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[Despatch Abstract.]

LAWRENCE ASYLUM .

Communicating to the Committee of the --
Proceedings, Public Works Department, Sanctioning the
proposals of the Executive Engineer, Coimbatore Division,
in regard to certain repairs to the asylum buildings at
Ootacamund.

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22ND DECEMBER 1894, No. 3290 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

READ—the following paper:—

From W. C. LEWIS, Esq., Executive Engineer, Coimbatore Division, to the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, dated Coimbatore, 11th September 1894, No. 3725.

I have the honour to request you to be good enough to reconsider the various orders you have passed concerning the execution of petty repairs to Lawrence Asylum buildings.

2. It is much to be regretted that the order in G.O. No. 1329 W. of 28th May 1894 was passed without reference to me, as the subject is not a simple one.

3. Till the passing of G.O. of 11th July 1892 practically the whole of the repairs to the buildings had been for some years carried out by the Principal. I have not a complete file of the various Government orders, but from what I have and have seen, it appears to have been the intention of Government that the class of repairs to be done should be approved of by this department; but in effect the Principal did what he chose and the buildings gradually fell into a most unsatisfactory state of disrepair leading to the resumption of all repairs by Public Works Department.

4. Since that time the expenditure on repairs has been Rs. 3,086 in 1891-92 and Rs. 6,133 in 1892-93; the staff quarters and girls' school have been put in a thorough state of repair and a good deal done to the main building, but another Rs. 20,000 will be approximately necessary to get the whole into thorough repair. I have available a sum of Rs. 7,900 in the present year, and, with the satisfactory increased grant that has been given, in a few years the buildings will be in a thoroughly sound condition and a reduced annual grant of Rs. 3,000 or Rs. 4,000 will suffice for all purposes.

5. The Principal's reason for wishing to have a sum at his disposal is a very right one, viz., that he may be able to put men to work as soon as doors and windows, staircases, &c., get damaged without waiting for the necessarily tedious routine of preparation and sanction of estimates.

6. I had a conversation with Mr. Atkinson the other day and we both agreed that it was necessary that the dividing line of responsibility should be laid down; if there is an undefined responsibility for all the numerous items, the result can never be satisfactory.

7. There are three courses available—First, that Public Works Department should do everything; this has been decided against. Second, that the Principal should do everything as in past times; it can hardly be considered convenient that a non-professional man should undertake work to the extent of Rs. 7,000 per annum including repairs to an immense roof and painting, asphalt work, &c. Third, that the Principal shall undertake certain definite items and have a definite allotment of funds.

8. Mr. Atkinson and I agreed that it would be most satisfactory if he was allowed Rs. 100 per mensem and undertook the following items of work (subject to revision after trial):—

All inside carpentering including repair to doors and windows.
Repairs to gutters and down pipes.
Repairs to latrines.
Earthwork and drains, &c., on platform.
Petty repairs to plastering.
Kitchen stoves.
Glazing (after thoroughly put in order and other petty internal repair).
Water taps, &c.

9. The Principal wants it laid down that all the buildings shall be white and colour washed every year and the class rooms and the dormitories twice; this is to be done by Public Works Department. I think this is reasonable as it can be done by contract when the numbers are reduced in the Christmas holidays and when the remaining staff and boys can vacate the rooms as required.

10. I have ascertained that in previous years Rs. 1,000 to 1,200 was spent annually by the Principal in white and colour washing. My estimate for this item amounts to Rs. 1,850 and will be an annually recurring item.

11. I append an estimate (for Rs. 7,820) for annual repairs drawn up on these lines for sanction and have the honour to request that you will take the orders of Government on the proposed modification of G.O., No. 1329 W., dated 28th May 1894.

12. I do not make these proposals in any spirit of obstruction; but it will be evident that some definite line must be laid down, and it is also evident that the arrangements in force prior to 1892 were unsatisfactory; there were a good many reports and Government orders on the subject which I cannot find in my records. I have spent a good many days during the last two years discussing the necessary work with Mr. Atkinson, and I wish to make such arrangements that affairs may go on smoothly in future; and in a few years by keeping up the present rate of progress, we may have these fine buildings brought into a state to be proud of instead of the discreditable condition they had lapsed into.

No. 394 W.

Copy forwarded to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, with the remark that the undersigned concurs with the Executive Engineer's remarks and considers that a Government order should be issued defining the repairs to be carried out by the Principal as per paragraph 8.

22nd September 1894.

(Signed) J. HANNAN,
Suptg. Engineer, IV Circle.

No. 3021 C.

Referred to the Educational Department for favour of information whether the proposal in paragraph 8 of the Executive Engineer's letter is accepted by the Committee of the Asylum.

4th October 1894.

(Signed) C. H. B. BURLTON,
Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

No. 1993.

Referred, through the Director of Public Instruction, to the Committee of the Lawrence Asylum for remarks.

(By Order.)

OOTACAMUND,
11th October 1894.

(Signed) A. BUTTERWORTH,
Under Secretary.

No. 9942.

Forwarded.

(Signed) D. DUNCAN,
Director of Public Instruction.

20th October 1894.

No. 2276.

Approved of by the Committee of the Asylum.

(Signed) J. H. PRENDERGAST, Bridgr.-Genl.,
Chairman, Lawrence Asylum.

14th November 1894.

No. 11475.

Resubmitted to Government.

(Signed) D. DUNCAN,
Director of Public Instruction.

28th November 1894.

No. 2405, Educational.

Transferred to the Public Works Department.

(Signed) A. BUTTERWORTH,
Under Secretary.

1st December 1894.

ORDER—dated 22nd December 1894, No. 3290 W., Public Works.

The proposals made by the Executive Engineer in paragraph 8 of his letter, which are concurred in by the Committee of the Lawrence Asylum, are sanctioned.

(True Extract.)

C. H. B. Burlton

Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, with enclosures.
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" Educational Department.

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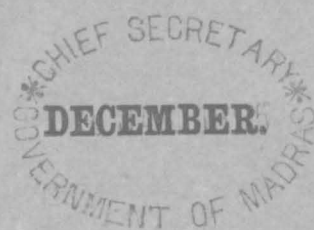
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