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Public DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.

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Read the following :—

No. 188. Proceedings of a Committee, under the order of His Excellency the Governor of Madras in Council, dated 10th May 1871, assembled to inquire and report whether quarters for the House Surgeon of the Civil Hospital may be provided in the General Hospital itself, where it is believed that, at present, a much larger share of accommodation is assigned to the British Department than is really necessary.

President.—Inspector-General Samuel Currie, C.B., M.D., Inspector-General of Hospitals, British Medical Service.

Members.—Colonel John Carpendale, Secretary to Government, Department of Public Works, and Deputy Inspector-General Edward Balfour, Acting Inspector-General of Hospitals, Indian Medical Department.

The Committee, having assembled and examined the buildings, find that there is room in the General Hospital building to accommodate the Resident Assistant Surgeon, but his location there would necessitate the erection of a cook-room for which there is no convenient site, also his bath-room and other conveniences would be very close to his sitting-room; and his residence within the Hospital building would compel adherence to the rules needed for the care and discipline of the sick.

2. The restraint placed on him by a residence there would be so irksome that, whatever inconveniences there may be in the present quarters, these would be preferred to rooms within the building, and Assistant-Surgeon Brockman himself expressed that opinion.

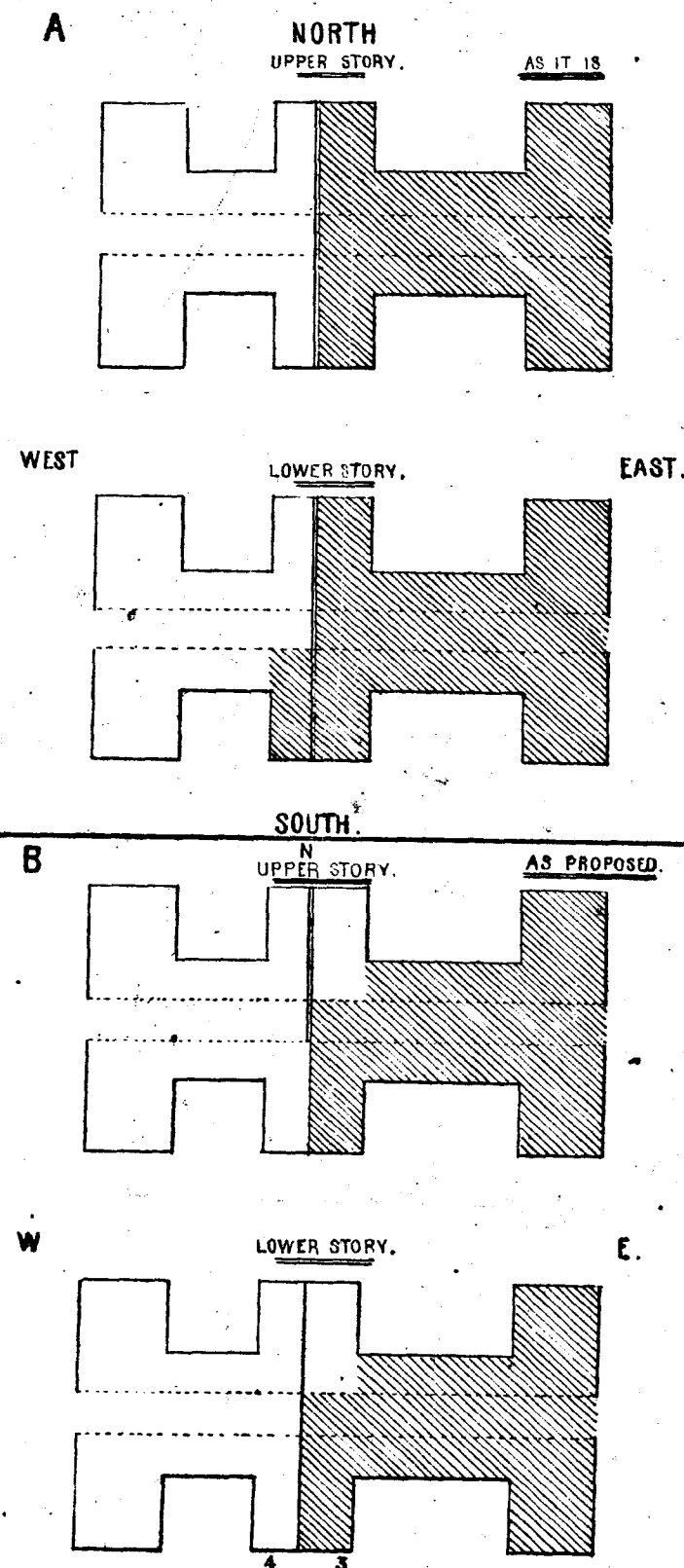
3. The cook-room of the Regimental Hospital is inconveniently near the Resident Assistant Surgeon's quarters, coming quite close to the corner of his house, and, up to the patients' dinner hour, the noise of the cooks and the smell of the cooking are annoying. This could be remedied, at a small expense, by removing the cook-house to the north-east corner of the Hospital grounds in a line with the cook-house of the Civil General Hospital.

