even during his last inspection of this Hospital on the 17th January 1889, Dr. Bidie remarked that "the objection, however, still holds good that they (the buildings) are not well situated or adapted for a poor hospital."

3. The block of the Barracks which the Council request Government to let out for the Hospital, which both Dr. Kernan and the late Civil Surgeon Dr. Sarkies consider is quite adapted for the Hospital, is that which is now occupied as the Court of the District Munsiff of Cannanore and which is about to be vacated by the Judicial Department; and the rent which the Municipality in its present circumstance, is prepared to pay for it, is the same which it now pays for the present Hospital building, viz., Rs. 30 per mensem, a sum for which, considering

the circumstance that house properties in Cannanore are at present worth little or nothing, the Council trusts the Government will be pleased to accord their sanction to let out the Barracks; if they are not disposed to give it free of rent.

4. A copy of the resolution of the Council is enclosed.

From SURGEON J. KERNAN, Officiating Civil Surgeon, Cannanore, to the Chairman, Municipal Council, Cannanore, dated Cannanore, 2nd May 1889, No. 141.

I have the honor to forward for your information the marginally noted papers and to request that you will apply to Government for sanction to occupy one half of the Artillery Barracks as a Civil Hospital. I have a plan of that building before me, and I assure you it would make a magnificient Hospital. No doubt you know it has three large rooms, a central one and two side ones, allowing each persons 60 superficial feet of flooring, the amount necessary by regulation for a native soldier in Hospital. The central room which would do as a police ward, would accommodate 19 patients, each of the side rooms would accommodate 24 patients. The smaller rooms would do for store rooms and the out-patient department.

1. Letter No. 4, dated 15th January 1887.
2. Extracts from Reports by Medical Officers regarding the building.

The building is new and I should say would be fit for immediate occupation, and would require but slight repairs from time to time.

It is in a much more central part of Cannanore Municipality than the present building, as it is much nearer the town.

It is well suited in design and ventilation for a Hospital and I feel certain that Government would give it on easy and satisfactory terms if you pointed out to them how excessively low the value of all house property in Cantonment has fallen since the reduction of the strength of the Garrison.

As to the objections to the present building they are:—

I. It is a common bungalow faulty in design and very badly ventilated and consequently unsuited for a Hospital. The worst parts of it are the police ward and the adjoining one.

II. I often have to remove patients with sloughing sores from the general wards to a godown for fear they might cause an out-break of Hospital gangrene among the patients in the badly ventilated rooms.

III. In this building it is impossible to arrange properly to see the out-patients. There is no private place for examining cases, and the men and women are all mixed up in one passage; these facts probably deter many of both sexes from coming here.

IV. This building is too far from Cannanore town, which has a large population many of whom no doubt would come daily for treatment if they had not so long a distance to travel.

This building is a disgrace to a town like Cannanore.

From SURGEON S. C. SARKIES, Civil Surgeon, Cannanore, to the Chairman, Municipal Council, Cannanore, dated Cannanore, 15th January 1887, No. 4.

With reference to Resolution, No. 7, dated 11th January 1887, on true copy of letter No. $\frac{390}{B.}$, dated 9th December 1886, from the Deputy Assistant Quarter Master General, Southern District, herewith returned, I have the honor to report that I have inspected the Royal Artillery Barracks which it is proposed to utilize as the Municipal Office and Hospital, and I beg to state that I greatly approve of this idea as the Barracks are well suited for the purpose; the accommodation there will be ample for a Civil Hospital and there is the additional advantage of having the Medical Subordinate's Quarters in the same place. Besides, the Barracks being situated so close to the Old Town of Cannanore it will be a greater inducement for Moplas to resort to the Hospital more frequently than they do now, and the change in the locality cannot in any way inconvenience the inhabitants of Burnacherry or Camp Bazaar.

Extracts from visitors' book and from Annual Reports made by several Medical Officers and the Surgeon-General on the Municipal Hospital building from the year 1877 to 1887.

Report for the year 1877 by Dy. Surgeon-General Wilson:—The building is unsuitable both from its situation and construction, being dark and ill-ventilated and in the very centre of the Cantonment which would render it highly undesirable for the reception of cases of infectious disease.

Report for the year 1878 by Dy. Surgeon-General Wilson:—The building is dark and illventilated but not crowded, all the arrangements are satisfactory.

Report for the year 1880 by Dy. Surgeon-General Oswald, M.D.:—The building appears to be very unsuitable for the purpose of a Hospital and inconveniently situated for the residents of either old or new Cannanore. It should be located either in the centre of the new or old town.

