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Read the following papers:—

No. 207. From M. J. WALHOUSE, Esq, Acting Collector of Trichinopoly; to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Trichinopoly, 4th June 1863, No. 6.

In obedience to the Order of Government, dated the 18th ultimo, No. 754, directing me to hire a house in Trichinopoly as a temporary Lunatic Asylum, I have the honor to report that I have experienced some delay and difficulty in consequence of the objections amongst house-owners to letting their houses for Hospital or Asylum purposes.

2. The house which the Acting Deputy Inspector General of Hospitals and the Garrison Surgeon concur with me in thinking most eligible at a monthly rent of Rupees 60 is still under reference to the owners who reside in Madras and whose decision I expect very shortly, but should they not consent, I have secured the refusal of another house at Rupees 50 a month, to which the abovementioned Medical Officers are inclined to recommend that the present Civil Hospital and Dispensary should be transferred, and the building hitherto used as a Hospital be taken for the Asylum. I think the plan good.

3. I venture to suggest that with respect to the proposed permanent Asylum the very spacious and extensive house and premises belonging to Dr. George Beetson, now offered for sale,* might probably be found to answer. The District Engineer, Captain Palmer, also thinks that the old Jail might, at a moderate cost, be converted into a convenient Asylum with due provision for the separation of sexes and dangerous patients.

* Agents, Binny & Co.

No. 208. From M. J. WALHOUSE, Esq., Acting Magistrate of Trichinopoly; to A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Trichinopoly, 4th July 1863, No. 96.

Alluding to the 2nd paragraph of my letter, No 6, dated the 4th ultimo, I have the honor to state, for the information of His Excellency the Governor in Council, that the parties, whose decision I expected regarding the house which the chief Medical Officers here concurred with me in thinking most eligible, have refused to let the house for the purposes of a Lunatic Asylum. The other building, at a monthly rent of 50 Rupees, is the only one available, the Medical authorities recommended the transfer, to this, of the Civil Hospital and Dispensary; appropriating the building hitherto used as a Hospital, for the proposed Lunatic Asylum. I consider the arrangement good as a temporary measure.

No. 209. From R. COLE, Esq., Principal Inspector General Medical Department, Fort Saint George; to the Secretary to Government, Judicial Department, Fort Saint George, dated 16th June 1863, No. 120.

With reference to Proceedings of Government, Judicial Department, No. 754, dated 18th ultimo, I have the honor to transmit herewith a list of servants who will be required for the charge of Lunatics at Trichinopoly pending the building of a proper Asylum.

LIST.

1 Male Warder	Rupees	10
1 Cook	,,	5
2 Male Peons, each	,,	5
1 Toty	,,	4
1 Female Warder	,,	7
1 Do. Cooly	,,	5
	Rupees...	36

No. 210.

From J. ROHDE, Esq., Inspector General of Jails; to A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq., Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated Vizagapatam, on Circuit, 1st April 1863, No. 926.

I have the honor to forward a proposition received from the Deputy Chief Engineer, Southern Circle, proposing to convert the old Bombproof Jail at Trichinopoly into a Lunatic Asylum, and to recommend the same to Government.

2. In this I assume that the building belongs to Government, it was built, I believe, on speculation, and rented for many years by Government, who I believe eventually purchased it. The building has never been in my charge.

From Captain W. C. PALMER, Acting District Engineer, Trichinopoly; to Lieutenant Colonel J. OUCHTERLONY, R. E., Deputy Chief Engineer, Department Public Works, dated Trichinopoly, 6th March 1863, No. 2,177.

1. With reference to Government Order noted in the margin, on the subject of the erection of Provincial Lunatic Asylums, I have the honor to report that the old Jail in the Fort at this Station which has been for a long time disused, may be made available for the reception of Criminal and other Lunatics at a comparatively small cost.

No. 1,839, of 10th November 1862.
" 103, of 24th January 1863.
" 281, of 3rd February 1863.

