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No. 200. Read the following letter from the Sanitary Commissioner for Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 14th March 1868, No. 233.

I have the honor to report, for the information of Government, that in accordance with their Order, No. 275, of the 2nd instant, I inspected on Wednesday (the 11th) the Mauritius Emigration Depot, and conferred with the Acting Agent on the subject of accommodation to be provided, or in course of provision for the emigrants.

2. I found that the three existing sheds are in course of alteration in accordance with instructions conveyed by my predecessor, under date the 23rd and 26th of July 1867.

3. The alterations and improvements in progress, and the projected new buildings are as follow:—The three existing sheds are being raised to 14 feet at the ridge and 10 feet at the eaves, so as to give a mean height of 12 feet, as ordered by the Secretary of State in his Despatch, dated 9th January 1867; each shed is also being enlarged—No. 1 being extended 30 feet to the north, No. 2, 10 feet in the same direction, and No. 3, 10 feet to the south. A fourth shed (110' × 20' × 12') is to be erected to the east on the same alignment as No. 3.

4. A thatched verandah will extend to a distance of 4 feet beyond the eaves of the tiled roof of each shed so as to afford some protection from rain, and if found necessary a low matted wall will be erected to windward in wet weather to protect the occupants from driving rain.

These four sheds will, at the allotment of 24 superficial feet per man, accommodate 408 men, as shown in the margin, and each man will have about 288 cubic feet. As the space, superficial and cubic, has been fixed authoritatively, it is scarcely

Sheds.	Length.	Breadth.	Supl. feet.	Min.
1	130	× 20	= 2,600	108
2	130	× 20	= 2,600	108
3	120	× 20	= 2,400	100
4	110	× 20	= 2,200	92

ly necessary to comment further upon it; but I may say that when the structure of the sheds is taken into consideration, that is their entire openness, together with their position in relation to the prevailing winds and the airiness of the site generally, the inmates are not likely to suffer from the effects of overcrowding, notwithstanding the limited superficial area assigned to each man.

5. The hospital accommodation necessary to the separation of the sexes is to be provided as speedily as possible. The existing male hospital the Agent purposes to assign to the women, and to furnish a tent as a temporary measure for males.

6. The permanent hospital for males is to be erected to the west of the existing hospital, and is to be made to accommodate ten patients with an allotment of 80 superficial feet to each. A small latrine on the dry earth system is to be constructed in the rear of each hospital.

7. The wards for contagious diseases it is proposed to build upon a site removed from the enclosure occupied by the emigrants, on the opposite side of the road about 200 yards to the north-west.

8. A separate shed, at a distance of two miles from Municipal limits, is also proposed, as a quarantine shed, to which all parties of coolies, amongst whom epidemic diseases may prevail, will be taken before being admitted into the general depot

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9. The whole of these arrangements were suggested by my predecessor, and are well calculated to maintain the health of the emigrants themselves, and to protect the inhabitants of the neighbourhood of the depôt.

10. The existing three sheds will, it is anticipated, be finished within the current month, and the new buildings certainly within three months.

No. 201. ORDER THEREON, 27th March 1868, No. 396.

The Governor in Council approves of the arrangements specified in the foregoing letter for the alteration, improvement, and construction of buildings in connection with the Mauritius Emigration Depôt at Madras.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Acting Emigration Agent for the Mauritius Government.

„ Protector of Emigrants.

„ Sanitary Commissioner.

*Mr. 2^o General/1868 No. 9 870.
and February/67—71-72*

*Letter No. 201
Proc. of March*

From

*The Sanitary Commission
for Madras*

*To the Chief Secretary to Govt.
Public Department
Fort St George*

*Dated 14th }
Recd 14th } March 1868*

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*Submits report on the
Mauritius Emigration Depôt
at Madras as called for by
Government.*

*18th March 200.201.
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With an order.

27 March 1868 No 396.

His Excellency in Council
approves of the arrange-
ments specified in the
following letter for the
alteration, improvement
and construction of build-
ings in connection with
the Maritime Emigration
Department at London.

W.D.N.

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for the Maritime Emigration
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