Report for the year 1881 by Surgeon-General Cornish:—The situation of the hospital is bad for the inhabitants of old Cannanore and if it is maintained in Cantonment on its present footing, I think a branch for out-patients should be established in old Cannanore.

Report for the year 1881 by Surgeon-Major Hastings, M.D.:—The building is a bungalow quite unfitted for a Hospital.

Report for the years 1882 and 1883 by Surgeon S. C. Sarkies:—The building is a private dwelling house quite unsuited for a Hospital.

Report for the year 1884 by Surgeon A. Newland:—The dispensary still occupies the dwelling house described in last year's report; it is not well adapted for the requirements of a Hospital.

Report for the years 1885 and 1886 by Surgeon S. C. Sarkies:—The building is quite unsuitable for a Hospital as it was never originally intended for it. It is situated very far from the old town of Cannanore which is thickly populated by Moplas.

Report for the year 1887 by the Acting Civil Surgeon C. A. Lafranais:—The building is the same as described in last year's report. The dead house is too small and close to the wards; the want of a proper operating room is greatly felt.

Report by Surgeon-General Bidie on his inspection, dated 11th November 1887:—The Hospital is still in an ordinary dwelling house rented by the Municipality, which is not suitable for Hospital purposes. The present buildings want a good many repairs. There is no proper operating room and so a corner of a verandah has to be utilized. The dead house is too near the wards.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. KERNAN, SURGEON, I.M.S.,
Offg. Civil Surgeon, Cannanore

Extract from the Proceedings of the Municipal Council of Cannanore at a Meeting held on the 21st May 1889.

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Resolution 5:—Read again letter from the Civil Surgeon No. 141, dated 2nd May 1889, with enclosures suggesting that sanction of Government may be obtained to occupy one half of the Artillery Barracks as Civil Hospital.

Resolved,—That the letter of the Civil Surgeon be laidbefore Government, with a request to permit the Municipality to use the block of the Artillery Barracks about to be vacated by the District Munsiff, as Civil Dispensary on a rental of Rs. 30 per mensem, suggesting at the same time that considering the circumstance of house property in Cannanore being worth little or nothing at present, Government will be pleased to allow the building at the proposed low rent, if they cannot give it gratis.

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(True Extract.)

(Signed) B. D'ROZARIO,
Chairman.

Forwarded.

(Signed) J. TWIGG,
Ag. Sub-Collector,
Malabar District.

28*th May* 1889.

No. 190.

Forwarded. I learn from the District Munsiff that the Barracks have been permanently vacated by the Judicial Department.

I think the request may be acceded to, on the condition that the building be restored to Government when required.

(Signed) H. M. WINTERBOTHAM,
Collector,
Malabar District.

3*rd July* 1889.

From H. M. WINTERBOTHAM, ESQ., Collector of Malabar, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Calicut, 5th July 1889, No. 191.

I have the honor to request that no orders may be passed on letter, dated 22nd May 1889, No. 142, from the Chairman of the Cannanore Town Council, (forwarded with this office endorsement No. 190, dated 3rd July 1889), regarding the making over to the Council of part of the Artillery Barracks, until Government hear again from me on the subject.

2. The Joint Magistrate has now pointed out that the opportunity is a good one for providing proper quarters for the Town Sub-Magistrate who holds his Court in an incommodious rented building.

3. I will address Government again on the subject as soon as I have obtained some further required information.

ORDER—dated 30th September 1888, No. 649, Financial.

In his letter No. 309, dated July 20th 1888, the Chairman of the Cannanore Municipality requested Government to increase its subscription towards the cost of the Dispensary Establishment.

2. Before deciding this point, the Government enquired of the Surgeon-General whether its contribution could be, in part, given in the form of a suitable building. The enquiry was made on August 17th, and the Surgeon-General's reply was dated October 30th. Surgeon-General Bidie approved of the suggestion and recommended the grant to the Municipality on easy terms of the Royal Artillery Hospital building then lying vacant. His letter was referred, on November 16th, to the Collector of Malabar, for report in communication with the Municipality.

3. On January 10th, 1889, Mr. Winterbotham replied that it was not worth the while of the Municipality to take over the building, even if it were granted to them rent-free, on a repairing lease, unless the Government contribution to the Dispensary continued to be paid. Some delay, consequent on the neglect of the

Collector's office to return the papers which had been referred for report, ensued; and on February 13th, a reference was made to the Military and Public Works Departments on the subject.

4. Meanwhile, the Barracks and connected buildings of which the hospital formed part, had been handed over to the Public Works' Department, by G.O., No. 3037-W., dated September 26th, 1888.

