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[Despatch Abstract.]

*Utilization of the ac-
commodation available
in the hospitals at
St. John's Hospital & Poona
Hospital for the sick of
the garrison of Fort
St. John —*

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READ AGAIN ORDER OF GOVERNMENT, DATED
18, No. , MISCELLANEOUS.

ENCLOSURES.

CURRENT No.

STATEMENT WITH DITTO.

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MILITARY DEPARTMENT, 19TH OCTOBER 1892, No. 6639.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

Accommodation for Troops—European.

Read the following papers:—

- No. 18. From Brigadier-General E. H. EYRE, Quarter Master General, Madras Army, to Brigadier-General H. R. HOPE, Secretary to Government, Military Department; dated Ootacamund, 6th July 1892, No. 1343-MW (Accommodation for Troops—European).

With reference to the correspondence noted in the margin, relating to the possibility of surrendering that portion of the General Hospital building at Madras used as a Station Hospital for the garrison of Fort St. George by the utilization to a greater extent of the hospital accommodation available at St. Thomas' Mount and Poonamallee, I am desired by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief to state that having caused this scheme to be fully considered by a Committee assembled at Madras, and after consultation with the Principal Medical Officer, Her Majesty's Forces, he is satisfied that it can be carried out with great advantage, and he therefore has directed me to submit the same for the favorable consideration of the Government with his strong recommendation for its adoption at an early date.

His Excellency's proposals are as follows:—

(a) That the existing Station Hospital in Madras be surrendered and that all the sick of the garrison of Fort St. George be distributed between the two hospitals at St. Thomas' Mount and Poonamallee, which, when fully equipped, will afford about 40 beds in excess of the average daily requirements, serious cases of illness, such as acute fevers, dysentery and enteric, being treated in the former, while all trivial cases and all venereal affections should be sent for treatment to Poonamallee.

(b) That the women and children of the Fort St. George garrison should, under the sanction of the Government, be treated in the General Hospital, Madras, at military rates when their cases are of such a nature as cannot be treated in the Female Hospital at St. Thomas' Mount.

(c) For the reception of such cases as might be unable to bear the journey to St. Thomas' Mount, sick detained pending transfer, and emergent cases of illness, it will be necessary to erect a small detention ward for 11 beds, with another of 4 beds for contagious or infectious diseases, &c., together with their subsidiary buildings on a site to be subsequently fixed upon. The estimated cost of this

Detention hospital with its subsidiary building is Rs. 70,440. The site probably most convenient and desirable would be that where the Women and Children's civil hospital was proposed to be erected.

(d) The sick from the garrison of Fort St. George would be conveyed every evening by the South Indian Railway to St. Thomas' Mount, and from thence those destined for Poonamallee would continue their journey in sick carts. Men discharged from hospital on recovery would in like manner be brought back to Madras in the morning over the South Indian Railway. These men would receive a breakfast ration before starting, as they could not reach Madras before 10 A.M. The cost of conveying the sick to, and the discharged men from, the hospitals at St. Thomas' Mount and Poonamallee is calculated as follows:—

	Initial cost.	Annual for upkeep, &c.
	RS.	RS.
Railway charges	...	...
Ambulance tongas and bullocks	...	800
Extra breakfast rations	6,160	1,472
	...	150

(e) The present medical establishment doing duty at the Station Hospital, Madras, would be distributed between the two hospitals at St. Thomas' Mount and Poonamallee.

The total cost therefore involved by His Excellency's proposals is —

	Initial.	Annual.
	RS.	RS.
(1) Cost of new buildings	70,440	1,420 (for repairs).
(2) " conveyance by rail	...	800
(3) " " by road	6,160	1,472
(4) Extra rations	...	150
Total	76,600	3,842

Thus the probable nett gain to the Government by not having to build the new Women and Children's (civil) hospital would be the sum the Government proposed to expend out of Provincial funds on the construction of that building.

No. 219. To the Quarter Master General, Madras Army; dated 13th August 1892, No. 5039.

