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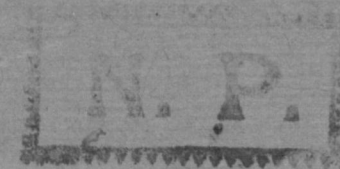
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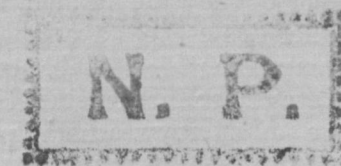
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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

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Read—the following papers :—

I

G.O., No. 782, Educational, dated 21st November 1908.

ABSTRACT.—Informing the Committee of the Lawrence Asylum, Ootacamund, that the Asylum buildings need not be insured against fire.

II

G.O., No. 483, Educational, dated 19th August 1909.

Read—the following paper :—

Letter—from the Rev. W. H. G. PADFIELD, M.A., Principal and Secretary, Lawrence Asylum, Ootacamund.

To—the Secretary to Government, Educational Department (through the Director of Public Instruction).

Dated—Lovedale, the 6th/8th July 1909.

No.—C. 1016.

In paragraph 2 of G.O., No. 782, Educational, dated 21st November 1908, orders were issued to the Public Works Department to ascertain what provision it was necessary to make for the adequate protection from fire of the Lawrence Asylum buildings and their inmates.

2. The Executive Engineer accordingly drew up estimates providing for four stair-cases from the upper floor of the male branch, where the boys all sleep, to the ground, for eight Merryweather fire-escapes available for a height of 26 feet and a ninth reaching to 50 feet, and for 27 portable extinguishers. The total cost was Rs. 14,000. The Executive Engineer further stated that he was drawing up separate estimates for installing one of Merryweather's petrol-driven pumps capable of delivering 350 gallons a minute which he proposed to locate at the swimming-bath, and for connecting this bath with the pipes of the ordinary domestic supply, so that the latter might also be available at the bath in case a big fire broke out. He gave no forecast of what these additional suggestions would cost.

3. These proposals were considered on the spot by a Sub-Committee of the Asylum Committee consisting of Sir Frederick Price, K.C.S.I., Major-General H. E. Penton, the Collector and the Principal, which came to the conclusion that, in the present state of its funds, and with so many other matters pressing for attention, the Asylum could not afford so heavy an outlay. The Sub-Committee accordingly reduced the four stair-cases from the upper storey to two; substituted, for the two omitted, emergency exit doors, opening outwards on pressure, leading through two places in the quarters of the staff to staircases now used by the staff; provided one fire-escape as an additional safeguard for these upper storeys; and omitted the 27 additional extinguishers on the considerations that the Asylum already possessed 12 and that the boys were drilled to the use of these. The Sub-Committee's suggestions were approved by the Committee at its meeting on the 21st May 1909.

4. The possibility of erecting a water tank in the tower at the Asylum were considered and rejected in the papers read in G.O., No. 2274 W., dated 22nd August 1890, the tower being declared too weak to carry such a weight. The hydrant referred to in those papers were apparently put in (the Asylum records are so defective that it is not possible to make sure) for a hydrant exists in the courtyard, but in practice this is useless, as for some reason the head of water at it is very slight.

5. The whole question of the increase of the supply of water to the Asylum will have to be considered at no distant date, as at present the supply is sometimes seriously defective in the dry months. Probably waste and other defects would most easily be prevented by raising the bund of the reservoir and substituting piping for the existing open channel, and were this done a large quantity of water under a considerable head would be available, sufficient hydrants and hose would render the buildings safe from even a big fire. Until this matter has been gone into, the proposals mentioned in paragraph 3 above will, it is submitted, suffice, and to instal an expensive pump to raise water which may eventually be brought down under a sufficient head in pipes would appear to be a waste of money.

6. I beg therefore to submit, for the approval of Government, plans and estimates, countersigned by the Superintending Engineer, for carrying out the works mentioned in paragraph 3 above. These amount in all to Rs. 4,200.

Encl. N. Ref. Cur. No. 4794, dated 24th July 1909.

Submitted.

A. G. BOURNE,
Director of Public Instruction.

Order—No. 483, Educational, dated 19th August 1909.

The proposals submitted by the Committee of the Lawrence Asylum and detailed in paragraph 3 of the Principal's letter will, in the opinion of Government, be sufficient to meet present requirements and are accordingly approved.

2. The work should be put in hand at once, the cost being met from the funds of the Asylum.

(True Extract.)

W. FRANCIS,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Committee of the Lawrence Asylum,
with plans and estimates
,, Director of Public Instruction.
,, Public Works Department.

III

Letter—from the Vice-Chairman, Ootacamund Lawrence Asylum Committee, Ootacamund.