4. The only remaining cause of discomfort to the Resident Assistant Surgeon and to the Hospital Sergeant is in the proximity of the latrines of the Medical College. But we are of opinion that, with due care, these could be kept entirely free from all smell. Our inquiries, however, elicited the information that the menial servants of the Medical College are all allotted to respective departments, and that no particular individual has the general superintendence of the latrines. This could be remedied by nominating one of the College coolies to the duty of attending to the sanitary condition of all the out-houses of the Medical College and along the neighbouring banks of the Cooum river.

5. The Hospital Sergeant of the Civil Hospital resides in a bungalow immediately to the west of the Medical College. He complains of indifferent health and that his wife is similarly ailing, and he attributes this to the mal-odours that come from the latrines and dissecting-room and from a small tank to the east of the Medical College. We have expressed our belief that, with due conservancy and care, the latrines and dissecting-room can be kept free from all offensive emanations. The tank gave forth no bad smell whilst we were there, but on inquiry we were informed that annually, in the month of April, the water putrefies and gives out a disagreeable stench for four or five days.

6. The Sergeant's quarters, as also those of the Resident Assistant Surgeon on the extreme south-east of the Hospital, are very inconveniently situated as regards their duties which are in the western half of the building, but the Hospital Sergeant likewise said that he, too, would greatly prefer remaining where he is, to being quartered in the General Hospital.

7. With reference to the remark in the Order of Government that "at present a much larger share of accommodation is assigned to the British Department than is really necessary," we find that the accommodation allotted for the Regimental sick is greater than is needed, and that a portion of it can be transferred for the civil sick who are now cramped for space. We place in the margin two diagrams—A showing the building as it is, and B as we propose it should be, transferring by the change the ward in the upper storey known as "the Ophthalmic Ward;" those immediately below it, in the lower storey, styled the "special wards," and "No. 4" in the lower storey immediately under the Civil Sick Officers' ward. The space thus to be transferred is sufficient to accommodate forty-two European sick.



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8. In the re-arrangements which will be requisite, in order to re-construct the separation of the Civil and Military and to utilize the transferred wards, an alteration will be needed in the line of rails, partition walls will need to be removed in the opthalmic and special wards, and one erected in No. 4. ward.

No. 189. ORDER THEREON, 21st June 1871, No. 895.

His Excellency the Governor in Council approves the proposals of the Committee for the erection of a cook-room for the Military Hospital in juxtaposition with the cook-room of the Civil Hospital, and for the transfer of certain wards of the Military Hospital to the Civil Department.

2. Plans and estimates for these works, as well as for those adverted to in paragraph 8 of the Committee's report, will be called for from the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, through the Public Works Department.

3. An estimate will also be called for for filling up the small tank in the compound of the College.

4. His Excellency in Council does not doubt that the nuisance caused by the latrines and dissecting-room in the vicinity of the Resident Surgeon's and Hospital Sergeant's quarters might be obviated by scrupulous cleanliness. The latrines should be placed under the special control of a servant appropriated for that purpose, who will be under the general supervision of the Hospital Sergeant.

5. The thanks of Government will be conveyed to the Committee for their report.

(True Extract.)

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Public Works Department.

„ Inspector-General, British Medical Service.

„ Inspector-General, Indian Medical Department.

To Colonel J. Carpendale.

Exd. J. Wright.

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Members
Colonel John Harpendale. Secy to Government. Secy to Public Works
Deputy Inspector General Edward Balfour. Acting Insp^r Genl of Hosp^{ls}
Indian Med^l Depart^{mt}

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Govt of 1871 Madras.

PUBLIC.

THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
Secy, &c., &c.

Dated June, 21st.

Recd.

