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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department.

23rd September 1867.

No. 189. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Public Works Department, dated 16th September 1867, No. 2871.

Requesting the revision of the estimate
for the re-construction of the Lazaretto } (Vide Proceedings, Public Works De-
at Palliport, with reference to certain } partment, dated 16th September
suggestions. } 1867, Nos. 396—398).

No. 190. ORDER THEREON, 23rd September 1867, No. 1182.

Communicated to the Collector of Malabar, and to the Inspector General,
Medical Department.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

To the Collector of Malabar.

„ Inspector General, Medical Department.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

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16th September 1867.*

Read the following papers:—

No. 396. From the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Coonoor, 24th August 1867, No. 92.

- 1 Plan and Survey.
- 1 Detailed and 1 Abstract Estimate, No. 17, Rupees 9,200.
- 1 Specification.
- 1 Copy of Dr. Whitton's letter, No. 29 of 18th March.

1. I have the honor, with reference to G. O. No. 699 of 8th March, to submit herewith a plan of the Lepcr Hospital at Palliport and survey of its site, showing all proposed improvements and additions according to the accompanying letter

from the Civil Surgeon of Cochin to the Collector of Malabar, of which the latter says that it so thoroughly and carefully enters into all details that he himself has nothing to add thereto.

2. The detailed and abstract estimates of cost, herewith submitted for sanction, amount to Rupees 9,200. I think all that is proposed to be done very judicious, and well worked out; except perhaps as to privies, of which a better plan may be devised from the hints given in Dr. Arnold Smith's late treatise on the subject. If permitted to start the work at once, I am of opinion that nearly half the amount required, or say Rupees 4,200, may be realized by savings on other Civil buildings to be hereafter specified.

From the Civil Surgeon, Cochin, to the Collector of Malabar, dated Cochin, 18th March 1867, No. 29.

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 615, dated the 7th of March 1867, requesting my views on the subject of the proposed re-construction of the Lazaretto at Palliport.

2. I would propose that the walls to the east and west of the two yards, together with the two privies attached to the west of the yards be removed, and that a wall of about two feet high, surmounted with a railing about four feet in height be substituted, a doorway being left to the east of each yard (these doors can be kept closed at night and opened only during the day time).

3. I would also propose the removal of the front, or eastern enclosure, together with the wall enclosing the burying ground. The whole compound might be surrounded with a wall of about two feet, with buttresses and railing between rising six feet.

4. A principal gate might be made in the eastern side of the enclosure, having a lodge at either side, one for the gate-keeper, and the other might be used as a surgery, this will leave the present surgery available as an additional ward, and the entrance to this ward might be placed upon the north instead of its east side, so as to communicate with the men's yard.

5. By this means the whole compound will be available to the patients; at present they are not allowed to go outside the front yard, for there being no enclosure round the compound the patients would be able to stray beyond their proper limits, and thus give considerable offence to the people living in the vicinity. I have always had this object in view, viz., the avoidance of the present system of huddling together, by giving more room to the patients to wander about during the day time, as they may feel inclined, within the limits of the compound.

6. The wells in the centre of the men's and women's yards should be closed, and others constructed within the compound, the water they contain is filthy to a degree, owing to their proximity to the privies.

7. New privies should be built in place of the old ones, which were lately closed. The wards occupied by the patients will do, but the roof is, I am told, in a shocking state, a good deal of the wood-work being rotten, and besides there are several leakages; ventilation has been quite

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lost sight of by the original constructors, when the door and window with which each ward is supplied is closed, as is always the case at night, there is literally no ventilation whatever; this can be remedied when the proposed improvements are being carried out: all that will be required will be to leave an open space of about three inches between the walls and the roof of the building.

Referred to the Public Department, with reference to the Orders in that Department of the 27th February 1867, No. 212.

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

30th August 1867.

No. 397. Memorandum from the Acting Chief Secretary to Government in the Public Department.
(Here enter 2nd September 1867, No. 268.)

No. 398. ORDER THEREON, 16th September 1867, No. 2,871.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 44.

1. With his letter above read the Superintending Engineer of the 7th Division submits, in compliance with the Orders of Government No. 699, of the 8th March 1867, a plan and estimate of Rupees 9,200 for the re-construction of the Lazaretto at Palliport in the Malabar District.

2. The Government approve generally of the proposed improvements, but there are a few points to which they desire to call the attention of the Superintending Engineer.

3. In addition to the proposed eave ventilation, large openings with iron barred frames should be provided in the rear walls of the wards marked A. B. on the plan, and iron bars and shutters should be fitted to all the windows so as to admit of the cells receiving fresh air at night during ordinary weather.

4. The doors should also be iron barred, and fitted with battens to be closed when necessary.

5. The privies should be built in accordance with the plan furnished by Dr. Arnold Smith with the Memorandum which was circulated with G. O. No. 2,357, of the 3rd August 1867, and all the old wells should be permanently closed and new ones provided instead.

6. With these remarks the plan and estimate will be returned to the Superintending Engineer for revision, and as the Government cannot provide funds for the execution of the work during the current official year, the estimate should be submitted for entry in the Budget of 1868-69.

(True Extract.)



Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, with two Estimates, one Specification, and one Plan.
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Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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