5. The Superintending Engineer after a delay of more than three months in answering the reference made to him by Public Works' Endorsement No. 1080, dated March 4th, reported in his letter No. $\frac{255}{\text{E. W.}}$, June 13, 1889 that the hospital building in question had been transferred to the Police Department in the previous December, that it had been found to be unsuitable, and that orders of Government had been obtained in that Department to make it over to the Municipality.

6. In transferring Major Vibart's letter, the Public Works Department observed that nothing was known of the orders mentioned by him, and that on vacating the building, the Police Department should have made it over to the Public Works Officers.

7. The Inspector-General of Police was next required to submit an explanation of this breach of rules.

8. In his letter No. 3889, dated August 12th, Colonel Guthrie, states that the Police Department never occupied the building and consequently could not have made it over to the Municipality.

9. The statements made by one or other of these two officers—the Superintending Engineer or the Inspector-General of Police—must be very inaccurate, and the whole course of the correspondence points to perfunctory enquiries and deficient record of transfers. There should never be any doubt in regard to the occupants of a Government building, and the Chief Engineer, Public Works' Department, will be requested to ascertain how the confusions and misapprehensions in the present case have arisen.

10. The best part of a year has been wasted in enquiries, which six weeks should have sufficed to answer, and even now Government cannot be certain who is actually in possession of the building.

11. On the condition that the Municipality executed all necessary repairs, the Government would be inclined to place the hospital at their disposal rent free. This would represent a nett saving of Rs. 20 *per mensem* to the Municipality.

The Government contribution from Provincial Funds on account of the Police patients would then be fixed at Rs. 10 per mensem.

12. These remarks are not intended to convey the final orders of Government and are communicated to the Collector rather as an indication of the arrangements which His Excellency in Council is prepared to sanction, and as a guide to him in considering the application which the Municipality, in its Chairman's letter No. 142, dated 22nd May 1889, has made for a block of the Artillery Barracks.

13. If the Collector finds that these last may be placed at the disposal of the Council, proposals on the same lines may be submitted by him.

(True Extract.)

J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

To

The Public Works' Department.
„ Local and Municipal Departments.
„ Surgeon-General with Government.
„ Collector of Malabar.
„ Inspector-General of Police.

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Recd. *Encl.*

G.O., 30th September 1889, No. 649.

SEPTEMBER.

Royal Artillery Hospital Buildings, Cannanore.

Passing orders regarding the proposed transfer of the—to the local Municipality, and requesting the Chief Engineer, Public Works' Department, to ascertain how the confusions and misapprehensions noticed in connection therewith have arisen.

26TH SEPTEMBER 1888, No. 3037 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

READ—the following paper:—

From Brigadier-General M. PROTHEROE, C.B., C.S.I., Quartermaster-General, to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated Ootacamund, 18th September 1888, No. 3412 A.

As the buildings in the Royal Artillery lines at Cannanore are not likely to be required again for military purposes within any definite period, His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief considers that they could with advantage be made over to the Public Works Department for utilization in such manner as that department may decide to be best in the interests of the State.

2. I am accordingly desired to solicit that sanction may be accorded to the buildings shown in the accompanying statement being made over to that department, on the understanding that, should they be required again for military purposes, they will be vacated on reasonable notice.

3. The plunge-bath and well attached to it of the Royal Artillery barracks being in use with the British Infantry detachment will be retained in military charge.

ENCLOSURE.

LIST of buildings in the Royal Artillery Barracks, Cannanore, proposed to be made over to the Public Works Department.

Number on triennial return.	Name of building.	Remarks.
54	No. 2 block, Barracks	Corresponding numbers on revised return of military buildings ending 31st March 1886. Nos. 51 to 51 G.
54 A	Cook-house and privy, Sergeants' quarters, No. 3.	
54 B	Wash-house, No. 3	
54 C	Privy, No. 3	
54 D	Cook-house, No. 2	
54 E	Wash-house, No. 4	
54 F	Privy, No. 4	
54 G	Cook-house and privy, Sergeants' quarters, No. 4.	
55	Married quarters and out-houses	Nos. 52 and 52 A.
55 A	Latrine and dry earth store	
55 B	Well with cistern	Not shown.
58	Fives-court (single)	No. 55.