G. O. 21st June 1871. No. 895.

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Passing orders on the report submitted by the
Committee appointed to inquire whether quarters
for the House Surgeon of the Civil Hospital may
be provided in the General Hospital itself.

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3. The Cookroom of the Regimental Hospital is inconveniently near the Resident Assistant Surgeon's quarters, coming quite close to the corner of his house, and up to the patients dinner hour the noise of the cooks and the smell of the cooking are annoying. This could be remedied at a small expense, by removing the Cookhouse to the N. E. Corner of the Hospital grounds in a line with the Cookhouse of the Civil General Hospital.

4. The only remaining cause of discomfort to the Resident Assistant Surgeon and to the Hospital Serjeant, is in the proximity of the latrines of the Medical College. But we are of opinion that, with due care, these could be kept entirely free from all smell. Our inquiries, however, elicited the information that the menial servants of the Medical College, are all allotted to respective departments, and that no particular individual has the general superintendence of the latrines. This could be remedied by nominating

one of the college coolies to the duty of attending to the sanitary condition of all the outhouses of the Medical College, and along the neighbouring banks of the Coorn river.

5. The Hospital Serjeant of the Civil Hospital resides in a bungalow immediately to the West of the Medical College. He complains of indifferent health and that his Wife is similarly ailing and he attributes this to the mal-odours that come from the latrines and dissecting room and from a small tank to the East of the Medical College. We have expressed our belief that with due conservancy and care the latrines and dissecting room can be kept free from all offensive emanations. The tank gave forth no bad smell whilst we were there but on enquiry we were informed that annually in the month of April the water putrefies and gives out a disagreeable stench for four or five days.

6. The Serjeant's quarters, as also those of the Resident Assistant Surgeon on the extreme S. East of the hospital, are very inconveniently situated as regards their duties which are in the Western half of the building, but the hospital Serjeant likewise, said that he, too, would greatly prefer remaining

I would call for plan & estimate
for a cook room to be erected for the
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thinking that the nuisance which is
caused by the vicinity of the latrine
disputing room of the College might be
obviated by scrupulous cleanliness, the
nuisance for the town is caused by the
state of the General Hospital. The
small tank in the compound of the
College should be filled up. It makes
a bad smell at a certain season of the
year is unsightly.

I would approve of the proposals
of the Committee for the transfer
of certain wards of the Military
Hospital to the Civil Dept. &
call for an estimate of the
cost of the arrangements contemplated.

If the quarters of the House
Surgeon & the Hospital Sergeant
continue to be noisome & unsuitable some
steps towards the relief afforded
by the removal of the kitchen
steps must eventually be taken for the
construction of new quarters.

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of a servant appointed for that
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to the House
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Hospital Sergeant
may be done.

N.
J. O.

12/5
1871

submitting their
report on the subject of
provision for the house
of the Civil Hospital being
provided in the General
Hospital itself.

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Public Works Department
The Committee appointed
under G.O. dated 10th
May 1871 No. 614. dated
10.895-21 June/71
N. 414.

For order

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report.

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Public Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MARDAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from

the Committee appointed
under G.O. dated 10th
May 1871 No. 614. dated

Order thereon. No. 895-21 June/71.

His Excellency the
Governor in Council ap-
proves the proposals of
the Committee for the
erection of Cook Room for
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fer of certain wards of
the Military Hospital to
the Civil Department.

J. P. S.

2. Plans and Estimates for these works, as well as for those adverted to in paragraph 8 of the Committee's report, will be called for from the Superintending Engineer 4th Division, thro' the P. W. Department.

3. The Estimate will be called for filling up the small tank in the Compound of the College.

4. His Excellency in Council ~~thinks~~ ^{is of opinion} that the nuisance caused by the Latrines and dissecting room in the vicinity of the Resident Surgeon and Hospital Sergeant ~~is to be removed~~

Quarters might be obviated by scrupulous cleanliness. The Latrines shall be placed under the special control of a servant ~~appointed~~ ^{appropriately} for that purpose, who will be under the general supervision of the Hospital Sergeant.

5. The thanks of Govt. will be conveyed to the Committee for their report.

J. B.

To
The P. W. Dept.
" Insp. Genl British Medicine
" Insp. Genl I. Med. Dept.
" Col. J. Carpendale
" Military Department dated 10/1/22

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*Following order of the
Committee appointed by the
Legislative Assembly
for the House Surgeon
The Civil Hospital may
be provided in the ground
Hospital itself.*

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