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To
The Surgeon Genl
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SUBJECT.

Directing the Consulting
Physician to submit an
estimate for improving
the Medical Stores Dept.
and referring to the Govt
of India the question
whether Provincial funds
should continue to bear
the charge of providing
accommodation for the
medical stores.

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Secretary

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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Letter from the Consulting Architect to Government, No 43
dated 30-11-96. —

I have the honour to inform you, that this morning
at the urgent request of Surgeon Major Carruthers, I did visit
him, examine into the condition of the premises used as the
Government Medical Store, and office of the Medical Store
Keeper to Government.

2 I have to report to you that nearly every room is sa-
turated with water owing to the late very heavy rain, which
the roofs have failed to keep out — in fact water stood in
the lint and field box stores so deep that we had occasion
in places to step upon bricks which had been placed in the
puddles: — the water which reached these stores had percolated
through the roof and the upper floor.

3 Surgeon Major Carruthers has evidently been put to
great straits, to find dry places for the most valuable of
the stores (and they are ^{extremely} valuable) under his charge. He has
placed tarpaulins over his almirahs but even this has
not availed since, when opening an almirah in my
presence and taking out a box of valuable instruments, water
poured from it. He has explained to me that at present
not aware what damage has been done. I saw many
medical books which looked as if they had been in

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Mr. P. J. ...

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Secretary

These buildings constituted part of the old mint. The walls are thick and solid the roof and floor timbers I have examined, but the doors, shutters, Chowkies &c. are strong and serviceable; I am of opinion that the present ten-
sioning would protect in ordinary rains, where intermittent sunshine would allow it to dry at intervals. But I am of opinion that the kind of property stored, and to be stored, is too valuable to chance another visitation such as we have lately endured. I consider that a strong 18 B.W.G. roof should be placed over all - the existing timbers in roofs and floors being intimately examined. Pandals in certain places on weather side exposed walls must be erected.

But Surgeon Major Carruthers has pointed out to me that in his opinion the position of the store is a bad one, it is not central, and most inconvenient, he has asked me if any other building is available, and he has mentioned especially the old Women and Children's Hospital. I am not aware of any suitable building nor do I know if the Women and Children's Hospital or any portion of it, and any part of the Compound could be spared for a medical store or to build one on. It should be mentioned that this site lies low.

I beg that you would kindly inform me what you would wish me to do in this matter.

Letter from the Government of India Military Department, No 5 N.W. Dated 15-12-96

I am

I am directed to forward the letter noted in No 5957, dated 1st the margin, from the Director-General Indian December 1896. (Return requested).

Medical Service reporting that the building occupied by the Medical Store Depot, Madras Command, is leaking seriously and is also unsafe, and to request that, under the orders of His Excellency the Governor in Council, the Government of India may be favored, at an early date with a report thereon, and on the measures adopted for the protection of the Stores.

Proceedings Public Department, No 20 dated 9th January 1897.

Order thereon No 218 N.W. 23rd January 1897

The Consulting Architect will with the least possible delay, submit an estimate for improving the Medical Store Depot in the manner suggested in his letter No 4377 dated 30th November 1896.

2. The question whether Provincial funds should continue to bear the charge of providing accommodation for the Medical stores will be referred to the Government of India (True Extract)

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Consulting Architect to

Government

Public Department

Colonel R E

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