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referred to the ...; but with ... to the site of the proposed one chosen appears to be unobjectionable.

3. I am of opinion that the building should be arranged to hold 60 patients, two-thirds males and one-third females, and be laid out so be added to hereafter in case of need.

4. The plans and estimates for a new Presidency Asylu... preparation in the Department Public Works here, I think it advisable drawing of the plans of the Calicut Asylum should be entrusted to the offic... preparing the Presidency plans.

From D. MACPHERSON, Esq., M. D., Inspector General of Hospitals, ...A. BALLARD, Esq., Collector of Malabar; to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Se... to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Calicut, 18th June 1864, No. 70A.

We have the honor to report that, in accordance with the Order of Government, dated ... February last, No. 224, we have selected a site for the erec... Asylum at Calicut.

2. The general subject of the treatment of lunacy is so important ... permitted to avail ourselves of this opportunity to offer some remarks upo... ceive to be the present duty of Government with respect to it.

3. Most of our lunatics throughout this Presidency are ... to wand... confined with little judgment, and occasionally we fear with much cruelty, by their own re...

If brought under Government surveillance at all, those who are considered harmless a... mitted to mix promiscuously with the sick in the hospitals much to the discomfort and ... venience of all; whilst those who are dangerous or unruly are incarcerated like felons ... Jails where any amelioration of their condition is next to hopeless.

At the Presidency itself indeed a private house has been rented for some 65 yea... Rupees 250 per mensem, for the confinement of lunatics of both sexes, European, ... Native. But the contracted cells, and the absence of accommodation and conveniences in the building render it quite impossible to introduce in it the improved system of treatment which has been found so beneficial in Lunatic Institutions in Europe, and which we h... carried out in the Asylum now proposed.

The experience of ev... ...ness which generally...

opinion therefore that it is the duty of Governm... ing it up in a broad and liberal spirit to establish one or more Asylums on the most approved principles. And we believe that a commencement could not better be made than by the establishment of a large and well organized Asylum on the Western coast.

5. As the immediate subject ... peak particularly of Malabar. Our inquiries lead us to believe that, ... Asylum ... ed in this District ... some 40 to 50 patients at the very least that ought to be, [and] would immediately come ... safe keeping, and skilful treatment. But this estimate is purely hypothetical, and we ... much under the mark.

6. The population of Malabar alone is upwards of 1,600,000. Supposing only 1 in 5000 to
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have some 320 inmates.

ere an Asylum established at a central place, the population of South Canara and of
the Districts lying a inland borders of Malabar and the
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e do not know what rate lunacy bears to the population in India ; but the figures just q ld seem to assure us that, even with reference to the population of Malabar alone, an Asylum built to accommodate from 200 to 300 would never lack inmates.

9. We need hardly point to the careful attention that it has of late years been considered necessary to apply to the treatment of lunacy at Home to support our strong impression that justice be done to the subject unless special qualifications and attainments are brought to bear on it.

We consider it vitally important to success in the performance of a great duty, of which the establishment of the proposed Asylum by Government may be looked upon as the commencement, that the undertaking be placed under a responsible and thoroughly qualified officer who has made the treatment of lunacy his special study.

10. Further consideration leads us to endorse the opinion that Calicut is altogether the mo he proposed Asylum. It is centrally situated geographically, and import- an n converge upon it. There is little acute disease of any sort. The though relaxing is mild and salubrious, and we believe will be found peculiarly favorable to the curative treatment of the insane.

11. The site we have selected is on the sea face, well raised in the centre and drained on all sides. It is in a particularly quiet and secluded situation. We propose to take up a piece of ground of some 20 acres in extent, so that there will be ample room for a substantial building capable of future extension, with ground about it for the amusement and occupation of the inmates.

A portion of this is sea beach. It is desirable to secure it all to prevent the erection of huts or too close planting between the Asylum and the sea.

The cost of acquiring this site will be very trifling.

A sketch of the ground is enclosed.

12. We are strongly of opinion that a suitable building should be at once erected with accommodation for 100 inmates at least, and that it should be on such a plan as to admit of extension to accommodate double or treble that number.

hough at the very outset accommodation for even 100 persons may not be required, we confidently anticipate that about that number of inmates will ere long have to be provided for, and we would decidedly deprecate commencing with a smaller building.

already said, we earnestly advocate the appointment of a special officer as Superintendent with an efficient establishment.

officer might also superintend the new Leper and Small-pox hospitals, just built and and half a mile respectively from the proposed

14. Respectfully commending the subject to the s

No. [illegible] ORDER THEREON, 20th July 1864, No. 1091.

