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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
16*th April* 1869.

No. 366. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Judicial Department :—

Approving of the proposed Standard Plan of a Dead-house, and the list of furniture required for the purpose, and sanctioning the erection of Dead-houses, according to the Standard Plan, at certain stations.	(Here enter 5th April 1869, No. 545.)

No. 367. ORDER THEREON, 16th April 1869, No. 1,046.

Miscellaneous.

COMMUNICATED to the Revenue Board.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. WELLESLEY,
Acting Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, with Proceedings Judicial Department, No. 545.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated April, 1869.

Read.

G. O., 16th April 1869, No. 1,046.

Read.

APRIL.

Nos. 333-337.

Dead-houses.—Order approving the proposed Standard Plan, and authorising the Collectors of certain districts to procure the sites necessary for them, communicated to Board of Revenue.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,

5th April 1869.

Read again Proceedings of Government, dated 9th December 1868, No. 1859.

Read also the following papers:—

No. 68. From the Magistrate of Malabar, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Calicut, 19th January 1869, No. 3.

In continuation of my letter of the 20th October 1868,* No. 151, I have the honor to report on the accommodation for holding *post-mortem* examinations existing at Manantoddi and Cannanore.

* Recorded in G. O., dated 9th December 1868, No. 1859.

The reports on the subject from the Deputy Magistrate of Wynaad and Cantonment Magistrate were received only recently.

2. *Manantoddi.*—The accommodation at this station is very poor. The veranda of the Hospital is used for the purpose much to the inconvenience of the operators and hospital patients. A proper Dead-house will be secured when the improvements to the Civil Hospital are arranged for.

3. *Cannanore.*—There is a good airy Dead-house in the rear of the Garrison Hospital, quite separated from the main building. It belongs to a private proprietor, who is reported to have made sundry improvements to the building at the request of the Garrison Surgeon.

A good table covered with lead, and a punkah six feet long, are said to be much required. Dr. Blacklock thus explains the necessity for the latter: "The bodies sent here are often brought from places many miles distant, and are extremely offensive. One received on 24th of last month had been dead forty-six hours, had been buried, disinterred, and carried twenty miles to the Garrison Dead-room. The rush of offensive gases from it during the examination was almost too much for my Assistant and myself to bear.

"A punkah would have been of great service."

4. I request sanction for a table covered with lead, and the suspension of a punkah, as requested by Dr. Blacklock. I await the orders passed on the reference to the Medical Department in G. O., dated 9th December 1868, No. 1859, before applying for furniture elsewhere.

5. *Ponani.*—If a Medical Subordinate is permanently entertained at Ponani, a Dead-house will have to be built there; but I do not think it necessary to provide one until it is determined, whether or no a Dresser is likely to be entertained there.

No. 69. From the Magistrate of Malabar, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Calicut, 18th March 1869, No. 33.

In my letter of the 20th October last, No. 151, recorded in G. O., dated 9th December 1868, No. 1859, I brought to notice the desirability of speedily providing accommodation, at Cochin, for the examination of corpses brought by the Police.

2. I have since learned with surprise that the small shed, I referred to as that in which the examinations were conducted, is in fact the Police Hospital Cook-room, and of course the practice of occasionally placing corpses in it has been interdicted.

3. There is an old store-room between the Police Hospital and Police Station, which will be used as necessity arises, but it is most desirable a proper Dead-house should be provided at Cochin, without delay.

No. 70. From the Collector of Nellore, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Nellore, 6th February 1869, No. 274.

With reference to paragraph 2 of Government Order, Judicial Department, dated 31st August last, No. 1343, I have, in consultation with the Zillah Surgeon, selected from Government lands set apart for building purposes a triangular piece of land lying between the old Dornal road and the road leading to the gallows as a suitable site for the erection of a Dead-house. And as there is to be a Standard Plan for the whole Presidency, and it is possible that sometime may elapse before the details of this plan are finally settled, I requested the Assistant Engineer to prepare a plan and estimate for a temporary Dead-house.

2. The plan and estimate he has been kind enough to furnish me with, I now do myself the honor to submit for consideration. The necessity of the measure is great. The corpses under examination are kept within a few feet of the patients in the Dispensary. The temporary building will serve hereafter as a store-shed during the erection of the permanent structure. The cost of the proposed building may be met from the Public Works Budget. And as the cost is small, I trust that the Government will be pleased to sanction the proposed expenditure, and favor me with the requisite orders, at an early date.