To—the Secretary to Government, Educational Department (through the Director of Public Instruction).

Dated—the 1st July 1910.

No.—1064.

I have the honour to submit a copy of a letter from the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, forwarding an estimate for Rs. 35,000 for protecting the Lawrence Asylum buildings from fire—Rs. 28,000 for a petrol-driven fire-engine and Rs. 7,000 for a reservoir—and asking that it may be forwarded to Government for sanction.

2. The previous correspondence on this subject ended with G.O., No. 483, Educational, dated 19th August 1909. In its letter recorded therein the Lawrence Asylum Committee said that it could not afford this large outlay from its own funds, and the financial position remains unchanged.

ENCLOSURE.

Letter—from H. E. CLERK, Esq., Superintending Engineer, IV Circle.

To—the Principal and Secretary, Lawrence Asylum, Ootacamund.

Dated—Coimbatore, the 17th June 1910.

No.—777-M./42062.

In continuation of this office No. 561 M. of 30th April 1910, I have the honour to forward herewith an estimate, amounting to Rs. 35,000, for providing a fire extinction installation for Boys' and Girls' school at the Lawrence Asylum, Ootacamund, and to request that you will be good enough to transmit the same to Government for sanction.

No. 487, EDUCATIONAL, 16TH AUGUST 1910.

Endt. N. Ref. on Cur. No. 4435, dated 16th July 1910.

Submitted to Government.

A. G. BOURNE,
Director of Public Instruction.

Order—No. 487, Educational, dated 16th August 1910.

The Government regret that they cannot, in the existing state of the finances of the Asylum, sanction the expensive scheme proposed by the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, for the protection of the Asylum buildings from fire. The works already approved in G.O., No. 483, Educational, dated 19th August 1909, which, it is understood, are now being carried out, will be sufficient for present requirements.

(True Extract.)

L. M. WYNCH,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Committee of the Lawrence Asylum, Ootacamund
(with plans and estimates returned).
,, Director of Public Instruction.
,, Public Works Department.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O., No. 487, EDUCATIONAL,
DATED 16TH AUGUST 1910.

[SUBJECT.—*Protection of the Lawrence Asylum buildings from fire.*]

Previous papers :

G.O., No. 782, Educational, dated 21st November 1908.	
„ Nos. 440-1 „ „ 27th July 1909.	
„ No. 483 „ „ 19th August „	
„ Nos. 391-2 „ „ 9th July 1910.	

I

From the Director of Public Instruction, dated 24th July 1909, No. 4794.

Please see G.O., No. 782, Educational, dated 21st November 1908, and the notes connected with it. In that order, the Government, while declining to accept the proposal of the Committee of the Lawrence Asylum, Ootacamund, that the Asylum buildings should be insured against fire, directed that adequate provision should be made for the protection of the buildings and the inmates from fire—

- (1) by purchasing efficient fire-engines and fire-extinguishers;
- (2) by constructing water-tanks at the top of the building;
- (3) by providing a sufficient number of exits for the escape of the inmates in the event of a fire;
- (4) by instituting fire-drills and training the pupils of the Asylum in the manipulation of the fire-extinguishing apparatus; and
- (5) by adopting such other methods as the Committee might deem it requisite for the purpose.

2. The Executive Engineer who was requested to ascertain what provision should be made for the protection of the buildings and its inmates from fire drew up an estimate amounting to Rs. 14,000. This estimate provided for the following, namely—

- (1) Four staircases from the upper floor of the male branch to the ground;
- (2) eight Merry weather fire-escapes available for a height of 26 feet and a ninth reaching to 50 feet;
- (3) twenty-seven portable extincteurs.

Paragraph 3 of Principal's letter.

3. A Sub-Committee consisting of Sir Frederick Price, Major-General Penton, the Collector of the Nilgiris (Mr. W. Francis) and the Principal of the Asylum was then appointed to consider the question on the spot. This Committee came to the conclusion that “in the present state of its funds and with so many other matters pressing for attention, the Asylum could not afford so heavy an outlay”, and suggested that provision should be made only for the following at a cost of Rs. 4,200 :—

- (1) two staircases;
- (2) two emergency exit doors, opening outwards on pressure leading to the staircases now used by the staff;

(3) one fire-escape as an additional safeguard for the upper storeys.

Paragraph 3 of Principal's letter.

Engineer were unnecessary, inasmuch as the Asylum already possessed 12 and as the boys were drilled to the use of them. The proposals of the Sub-Committee have been approved by the Committee of the Asylum at its meeting on the 21st May 1909.