The Collector of Malabar is requested to secure the site selected [illegible] proposed Lunatic Asylum at Calicut.

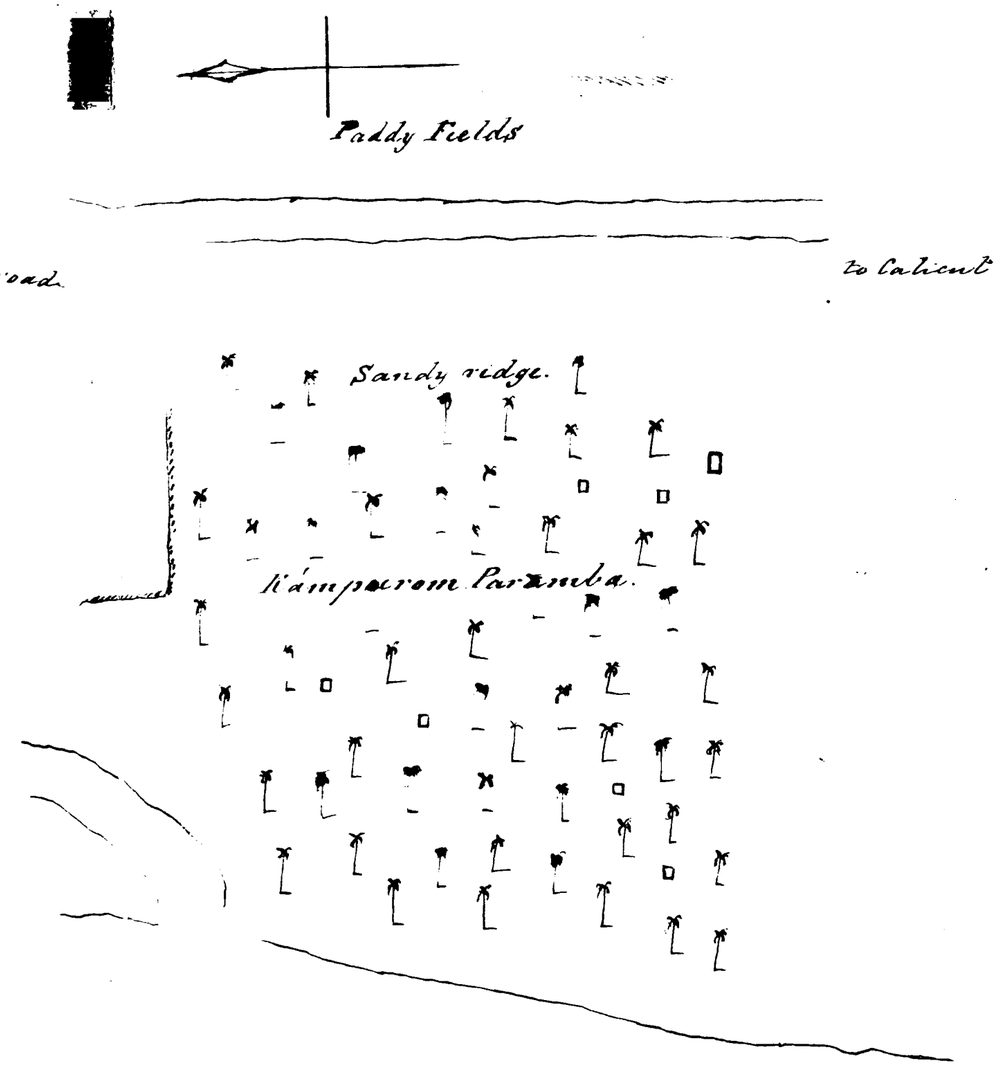
2. The Governor in Council approves the suggestion that the plan should be so designed as to admit of the building being enlarged and extended, from time to time, if increased accommodation should be found necessary. Constructed on such a plan, it will be sufficient to provide, in the first instance, for 60 inmates only. The plan will be immediately prepared in the Department Public Works in communication with the Principal Inspector General, Medical Department.

(True Extract.)

Secretary to Government.

To the Collector of Malabar.
" Public Works Department.
" Principal Inspector General, Medical Department.
" Inspector General of Jails.

Exd. J. Tulloch.



Sketch of the ground propose to be taken for a Lunatic Assylum

Area - About 20 Acres.

G. Spaldam
Collector

Judicial Department.

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

d letter from the Principal Inspector Genl., Medl. Dept. — date 5th July 64 & No 211.

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