List of buildings in the Royal Artillery Barracks, Cannanore, &c.—*cont.*

Number on triennial return.	Name of building.	Remarks.	
	Hospital, Royal Artillery.		
60	Hospital	Nos. 58 to 58 E.	
60 A	Latrine (female)		
60 B	Commissariat store-room		
60 C	Latrine (male)		
60 D	Guard-room		
60 E	Cook-room		
61	Hospital, Native followers'	Nos. 59 to 59 C.	
61 A	Store-godown and cart-shed		
61 B	Dead-house		
61 C	Privy, Native		
62	Apothecaries' quarters	Nos. 60 and 60 A.	
62 A	Out-houses to do.		
62 B	Well	Not shown.	
53	No. 1 block, Barracks	Made over to the Judicial Department for a District Munsif's Court—*vide* Proceedings of Madras Government, No. 6458, Military Department, Fort St. George, dated 22nd October 1887.	Nos. 50 to 50 G.
53 A	Cook-house, Sergeants' quarters		
	Privy to do.		
53 B	Wash-house, No. 1		
53 C	Privy, No. 1		
53 D	Cook-house, No. 1		
53 E	Wash-house, No. 2		
53 F	Privy, No. 2		
53 G	Cook-house and privy, Sergeants' quarters, No. 2.		
56	Guard-room and lock-up		No. 53.
57	Canteen		No. 54.

No. 6318, Military.

Referred to the Public Works Department.

OOTACAMUND, 19th September 1888. (Signed) A. KENNEY-HERBERT, Brigdr.-General, Secretary to Government.

ORDER—dated 26th September 1888, No. 3037 W., Public Works.

The Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, will arrange for the buildings being taken over and utilised as proposed.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. O. HASTED, Colonel, R.E., Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle.
„ Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
„ Military Department.

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BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
CIVIL WORKS.

Govt. of {1888} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated September, 26th.

Recd. *Encl.*

G.O., 26th Sept. 1888, No. 3037 W.

SEPTEMBER.

Buildings in the Royal Artillery Lines at Cannanore

Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, directed to arrange for the — being taken over and utilised in the best manner possible.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following papers :—

From COLONEL C. A. PORTEOUS, Acting Inspector General of Police, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 10th August 1888, No. 4289.

With reference to G. O. No. 5, dated 5th January 1882, Financial Department, sanctioning the payment by this Department of Rs. 39-8-0, being one half of the cost of rent and establishment of the Cannanore Municipal Dispensary as contribution for accommodation afforded to Police patients in the said Dispensary, I have the honor to forward a copy of letter from the Chairman, Cannanore Municipality, stating that the expenses of the Hospital Establishment have been increased to Rs. 90 as noted in the margin and desiring that a moiety of this amount may be paid from April 1888 and to request that this Department may be authorized to pay Rs. 45 in lieu of Rs. 39-8-0 as Contribution for the accommodation afforded.

Writer	... Rs.	10
Surgery Cooly ...	... ,,	9
Ward Cooly ...	... ,,	7
Cook	... ,,	7
Waterman	... ,,	6
Nurse	... ,,	8
Toty	... ,,	7
Peon	... ,,	6
House rent	... ,,	30
	Rupees	90

From the Chairman, Municipal Council, Cannanore, to the Superintendent of Police, Malabar, Calicut, dated Cannanore, 20th July 1888, No. 309.

With reference to your No. 617, dated 11th June 1888, I have the honor to enclose herein a receipt for Rs. 85-14 being contribution for May and June and for April in part which was by mistake erroneously calculated on the round numbers of the Budget allotment without basing it upon the details of the items given in the columns for the Municipal establishment.

In accordance with the above reference, I beg to state that the Hospital establishment has been increased in strength and the salary of some of the subordinates shewn in G. O. No. 5, dated 5th January 1882, will vary owing to charges having been effected since. The establishment as it now stands is shewn in the margin of this letter with particulars of the salary drawn by each and the amount of rent paid for the Hospital building. The amount for which the Government sanction has to be obtained now is on Rs. 5-8-0, the difference between Rs. 39-8-0 sanctioned in the above G.O., and the sum of Rs. 45, which is a moiety of the charges according to the Budget allotment sanctioned in G.O. No. 310, D. M., dated 31st March 1888.

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(True copy.).

GEORGE T. EAGAN,
Superintendent of Police, Malabar.

Referred to the Surgeon-General with the Government. It should be ascertained whether the Police patients still number half the aggregate, and whether the Government contribution could not be given, in part at least, in the form of a suitable building. It is believed that there are many Government buildings now vacant at Cannanore.

J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

17*th August* 1888.

To the Surgeon General with the Current.

From G. BIDIE, ESQ., M.B., C.I.E., Surgeon-General with the Government Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Coimbatore, 30th October 1888, No. $\frac{\text{T-2}}{40}$.

