

Public Works (1898) Department.

G.O., No. 312/60

DATED

5th Dec 98

Quarters for Medical Subordinates attached
to the General Hospital

Des. Public Dept. accepting
with remark, the Surgeon's proposal to abandon
the idea of building ———, Communicated to
the Commr. of the Port & Harbour, and the Commr. of the
Railways. Requested to report whether any part of
"Adam's Dock" will be required for building
the General Hospital, when the E.C.R. is brought
into Madras.

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G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.	G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

CURRENT No. 9079

Order

Communicated to the
Consgr. Architect with reference
to G.O. No 1448 W dated 31st May 1897.
2. The ^{Consgr. Engr & for} Railway Branch will
be requested to report whether
any part of "Adams Park" will
be required in connection with
an extension of the Central Railway
Station, which will presumably
be necessary when the East
Railway ^{Consgr.} is brought into Madras.
When ~~the Railway Branch~~ ^{it has been} has
decided how much, if any, land
will be wanted for Railway pur-
poses, the question of disposing of the
remainder of the site will be taken
into consideration.

The Public Dept
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No. 1310.

Dated 28- 7 - 98

Received

Registered 2-11-58

Enclosures 2. (No less in original).

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SUBJECT.

Accepting the Surgeon General's
proposal to abandon the idea of building
quarters for medical subordinates at the
General Hospital Madras, and
informing him that the abandon-
ment of the scheme, will not be
presumed by him, & free money
for expenditure on other objects
To The C. A. Govt
P. O. D. Rail
C. A. for R. S. Bro

BACK PAPERS.

FURTHER PAPERS.

396, dated 8th October 1937.

I have the honour, under the circumstances explained below, to request a reconsideration of G.O.No.509, dated 4th May 1937 sanctioning the preparation of estimates for quarters for the Medical subordinates attached to the General Hospital, Madras.

2. The plans and estimates amounting to Rs.98,985 have been prepared by the Consulting Architect to Government in accordance with G.O.No.1448 W,dated 31st May 1897, but the Senior Medical Officer in forwarding them for my approval, reports that from the attitude of the subordinates consisting of men of different castes and of different social position and customs, for whom the quarters are designed, it is plain that co-tenancy under the same roof or domestic contract with one another, which such vicinity involves, is highly repugnant to their feelings. When it is remembered that except in the case of the Military Assistant Surgeon and the 4 Hospital Assistants the occupation of the proposed quarters would be optional with the rest of the staff, their attitude as reported by the Senior Medical Officer, is likely to eventually thwart the very object which it is the intention of Government to achieve.

3. Nor is the above the only weighty objection to the carrying out of the proposal. The Consulting Architect (who by the way admits that the arrangement of the buildings even at its best cannot be suitable to the occupants specially if they are to be natives as most of them are and will, in all probability, be) in his last communication on the subject dated 22nd August 1898 considers that the buildings if erected would considerably shout out, from the crowded locality behind, the sea breeze so much appreciated in the hot wether and believes that this would lead to a protest from the residents of the locality. This is a matter for serious consideration.

4. As regards the financial aspect of the question, the Consulting Architect reports that in accordance with the data for calculating rents, the amount of rental which the

estimated

estimated cost of the buildings should yield is as follows:-

Military Assistant Surgeons and Stewards' quarters	Rs. 64 per mensem
Civil Apothecary's quarters	Rs. 47 per mensem
Hospital Assistant's quarters	Rs. 21 per mensem

but the monthly allowances now paid in lieu of quarters being Rs. 45 for the Military Assistant Surgeon and Rs. 8 for each of the Hospital Assistants, Government practically becomes a loser. A similar loss is likely to result in the case of those who would have to occupy the quarters on payment, as it is obvious that the rents which the buildings should ordinarily yield in proportion to the outlay are beyond what men of such status can be reasonably expected to pay.

5. Under these circumstances, it appears to me to be highly inadvisable to carry out the proposal. I would, therefore, recommend that this scheme be kept in abeyance for the present, and the funds sanctioned therefore be diverted to such other purposes as one conducive to the comfort and welfare of the patients.

6. These purposes as suggested by the Senior Medical Officer, with whom I am in accord, are as follows:-

- (1) Lighting the hospital by Electricity
- (2) Proper hot and cold water supply.
- (3) Improvements, and extensions of, the punka pulling apparatus
- (4) Hydraulic lifts.
- (5) Improved and extended accommodation for nurses.
- (6) A new operating theatre (for females) in the present station hospital.
- (7) A photographic room and clinical laboratory with full appliances.

7. Another necessary improvement on which funds thus released could be very usefully expended is what I have already urged on the attention of Government viz., the extension of the General Hospital building on the roof of the station hospital- a work which Government has been unable to sanction on account of financial stress (vide G.O. No. 1004, dated 8th August 1898, Public.)

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G. No. 3207

Public DEPARTMENT.

SUBJECT.

Quarters for medical Subordinates at the General Hospital

FOR ORDERS.

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Since this was in our favor & the paper was in the hands of the S.C. W. for disposal of the matter of the matter.
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The object was to improve the working of the hospital by housing the employees close by. If the S.C. abandons this object, I have no objection to abandoning the building. As to the S.C.'s argument that the building would cut off the sea breeze from private premises behind them, I observe that the land in question was formerly occupied by buildings, & with the adjacent Adams' Park, was bought up & cleared as a site for the new Post & Telegraph Office, which it was afterwards decided to build on the beach. A great deal of money having thus been spent to no purpose, the land has since remained unoccupied. ~~Adams' Park~~ Part of "Adams' Park" may be required for the extension of the Railway Station which will be presumably necessary when the S.C.R. is brought into Madras. The S.C. Dept. should be called on to state requirements in this respect when they have decided how much land they have decided how much land, if the land is wanted for public purposes, the P.W.D. should consider whether there is any possible sort of use to which the remainder of it can be put; and, if not, whether

Please see G.O. 509 Pub, 4-5-97 and the notes & orders therein. It is submitted that the S.C.'s present proposal to abandon the idea of building the quarters is supported by sound arguments & may be accepted.

The S.C. suggest that the money set free by the abandonment of the project may be utilised for other purposes in connection with the General Hospital. He is, however, mistaken in supposing that any funds had been sanctioned for the building. The work is

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following paper:—

Copy attached.

From the Surgeon-General, Madras, No. 396, dated 8th

October 1898.

O R D E R:— No. 1310, dated 28th October 1898.

The Surgeon-General's proposal is accepted. No funds, however, have been allotted for building the proposed quarters, and the abandonment of the scheme will not, therefore, as presumed by the Surgeon-General, set free money for expenditure on other objects.

(True Extract)

Asokanath

for Chief Secretary.

To

The Surgeon-General.

Copy to the Public Works Department with notes in original for favour of necessary action.

included in Class B in the Public Works budget for the current year (item no 139) but is to say it finds a place among the works for which no funds have been allotted. Moreover, even if the S.G.'s present proposal had resulted in setting money free, no action could be taken on his very general vague recommendation in paras 5 & 6 of his circular.

The S.G. may, it is submitted be told that no funds will be set free by his proposal abandonment of his proposal to build quarters, and that in the absence of definite proposals, Govt. cannot take into consideration the various schemes for the improvement of the hospitals which he alludes to.

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It had not better be sold, under such stipulations as seem necessary regarding the style & material of the buildings to be erected thereon. There is no good, that I can see, in keeping unused sites.

BS

This might be omitted.

3rd Nov 1898. Several of his schemes are important under our existing financial conditions & for many years to come must be so.

BS

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