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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
20th December 1872.*

No. 125. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 5th December 1872, No. 2327 :—

Read the following letter from W. F. GRAHAME, Esq., Acting Collector of Ganjam, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Berhampore, 11th November 1872, No. 1,950 :—

I HAVE the honour to enclose copy of a letter No. 164, dated 11th ultimo, from the Special Assistant Agent, bringing to notice that the newly completed Subsidiary Jail Hospital at Russellkonda is far from being in a state to suit the purpose for which it was erected, and urging the necessity of its improvement. I request that the Board will be pleased to take the necessary steps for having the requisite change made at as early a date as possible, as from Captain Smith's letter the matter seems to call urgently for speedy action.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From Captain J. SMITH, Junior Assistant Collector of Russellkonda, to the Acting Collector of Ganjam, dated 11th October 1872, No. 164.

I HAVE the honour to report that on the morning of 8th instant, I received charge from Mr. Lever, the Assistant Engineer, of the new Subsidiary Jail buildings that have been lately attached to the Tahsildar's Cutcherry. They were all in good order. The yard wants cleaning up and levelling, which I will shortly have done by the convicts in the Jail here. It is placed under the Tahsildar of Gumsur.

2. I would draw your attention to the unsuitability for its purpose of the building called a Hospital. It is in one corner of the yard, tiled with a partition like that in a horse's stable to divide the male stall from the female stall (I cannot call them wards) and perfectly open in front like a stable, and that open front is to the north. In the rains the rooms are more than half flooded, as I saw them last week. In the hot weather there would be much less shelter than a good tree; and in the cold weather (and Russellkonda is very cold indeed in December and January) the patients would simply perish with the cold winds blowing in on them from the north.

3. Mr. Lever represented all this before the buildings were erected, and suggested and estimated for a wall and a couple of doors in the front, but he was not attended to I suppose because it was not the authorized plan. I cannot take charge of a building of the kind without representing what I think such a glaring defect, in hopes that something may be done to close it in before any lives are lost from cold, heat, or wet.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) T. SEVARAMIAH,
Treasury Deputy-Collector,
for Acting Collector.

THIS letter will be submitted to Government with the request that general orders may be issued for remedying the defects in the Sub-Jail Hospitals.

2. The buildings which have been provided in many places for this purpose are utterly unfit for the accommodation of sick persons in any climate especially in Russellkonda where the extremes of heat and cold are very great.

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3. The Collector will cause an estimate to be prepared for enclosing the building in question and for raising the floor and will submit it for early sanction.
(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Secretary.

No. 126.

ORDER THEREON, 20th December 1872, No. 1677.

It was distinctly stated in G. O., dated the 26th May 1871, that the sick shed attached to Subsidiary Jails "was not designed for a Hospital, but merely to provide shelter for any sudden cases of disease which it may be deemed desirable to isolate from the Subsidiary Jail, which is not provided with medicines or medical attendance."

"It was considered advisable to have the shed airy; but, if it be found to be too much so, the shed may be closed partially with honeycomb work."

2. This Order was communicated to the Revenue and Public Works Departments and to the several Magistrates in the Provinces, and should have been brought to Mr. Grahame's notice by his office subordinates when the Assistant Agent's letter was received.

3. The necessary orders will now be issued in the Public Works Department to close the shed so as to make it fit for occupation at all seasons of the year.

4. Inquiry will also be made in that Department why the shed was "more than half-flooded" during the rains, and who is the Officer responsible for erecting the building on a site liable to be flooded.

(True Extract.)


Chief Secretary.

To the Public Works Department.
" Revenue Department. ✓
" Board of Revenue.
" Acting Magistrate of Ganjam.

Exd. A. S. Rodgers.

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

Dated December, 20th.

Recd. January 8th

Encl.

G. O., 20th December 1872, No. 1677.

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Requesting the Public Works Department to issue orders to close the sick shed attached to the Sub-Jail at Russelcondah so as to make it fit for occupation at all seasons of the year, and to make inquiry why the shed was "more than half-flooded", during the rains and who is the Officer responsible for erecting the building on a site liable to be flooded.

Commnd to the
Board of Revenue

9 Jan'y 73

Ed. A. S. Rodgers.

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