

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,

10th November 1862.

No. 70. Read the following letter from ROBERT COLE, Esq., Principal Inspector General, Medical Department, Fort Saint George; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 28th October 1862, No. 200.

* Judicial Department, 21st October 1862, No. 1,723.

In obedience to the Order* of Government noted marginally, I have the honor to submit the following remarks regarding Provincial Lunatic Asylums, the necessity for establishing which has been a growing conviction on my mind since I have been in my present office, owing to the constant applications made from all parts of the country for accommodation in the Madras Asylum; the inadequacy of that institution to receive the number of Insanes, criminal and non-criminal, whose admission is applied for; and the difficulty and inexpediency of bringing Lunatics from distant parts of the country.

2. The establishment of Asylums in the Provinces was contemplated some years ago, and actually sanctioned by the Court of Directors of the East India Company in a Despatch, dated 18th May 1853, No. 2. At that period Plans and Estimates were framed and submitted, which are no doubt still in existence, and might be referred to.

3. I consider that, with the institution at the Presidency for North and South Arcot and the Nellore Districts, Asylums should be erected at the four places named marginally. The rules laid down in the Medical Code for the Government of the Madras Asylum might be made applicable to the Provincial institutions. As to site, it would be an economy of Medical Subordinates and servants, as well as of the time and labor of the Medical Officer to be appointed to the charge, if the Asylums were erected adjacent, but not too closely contiguous, to the Civil Dispensary. I beg to suggest that Government should be pleased to affirm the general principle, and sanction the establishment of these institutions at the places named, and, from enquiries which I shall cause to be instituted, I shall, at an early period, I hope, be prepared to say for what number of Lunatics accommodation should be provided at the several stations.

4. As the establishment of Provincial Asylums will greatly diminish the calls on the Madras one for admission, the proposed additions to that institution should not for the present be carried into effect.

5. Asylums being for the reception of such Lunatics as require restraint, or are considered susceptible of cure or amelioration by treatment, I would suggest merely for the consideration of Government, whether the imbeciles and idiots, a very numerous class, not requiring coercion of any kind or confinement, a large number of whom are lodged in the Idiot Asylum at Madras, and many find admittance into the Lunatic Asylum, burdening that institution injuriously, together with the subjects of the milder forms of lunacy also, might not be formed into villages, having land appropriated for their partial support, in various parts of the country, after the model of the Insane Colony of Gheel in Belgium, where agricultural labor, and some mechanical arts and trades, might be practiced by the Insanes to their own advantage and the benefit of the Colony.

No. 71.

ORDER THEREON, 10th November 1862, No. 1,839.

Vizagapatam.
Bellary.
Cannanore.
Trichinopoly.

The Governor in Council will be prepared to sanction the establishment of Provincial Lunatic Asylums at the stations named in the margin.

2. The Plans and Estimates referred to by the Principal Inspector General were prepared in 1852, but in consequence of the large amount of the Estimates, aggregating Rupees 88,751-15-0, the project of erecting Provincial Lunatic Asylums was on the recommendation of the Court of Faujdaree Udalt laid aside, and the attention of Government was given to increasing the accommodation in the Lunatic Asylum at Madras. Other plans considerably less expensive, which had been prepared by Mr. Rohde, had been reject-

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ed by the Medical Board on the ground that the accommodation provided in them was insufficient. The Governor in Council requests that the Principal Inspector General, Medical Department, will refer to the two sets of plans, which he will doubtless be able to obtain from the Chief Engineer, Department Public Works, and after communicating with that Officer and with the Inspector General of Jails, submit his opinion as to the description of buildings that should be erected, and the nature of the accommodation that should be provided in each; the matter is one which should receive immediate attention.

3 The Governor in Council doubts the possibility of carrying out in this country such an arrangement as that suggested in the concluding paragraph of Mr. Cole's letter.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

Encd. T. McMootry.

Judicial Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

*Read the following letter
from the Principal Inspector General
Medical Department.*

(Here enters 28th Oct. 1862 N^o 200)

Order thereon 10th November 1862 N^o 1839.

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To the Insp^r Genl. Med. Dept.
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[Signature]

The Governor in Council should be fully
of carrying out in this country such an
arrangement as that suggested in the concluding
paragraph of Mr. (C. H.) Fisher.

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PROCEEDINGS OF GOVERNMENT,

Dated 10th 11/12

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Passing Order on the subject
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