

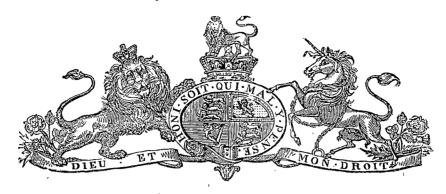
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GENERAL HOSPITAL.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT.

Laid upon the Table by Mr. Colonial Treasurer, and ordered by the House to be printed, 30 August, 1860.



Colonial Secretary's Office, 22nd August, 1860.

Sir.

I have the honor to enclose a Memorandum of the Board of Management of the General Hospital, containing a list of additions and alterations required for that Establishment; and I have to request that the same may be forwarded to the Board of Works for an estimate of the cost, and that you will submit an application to the Parliament to make provision for the necessary means for carrying out the Works.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your very obedient Servant,

WM. HENTY.

The Honorable the Colonial Treasurer.

Referred to the Director of Public Works.

F. M. INNES.

23rd August, 1860.

30 August, 1860.

The probable cost of additions and alterations required to be carried out by the Board of Management of the General Hospital at that Establishment is estimated at £6500; and that amount has been inserted in the Statement of Moneys proposed to be submitted to the Parliament for provision by Loans Eills, and now in the hands of the Treasurer.

W. R. FALCONER, Director of Public Works.

The Honorable the Treasurer.

Colonial Hospital, Liverpool-street, 17th August, 1860.

Sir,

THE gentlemen appointed by the Government as the Board of Management of the General Hospital in Liverpool-street, and of the Invalid Establishment known as "The Brickfields," entered upon their office from the first of the year, and proceeded forthwith to an investigation of the accommodation and arrangements of the various buildings.

They found them greatly overcrowded, and insufficiently supplied with conveniences and appliances; some parts also much out of repair.

Some minor details at the Hospital and at the Brickfields have been effected by the Government; but other larger works are imperatively required to afford additional space, and effect other sanitary improvements which they now proceed to detail, presuming that, from the expense that must necessarily be incurred, an application to Parliament may probably be required.

MALE HOSPITAL.

Repairs and alterations of Dispensary and Waiting-room.

Conversion of the present kitchen for the Female division into quarters for the Dispenser, and the erection of a new Kitchen, which, if properly constructed, would be ample enough for both Male and Female Hospitals,—the existing arrangements being very inadequate as regards the Male division.

The continuation of the Verandah along the entire front of the Dispensary.

The erection of quarters for the Resident Surgeon.

Reroofing the Male Hospital, and the repairing the reservoirs on the roof. The supply of water is not at present sufficiently ample for the wants of the Establishment.

Two of the apartments for the reception of special cases require increased ventilation.

Laying on the water to the boiler in the Laundry, and improvement to the Sink, and the drainage to the Creek.

Laying on the Gas throughout the Hospital.

A new Provision Store for issues to both Male and Female Hospitals is requisite, the present room being totally inadequate.

Repairs and enlargement of the quarters of the Steward and Matron.

Enclosing with glass the verandah and balcony at the back of the Male Hospital, space will thus be obtained for a day room, now wanting. The closets on the balcony to be converted into waterclosets; and the small closets at present used as storerooms, into bathrooms.

Painting the interior of the Hospital.

FEMALE HOSPITAL.

Being much overcrowded, additions were contemplated in this division; but the application made through the Government for the buildings and site occupied by the Comptroller-General and Sheriff's departments having been successful, alterations only to increase the size of the wards, improve the ventilation, and pull down some of the older parts, will now be required, in addition to laying on the gas, and sundry repairs, &c.

In the meantime about thirty of the inmates have been removed to the Cascade Factory, as a temporary measure.

Similar alterations and minor repairs will be required at the buildings transferred by the Comptroller-General, in order to render them suitable for the reception of patients.

BRICKFIELDS DEPOT.

At the Invalid Depôt more accommodation is urgently needed, a large number of cases now treated in the Hospital being more suited to such an Institution; and by their presence in the Hospital they exclude sick patients.

The Board would recommend accommodation for Fifty more Invalids, and the conversion of the Superintendent's present quarters into wards.

The erection of a house for the Superintendent, at the rear of the present buildings.

The repair of the drain under the Superintendent's quarters.

The conversion of the present smoking-room into a wash-house and bath-room; and making the open shed, in the centre of the yard, a smoking and reading-room.

The boarding of the ceiling of the cook-house, the erection of an oven, and the insertion of another window in this room.

A new floor in the Hospital kitchen, and repairs to the roof, &c.

The erection of verandahs along the fronts of the wards on the eastern and western sides of the quadrangle, and porches before the doors on the northern side.

Additional windows are required in all the wards for increased ventilation, and the cells require certain alterations.

The Board also recommend that, if found practicable, both gas and water should be laid on to the Establishment.

The whole of the buildings require to be freshly painted, or coated with coal tar, or with lime and the lees of oil,—the latter perhaps being preferable, as inexpensive, and more cheerful in its appearance than coal tar.

It is desirable, also, that trees should be planted within the Quadrangle, and that the unoccupied land in front be enclosed with a post and rail fence.

We have the honor to be,

Sır,

Your obedient Servants,

WM. HENTY, Chairman.

JOHN REGAN.

S. SHEEHY.

H. COOK.

W. BENSON.

GEO. HUTTON.

A. KISSOCK.

D. LEWIS.

T. M'DOWELL.

C. M. MAXWELL.

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The Hon. the Colonial Treasurer.