In returning the correspondence referred to me under Financial Department, Reference on No. 930-C of the 17th August last, I have the honor to report for the information of Government, that according to a statement furnished by the Acting Civil Surgeon of Cannanore, the aggregate number of in-patients, police and pauper, treated in the Municipal Dispensary at that station, during the half year ending 30th June 1888 was 197, of which total only 65 belonged to the police so that the latter do not now number half the aggregate and the claim of the Municipality for an enhanced rate of contribution is in my opinion inadmissible.

2. With regard to the question whether the Government contribution could not be given in the form of a suitable building, I have the honor to report that, on enquiries, I am informed that there are now four Government buildings vacant at Cannanore, viz.:—

(*a*)	R. A. Hospital approximate monthly rent	... ...	Rs. 112
(*b*)	,, Barracks do.	... ...	,, 101
(*c*)	,, Married quarters do.	... .	,, 140
(*d*)	,, Regimental Prayer Room. No rent given, as it is said to be composed of only one large room without a verandah and not considered suitable for a hospital.		

3. Of the first three buildings, both the present Civil Surgeon and his predecessor consider the Royal Artillery Hospital to be the most suitable for the Civil Dispensary, but the approximate monthly rent of this building as estimated by the Public Works Department Sub-Divisional Officer is Rs. 112, and the present Government contribution amounts only to Rs. 39-8-0. As, however, the building is lying vacant, and its utilization as a Civil Hospital will be a great boon to the sick poor, the present building being most unsuitable, I trust Government may see their way to let the Municipality have the use of it on easy terms.

Referred to the Collector of Malabar for report after such reference to the Municipal Council as may be necessary.

J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

16*th November* 1888.

To the Collector of Malabar with 2 Currents.

From H. M. WINTERBOTHAM, ESQ., Collector of Malabar, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Calicut, 10th January 1889, No. 14.

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(True Extract.)

J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

To the Public Works Department, with original papers will follow from Military Department.
,, Military Department.

Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department, No. 94, dated 13th February 1889.

From the Quarter Master General, No. 841 A, dated Ootacamund, 21st February 1889.

No. 1475.

Order—Ordered that the Financial Department be informed that the Royal Artillery Hospital Buildings at Cannanore have already been transferred to the Public Works Department, agreeably to the orders contained in Proceedings of Government, Public Works Department, No. 3037 W, dated 26th September 1888.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) A. KENNEY-HERBERT, BRIGR.-GENL.,
Secretary to Government,
Military Department.

27*th February* 1889.

To the Financial Department.

Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated 13th February 1889, No. 94, Financial Department.

No. 1080 C.

Referred to the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, for early report whether the Artillery Hospital at Cannanore may be made over to the Municipality.

2. The building was placed in charge of the Public Works Department under G. O. No. 3037 W, dated 26th September 1888.

(Signed) H. R. MEAD, COLONEL, R. E.,
Acting Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department.

4th March 1889.

From COLONEL H. M. VIBART, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 4th Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Camp Coonoor, 13th June 1889, No. $\frac{255}{E. W.}$

In returning your Endorsement No. 1080 C of 14th March 1889, with its enclosures, I have the honor to state that the old Artillery Hospital building at Cannanore was transferred to the Police Department for a station house in G. O. No. 3984 W of 20th December 1888, and as they have not been found suited for the purpose, they have been made over to the Municipality.

Enclosures—G. O. with 5 enclosures.

2. It would appear that the Police Department obtained orders of Government to make over the building to the Municipality.

No. 388-D.

Transferred and the referred papers returned to the Financial Department. It is not known by whom the orders, referred to in para. 2, were issued. The Police Department should, on vacating the building, have made it over again to the Public Works Department in whose charge it originally was.

(Signed) R. W. DRAKE-BROCKMAN, LIEUT.-COL., R.E.,
Ag. Joint Secy. to Govt.,
Public Works Department.

24*th June* 1889.

The Inspector-General of Police is requested with reference to the enclosed letter from the Superintending Engineer, 4th Circle, to quote the orders of Government, authorising the action reported in the 2nd paragraph.

J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

13*th July* 1889.

From COLONEL T. K. GUTHRIE, Inspector General of Police, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras 12th August 1889, No. 3889.

Adverting to C. No. 787, dated 13th July 1889, Financial Department, I have the honor to state that the old Artillery Hospital building at Cannanore, said to have been transferred to the Police Department by the Superintending Engineer, under G.O. No. 3984, W., dated 20th October 1888, was not made over to the Municipality by this department.

2. It will be seen from the accompanying letter from the Superintendent of Police, Malabar, that the building in question was never taken charge of by the Police and they were therefore not in a position to hand it over to another department.