Paragraph 4 of Principal's letter.

tion has already been considered and abandoned—*vide* G.O., No. 2274 W., dated 22nd August 1890. They also state that the whole question of the Asylum water-supply will have to be considered at no distant date and that, until that matter has been gone into, the measures detailed in paragraph 3 *supra* will be sufficient for the present.

Letter No. 441, Educational, dated 27th July 1909.

towards the cost of carrying out certain

Vide paragraph 9 of letter No. 441, Educational, dated 27th July 1909.

inmates from fire. It is for consideration whether the proposals of the Committee may be approved with the concurrence of the Public Works Department.

P.R.—11-8-09.

K. RANGASWAMI AIYANGAR—12-8-09.

Secretary who was on the Sub-Committee knows the requirements of the Asylum. It is unnecessary for me to note.

C. A. SOUTER—12-8-09.

G.O., No. 782, Educational, dated 21st November 1908, said that adequate provision should be made to protect the buildings and inmates from fire "by purchasing efficient fire-engines and fire-extinguishers, by constructing water-tanks on the top of the buildings, by providing a sufficient number of exits . . . by instituting fire-drills and by such other methods as may be deemed requisite."

In this, it is submitted that (though it was passed by the then Honourable Member) it greatly amplified the orders of Honourable Members and His Excellency the Governor. I have now marked these orders (in the notes to the Government Order.

With the wide instructions in the Government Order before him, Mr. Keeling sent in the most elaborate schemes. Staircases, fire escapes and extinceteurs, alone, were to cost Rs. 14,000, and in addition he proposed a petrol-driven pump to deliver 350 gallons a minute to the top of the buildings from the swimming-bath.

The Asylum's funds cannot afford all this.

At the same time, something must be done to render the boys safer at night. They all sleep on the upper floor (the girls sleep on the ground floor), and if some of the staircases got cut off by fire there might be a holocaust. It is to guard against this that the present estimates are framed.

It is doubtful whether the risk from fire at the Asylum is greater than in a private house. The only lights at night in the boys' quarters are the hanging lamps in the corridors and the sergeants go round two or three times during the night. I have twice been over the building to discuss these estimates and venture to think them sufficient for the needs of the case.

W. FRANCIS—13-8-09.

The proposals made now may be approved. Later on if there ever are funds we may complete the scheme. But these two outside stairs will improve matters very much.

Of course a building like this here in India is not so liable to catch fire as a similar institution in England where the kitchens and warming apparatus are in the main building.

M. H[AMMICK]—14-8-09.

The most necessary provision is some means of exit from the upper floor.

The two new staircases and the emergency exit doors should be sufficient.

The proposals may be approved. The work should be put in hand at once.

A. L[AWLEY]—16-8-09.

Please draft.

W. FRANCIS—17-8-09.

A draft order is submitted for approval.

2. The closing balance of the budget estimate of the male branch of the Lawrence Asylum for 1909-10 is Rs. 11,065 and that of the female branch Rs. 2,500—*vide* pages 7 and 10 of G.O., No. 183, Educational, dated 24th March 1909.

P.R.—18-8-09.

K. RANGASWAMI AIYANGAR—18-8-09.

C. A. SOUTER—18-8-09.

Approved.

W. FRANCIS—19-8-10.

[G.O., No. 483, Educational, dated 19th August 1909.]

II

From the Director of Public Instruction, dated 16th July 1910, No. 4435.

The Committee of the Lawrence Asylum, Ootacamund, submits for the orders of Government an estimate for Rs. 35,000 forwarded by the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, for protecting the Asylum buildings from fire.

2. The estimate provides for—

(1) the installation of "Hatfield" fire-pump with fitting, etc., at a cost of Rs. 28,000; and

(2) the construction of a reservoir, 60' x 25' x 8', for storing water for the fire-engine at a cost of Rs. 7,000.

3. The Committee states that the Asylum could not afford to meet the cost of the proposed work from its own funds and invites attention to the previous correspondence on the subject, ending with G.O., No. 483, Educational, dated 19th August 1909.

4. In G.O., No. 782, Educational, dated 21st November 1908, the Public Works Department was requested to ascertain what provision should be made for the protection of the Asylum in the event of fire. The Executive Engineer, Coimbatore Division, submitted an estimate amounting to Rs. 14,000 which provided for—

(1) four staircases from the upper floor of the male branch to the ground;

Vide G.O., No. 483, Educational, dated 19th August 1909, printed in G.O. No. 487, Educational, dated 16th August 1910.

(2) eight Merryweather fire-

escapes available for a height of 26 feet and a ninth reaching to 50 feet; and

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[G.O., No. 487, Educational, dated 16th August 1910.]

No. 487, dated 16-8-1910

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To The Committee of the L.A.V.

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