No. 71. From the Magistrate of Coimbatore, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Coimbatore, 24th February 1869, No. 14.

At the instance of the Civil Surgeon, I have the honor to forward a list of furniture required for the Dead-house at Coimbatore, together with an estimate of the probable cost of the same, and to request sanction for the amount thereof, viz., Rupees 52.

List of furniture required for the Dead-house at Coimbatore.

1. Stout table of wood or masonry, 3 feet from the ground, surface 3 feet by 8, and coated with lead.
2. Two large buckets of galvanized tin or iron.
3. One basin for handwashing.
4. One chair and small teapoy.

COIMBATORE,
11*th February* 1869.

(Signed) W. F. DAVIS, M. D.,
Civil Surgeon.

No. 284.

Estimate herewith forwarded as requested in Collector's letter, No. 25, of 12th February, amounting to Rupees 52.

A table of a length of 8 feet cannot be introduced into the Dead-house, the building being only 10 feet long by 8 feet broad; a table of 7 feet in length has been provided for, which is the utmost admissible.

22*nd February* 1869.

(Signed) K. D. ROBERTS,
Asst. Engineer.

No. 72. From the Inspector General, Indian Medical Department, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Fort Saint George, 8th March 1869, No. 89.

With reference to paragraph 2 of the Order of Government, Judicial Department, No. 1859, of the 9th December last, and adverting to your Under Secretary's docket noted in the margin, I have the

No. 79 of 3rd March 1869.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
5th April 1869.

honor to forward, for submission to Government, the accompanying Standard plan of a Dead-house for Police Hospitals; on the left-hand side of which will be found a list of furniture to be provided, and a specification of Dissection table.

No. 73. Proceedings of Government, Public Works Department.

A Standard plan of Dead-house prepared in communication with the Inspector General, Indian Medical Department, ordered to be circulated to all Superintending Engineers for adoption, and for the submission of the necessary estimates. (Dated 19th March 1869, No. 905).

No. 74. ORDER THEREON, 5th April 1869, No. 545.

His Excellency the Governor in Council approves and sanctions the proposed Standard plan of a Dead-house, and the list of furniture required for the purpose.

2. He also sanctions the erection of Dead-houses, according to the Standard plan, at—

Bellary,	Chingleput,
Vizagapatam,	St. Thomas' Mount,
Combaconum,	Cochin,
Masulipatam,	Chicacole,
Guntoor,	Chitterpore, and
Poolachy,	Tinnevelly,

and the repair of the Dead-house at Manargoody.

3. The Dead-house at Nellore, for which sanction was granted in G. O., dated the 31st August last, No. 1343, if not already completed, will be built according to the Standard plan.

4. If the Dead-house at Coimbatore has not already been commenced, the Standard plan will be adopted, instead of the plan approved of in G. O., dated the 28th October last, No. 1650; and the cost of the building defrayed from the Public Works Budget.

5. It is observed from G. O., Public Works Department, dated the 19th instant, No. 905, that the Superintending Engineers have been called upon to submit estimates of the Dead-houses required at the several stations referred to in paragraph 2.

6. The furniture required will be provided by the Magistrates of the districts in which the houses are built, and the cost thereof charged in their respective Contingent bills.

7. The Collectors of Tanjore, Kistna, Madras, and Tinnevelly, are authorized to procure the sites necessary for the Dead-houses, sanctioned in their districts.

8. Doctor Blacklock's application, for the suspension of a punkah in the Dead-house at Cannanore, will be referred to the Inspector General, Indian Medical Department, for report.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Public Works Department.
" Inspector General, Indian Medical Department. with Standard plan.
" Magistrate of do.
" Accountant General, do.
" Revenue Department, do.
" Inspector General of Police,

Exd. J. Wright.

Govt. of India.

JUDICIAL.

To No. 1202.

THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

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Dated April, 5th.

Read 14th " Encl.

G. O., 5th April 1869, No. 515.

APPR.
Nos. 68–72.

Approving of the proposed Standard Plan of a Dead-house, and the list of furniture required for the purpose, and sanctioning the erection of Dead-houses, according to the Standard Plan, at certain stations.

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