From GEORGE T. EAGAN, ESQ., Superintendent of Police, Malabar, to the Assistant Inspector General of Police, Madras, dated Calicut, 31st July 1889, No. 750.

Adverting to your Official Memorandum No. 3578, dated 24th Instant, General Department, forwarding a copy of letter No. $\frac{255,}{E. W.}$, dated 13th June 1889, from the Superintending Engineer, 4th Circle, herewith returned, I have the honor to state that the Old Artillery Hospital building at Cannanore said to have been transferred to the Police Department was never taken charge of by the Police and that it was not therefore made over to the Municipality by this Department.

2. It might have been made over to the Municipality by the Public Works Department.

From B. D'ROZARIO, ESQ., Chairman, Municipal Council, Cannanore, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Local and Municipal Department, (through the Sub-Collector of Malabar), dated Cannanore, 22nd May 1889, No. 142.

In compliance with a Resolution of the Council passed at their Meeting held yesterday, and with reference to para. 10 of G.O., dated 8th January 1889, No. 16-M. (Local and Municipal), I have the honor to enclose for the favorable consideration and order of Government, copies of a letter* and its enclosures from the Civil Surgeon at this station, recommending that an application be made to Government for sanction to occupy one block of the late Artillery Barracks as the Municipal Civil Hospital at Cannanore.

* Dated 2nd May 1889, No. 141.

2. That the building now used as the Hospital is quite unsuited for the purpose, has been explained at length by Dr. Kernan in his letter; and the extracts from the visitors' book and Annual Reports by several Medical Officers, and the Surgeon-General on the Municipal Hospital building from 1877 to 1887, which form a second enclosure to his letter, bear him out fully on the point.

Even during his last inspection of this Hospital on the 17th January 1889, Dr. Bidie remarked that "the objection, however, still holds good that they (the buildings) are not well situated or adapted for a poor hospital."

3. The block of the Barracks which the Council request Government to let out for the Hospital, which both Dr. Kernan and the late Civil Surgeon Dr. Sarkies consider is quite adapted for the Hospital, is that which is now occupied as the Court of the District Munsiff of Cannanore and which is about to be vacated by the Judicial Department; and the rent which the Municipality in its present circumstance, is prepared to pay for it, is the same which it now pays for the present Hospital building, viz., Rs. 30 per mensem, a sum for which, considering

the circumstance that house properties in Cannanore are at present worth little or nothing, the Council trusts the Government will be pleased to accord their sanction to let out the Barracks; if they are not disposed to give it free of rent.

4. A copy of the resolution of the Council is enclosed.

From SURGEON J. KERNAN, Officiating Civil Surgeon, Cannanore, to the Chairman, Municipal Council, Cannanore, dated Cannanore, 2nd May 1889, No. 141.

I have the honor to forward for your information the marginally noted papers and to request that you will apply to Government for sanction to occupy one half of the Artillery Barracks as a Civil Hospital. I have a plan of that building before me, and I assure you it would make a magnificient Hospital. No doubt you know it has three large rooms, a central one and two side ones, allowing each persons 60 superficial feet of flooring, the amount necessary by regulation for a native soldier in Hospital. The central room which would do as a police ward, would accommodate 19 patients, each of the side rooms would accommodate 24 patients. The smaller rooms would do for store rooms and the out-patient department.

1. Letter No. 4, dated 15th January 1887.
2. Extracts from Reports by Medical Officers regarding the building.

The building is new and I should say would be fit for immediate occupation, and would require but slight repairs from time to time.

It is in a much more central part of Cannanore Municipality than the present building, as it is much nearer the town.

It is well suited in design and ventilation for a Hospital and I feel certain that Government would give it on easy and satisfactory terms if you pointed out to them how excessively low the value of all house property in Cantonment has fallen since the reduction of the strength of the Garrison.

As to the objections to the present building they are:—

I. It is a common bungalow faulty in design and very badly ventilated and consequently unsuited for a Hospital. The worst parts of it are the police ward and the adjoining one.

II. I often have to remove patients with sloughing sores from the general wards to a godown for fear they might cause an out-break of Hospital gangrene among the patients in the badly ventilated rooms.

III. In this building it is impossible to arrange properly to see the out-patients. There is no private place for examining cases, and the men and women are all mixed up in one passage; these facts probably deter many of both sexes from coming here.

IV. This building is too far from Cannanore town, which has a large population many of whom no doubt would come daily for treatment if they had not so long a distance to travel.

This building is a disgrace to a town like Cannanore.