No. 220. From Brigdr.-Genl. E. H. EYRE, Quarter Master General, Madras Army, to Brigdr.-Genl. H. R. HOPE, Secretary to Government, Military Department; dated Ootacamund, 7th September 1892, No. 1793-MW (Accommodation for Troops — European).

In reply to your letter, No. 5039 of the 13th ultimo, I am directed by the Commander-in-Chief to state, for the information of Government, that in His Excellency's opinion the proposed scheme for the transference of the Station Hospital from Madras offers the benefit of a less crowded locality, purer air, more cheerful hospital and better sites for the treatment of sick, while the medical warrant officers and the Army hospital native corps will have quarters nearer their duty, and above all the separation of the military from the civil patients, who are at present under the same roof. I am to add, moreover, that Poonamallee possesses the advantage of a particularly salubrious climate.

2. As desired in your letter above quoted, I have the honour to enclose the marginally-noted papers on the subject.

- (1) Proceedings of a Committee assembled on 29th March, 1st and 5th April 1892, with one statement from Chief Commissariat Officer, dated April 1892.
 - (2) Estimate of cost of buildings.
 - (3) Proceedings of a Committee assembled on 27th May and 1st June 1892, with two statements from Chief Commissariat Officer, dated 10th May 1892.
 - (4) Proceedings of a Committee assembled on 31st May 1892.
 - (5) Three tracings.
3. It will be observed that no mention is made in any of the Committee's proceedings of the site for the Detention hospital at Madras referred to in my letter, No. 1343-MW of 6th July 1892, to your address, clause (c), viz., that whereon the Women and Children's civil hospital was proposed to be erected, and this is apparently due to the fact of the Committee's being unaware that it is available for the purpose. His Excellency, however, considers that this site is probably the most convenient and desirable one for the proposed Detention hospital, which, moreover, under the recent decision of the Government of India, embodied in Proceedings of Madras Government, No. 5204 of the 22nd ultimo, is available for building purposes.

No. 221. With report from Controller of Military Accounts; dated 28th September 1892, No. 861-G.

No. 6214.

Referred to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief for favour of remarks with advertence to para. 3 of the report from the Controller of Military Accounts. A very early reply is solicited.

(By Order.)

(Signed) H. R. HOPE, Brigdr.-Genl.,
Secretary to Government.

OOTACAMUND,
4th October 1892.
To the Quarter Master General.

No. 222. From Brigadier-General E. H. EYRE, Quarter Master General, Madras Army, to Brigdr.-Genl. H. R. HOPE, Secretary to Government, Military Department; dated Ootacamund, 6th October 1892, No. 1991-A (Accommodation for Troops — European).

I am desired to return, herewith, the correspondence referred, with Military Department memo. No. 6214, dated 4th instant, in regard to the transfer of the Station Hospital from Madras to St. Thomas' Mount and Poonamallee, and to remark that, as pointed out by the Controller of Military Accounts, the calculations of the Committee * in connection with the cost of the railway journeys of sick details, &c., from Madras to St. Thomas' Mount and vice versa were made on the assumption that the reserved 2nd-class compartment required each day would be charged for at ordinary tariff (2nd-class) rates, and that a reserved compartment to admit of lying-down accommodation being provided would be necessary for both the forward and return journeys. The State, however, pays 3rd-class rates for 2nd-class accommodation supplied for troops according to the number of seats required, the ordinary tariff (2nd-class) rates being charged for families. Besides, as observed by the Controller, lying-down accommodation would only be necessary for the journey from Madras to St. Thomas' Mount, ordinary accommodation being sufficient for the return, as only details in health need be considered in the latter case. The calculation made by the Controller of Military Accounts would therefore more correctly represent the probable annual cost on account of railway fares.

* Vide Proceedings, dated 27th May and 12th June 1892.

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No. 223.

ORDER THEREON, 19th October 1892, No. 6639.

The Government of India will be addressed.

No. 224.

To the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department;
dated 19th October 1892, No. 6640.

(True Extract.)



Brigdr.-Genl.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Public Department.

Exd. T. K. Narayana Aiyangar.

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Accommodation for Troops—
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Sick of the Garrison of Fort St. George.—
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