2. I enclose a plan of the building, from which you will see, that there is room enough for separate cells for about 30 men and 30 women, and if portions were turned into Wards instead of cells, a larger number might be accommodated, and when the building was used as a Jail I believe upwards of 250 prisoners were confined in it. There are three Wells within the enclosure beside rooms convertible into workshops, cook-rooms and other out-houses.

3. The walls are in fair order and the roof generally is water-tight, though in parts it will require repairs and renewing, and there are no doors or windows.

4. Dr. Shaw, Acting Inspector General of Hospitals, and Dr. Kennedy, Acting Garrison Surgeon, inspected the Jail with me this morning, and they expressed their opinion that in a sanitary point of view there are no objections to the Jail being converted into a Lunatic Asylum, provided the prickly pear in the Fort ditch adjacent is removed, and this might be done at a small cost, and on consulting the Collector, both Mr. McDonell and Mr. Walhouse entirely concurred in my views.

5. The amount of the estimate for the conversion of the Jail into a Lunatic Asylum will depend chiefly on the style of fitting up the building and the number of doors and windows that will be considered necessary, but at all events, it will give greater accommodation at a less cost than an entirely new building, and I beg to recommend the project for favorable consideration.

No. 188.

Submitted for the consideration of the Inspector General of Jails, with reference to Proceedings of Government, Nos. 1,839 and 103, dated 10th November 1862, and 24th January 1863, in the Judicial Department.

Enclosure 2.
1 Original letter, No. 2,177, dated 6th March 1863.
1 Plan.

2. Should the District Engineer's proposal meet with approval, he will be instructed to prepare and forward an estimate for the work.

SOUTHERN CIRCLE OFFICE,
MADRAS, 18*th March* 1863.

(Signed) S. O. E. LUDLOW, R. E., Lieut. Colonel,
Dy. Chief Engineer, Southern Circle.

To J. Rohde, Esq., Inspector General of Jails.

No. 211.

ORDER THEREON, 23rd September 1863, No. 1,539.

The Governor in Council authorizes the Collector of Trichinopoly to engage the house referred to in the foregoing letter at a rent of Rupees 50 per mensem, to which the Civil Hospital and Dispensary may be transferred, and this latter building then used as a temporary Lunatic

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Asylum. The Governor in Council presumes that these buildings may be adapted for their respective purposes at a trifling expense, and this the Collector is authorized to incur.

2. Orders will be issued in the Department of Public Works for the preparation of an estimate for converting the old Jail at Trichinopoly into a Lunatic Asylum. The plan, with a statement of the proposed alterations, will be submitted to the Principal Inspector General of the Medical Department, for his approval.

3. The Asylum will be under the charge of the Garrison Surgeon, who will engage the establishment proposed in the Principal Inspector General's letter of the 16th June last.

4. The Principal Inspector General will issue the requisite instructions to the Deputy Inspector General of Hospitals, Southern Division, in regard to the diet, clothing, medicines, &c., for the use of the patients who may be admitted into the Asylum, to the effect recommended by him in paragraph 3 of his letter* of the 28th October 1862, No. 200.

* Recorded in Proceedings of the 10th November 1862, No. 1,839.

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

Exd. T. McMootry.

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Read the following letters:—

From the Superintendent of Trichinopoly ——— } Were entered 4th June & 4th July 1863 Nos 6 & 96.

From the Principal Inspector General, Medical Depart. } Were entered 16th June 1863. No 120.

From the Inspector General of Jails. ——— } Were entered 1st April 1863. No 926.

Order thereon 23d September 1863. No 1539

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I have &c
(Signed) J. Tandy
Deputy Adjutant General
Medical Department

To
The Registrar of Lunatic Asylums
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The building at Chickmagalore in which the Civil Hospital and Dispensary are now located ordered to be used as a temporary Lunatic Asylum, and the Garrison Surgeon authorized to engage an Establishment for the same. Estimate for converting the Old Jail into a Lunatic Asylum called for.—

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