From SURGEON S. C. SARKIES, Civil Surgeon, Cannanore, to the Chairman, Municipal Council, Cannanore, dated Cannanore, 15th January 1887, No. 4.

With reference to Resolution, No. 7, dated 11th January 1887, on true copy of letter No. $\frac{390}{B.}$, dated 9th December 1886, from the Deputy Assistant Quarter Master General, Southern District, herewith returned, I have the honor to report that I have inspected the Royal Artillery Barracks which it is proposed to utilize as the Municipal Office and Hospital, and I beg to state that I greatly approve of this idea as the Barracks are well suited for the purpose; the accommodation there will be ample for a Civil Hospital and there is the additional advantage of having the Medical Subordinate's Quarters in the same place. Besides, the Barracks being situated so close to the Old Town of Cannanore it will be a greater inducement for Moplas to resort to the Hospital more frequently than they do now, and the change in the locality cannot in any way inconvenience the inhabitants of Burnacherry or Camp Bazaar.

Extracts from visitors' book and from Annual Reports made by several Medical Officers and the Surgeon-General on the Municipal Hospital building from the year 1877 *to* 1887.

Report for the year 1877 by Dy. Surgeon-General Wilson:—The building is unsuitable both from its situation and construction, being dark and ill-ventilated and in the very centre of the Cantonment which would render it highly undesirable for the reception of cases of infectious disease.

Report for the year 1878 by Dy. Surgeon-General Wilson:—The building is dark and illventilated but not crowded, all the arrangements are satisfactory.

Report for the year 1880 by Dy. Surgeon-General Oswald, M.D.:—The building appears to be very unsuitable for the purpose of a Hospital and inconveniently situated for the residents of either old or new Cannanore. It should be located either in the centre of the new or old town.

Report for the year 1881 by Surgeon-General Cornish:—The situation of the hospital is bad for the inhabitants of old Cannanore and if it is maintained in Cantonment on its present footing, I think a branch for out-patients should be established in old Cannanore.

Report for the year 1881 by Surgeon-Major Hastings, M.D.:—The building is a bungalow quite unfitted for a Hospital.

Report for the years 1882 and 1883 by Surgeon S. C. Sarkies:—The building is a private dwelling house quite unsuited for a Hospital.

Report for the year 1884 by Surgeon A. Newland:—The dispensary still occupies the dwelling house described in last year's report; it is not well adapted for the requirements of a Hospital.

Report for the years 1885 and 1886 by Surgeon S. C. Sarkies:—The building is quite unsuitable for a Hospital as it was never originally intended for it. It is situated very far from the old town of Cannanore which is thickly populated by Moplas.

Report for the year 1887 by the Acting Civil Surgeon C. A. Lafranais:—The building is the same as described in last year's report. The dead house is too small and close to the wards; the want of a proper operating room is greatly felt.

Report by Surgeon-General Bidie on his inspection, dated 11th November 1887:—The Hospital is still in an ordinary dwelling house rented by the Municipality, which is not suitable for Hospital purposes. The present buildings want a good many repairs. There is no proper operating room and so a corner of a verandah has to be utilized. The dead house is too near the wards.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. KERNAN, SURGEON, I.M.S.,
Offg. Civil Surgeon, Cannanore

Extract from the Proceedings of the Municipal Council of Cannanore at a Meeting held on the 21*st May* 1889.

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Resolution 5:—Read again letter from the Civil Surgeon No. 141, dated 2nd May 1889, with enclosures suggesting that sanction of Government may be obtained to occupy one half of the Artillery Barracks as Civil Hospital.

Resolved,—That the letter of the Civil Surgeon be laidbefore Government, with a request to permit the Municipality to use the block of the Artillery Barracks about to be vacated by the District Munsiff, as Civil Dispensary on a rental of Rs. 30 per mensem, suggesting at the same time that considering the circumstance of house property in Cannanore being worth little or nothing at present, Government will be pleased to allow the building at the proposed low rent, if they cannot give it gratis.

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(True Extract.)

(Signed) B. D'ROZARIO,
Chairman.

Forwarded.

(Signed) J. TWIGG,
Ag. Sub-Collector,
Malabar District.

28*th May* 1889.

No. 190.

Forwarded. I learn from the District Munsiff that the Barracks have been permanently vacated by the Judicial Department.

I think the request may be acceded to, on the condition that the building be restored to Government when required.

(Signed) H. M. WINTERBOTHAM,
Collector,
Malabar District.

3*rd July* 1889.

From H. M. WINTERBOTHAM, ESQ., Collector of Malabar, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Calicut, 5th July 1889, No. 191.

I have the honor to request that no orders may be passed on letter, dated 22nd May 1889, No. 142, from the Chairman of the Cannanore Town Council, (forwarded with this office endorsement No. 190, dated 3rd July 1889), regarding the making over to the Council of part of the Artillery Barracks, until Government hear again from me on the subject.

2. The Joint Magistrate has now pointed out that the opportunity is a good one for providing proper quarters for the Town Sub-Magistrate who holds his Court in an incommodious rented building.

3. I will address Government again on the subject as soon as I have obtained some further required information.

ORDER—dated 30th September 1888, No. 649, Financial.

In his letter No. 309, dated July 20th 1888, the Chairman of the Cannanore Municipality requested Government to increase its subscription towards the cost of the Dispensary Establishment.

2. Before deciding this point, the Government enquired of the Surgeon-General whether its contribution could be, in part, given in the form of a suitable building. The enquiry was made on August 17th, and the Surgeon-General's reply was dated October 30th. Surgeon-General Bidie approved of the suggestion and recommended the grant to the Municipality on easy terms of the Royal Artillery Hospital building then lying vacant. His letter was referred, on November 16th, to the Collector of Malabar, for report in communication with the Municipality.

3. On January 10th, 1889, Mr. Winterbotham replied that it was not worth the while of the Municipality to take over the building, even if it were granted to them rent-free, on a repairing lease, unless the Government contribution to the Dispensary continued to be paid. Some delay, consequent on the neglect of the

Collector's office to return the papers which had been referred for report, ensued; and on February 13th, a reference was made to the Military and Public Works Departments on the subject.

4. Meanwhile, the Barracks and connected buildings of which the hospital formed part, had been handed over to the Public Works' Department, by G.O., No. 3037-W., dated September 26th, 1888.

5. The Superintending Engineer after a delay of more than three months in answering the reference made to him by Public Works' Endorsement No. 1080, dated March 4th, reported in his letter No. $\frac{255}{\text{E. W.}}$, June 13, 1889 that the hospital building in question had been transferred to the Police Department in the previous December, that it had been found to be unsuitable, and that orders of Government had been obtained in that Department to make it over to the Municipality.

6. In transferring Major Vibart's letter, the Public Works Department observed that nothing was known of the orders mentioned by him, and that on vacating the building, the Police Department should have made it over to the Public Works Officers.

7. The Inspector-General of Police was next required to submit an explanation of this breach of rules.

8. In his letter No. 3889, dated August 12th, Colonel Guthrie, states that the Police Department never occupied the building and consequently could not have made it over to the Municipality.

9. The statements made by one or other of these two officers—the Superintending Engineer or the Inspector-General of Police—must be very inaccurate, and the whole course of the correspondence points to perfunctory enquiries and deficient record of transfers. There should never be any doubt in regard to the occupants of a Government building, and the Chief Engineer, Public Works' Department, will be requested to ascertain how the confusions and misapprehensions in the present case have arisen.

10. The best part of a year has been wasted in enquiries, which six weeks should have sufficed to answer, and even now Government cannot be certain who is actually in possession of the building.

11. On the condition that the Municipality executed all necessary repairs, the Government would be inclined to place the hospital at their disposal rent free. This would represent a nett saving of Rs. 20 *per mensem* to the Municipality.

The Government contribution from Provincial Funds on account of the Police patients would then be fixed at Rs. 10 per mensem.

12. These remarks are not intended to convey the final orders of Government and are communicated to the Collector rather as an indication of the arrangements which His Excellency in Council is prepared to sanction, and as a guide to him in considering the application which the Municipality, in its Chairman's letter No. 142, dated 22nd May 1889, has made for a block of the Artillery Barracks.

13. If the Collector finds that these last may be placed at the disposal of the Council, proposals on the same lines may be submitted by him.

(True Extract.)

J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

To

The Public Works' Department.
„ Local and Municipal Departments.
„ Surgeon-General with Government.
„ Collector of Malabar.
„ Inspector-General of Police.

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G.O., 30th September 1889, No. 649.

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Royal Artillery Hospital Buildings, Cannanore.

Passing orders regarding the proposed transfer of the—to the local Municipality, and requesting the Chief Engineer, Public Works' Department, to ascertain how the confusions and misapprehensions noticed in connection therewith have arisen.

No. 28985 of October 15, 1889

Comd. to the S.E. IV Circle for full and early explanation on the subject of para 9 of the G.O.

2. The S.E. will further report in whose charge the old Artillery hospital at Cannanore now actually is, and whether it is, and if so by whom occupied.

/sd/ R.K.C.D.B.

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S.E. IV Circle