

Judicial (1895) Department.

ORDINARY MS.

G.O., No. 2462.

Dated 27th Nov 1895.

[Despatch Abstract.]

MADRAS LUNATIC ASYLUM.

Approving the Superintendent's suggestion as regards the flooring of the "Day sheds" for the-- , but declining in respect of other matters to modify the orders already passed.

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BACK PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.	G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

FURTHER PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.	G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

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any matter like
paras 67 of the P. E. C.
letter in 5.01/19-6-99
no 1501

A. 981
18-10-95

Before returning the plans and estimates referred to in para 2 of the foregoing minute to the Consulting Architect to Government for revision in accordance with the order of Government hereto attached, I beg respectfully to invite attention to the following points in connection with the "Hay or feeding sheds":-

1st As regards its uses - I take it that the main idea of the shed was to provide an open sheltered area for the feeding of all the insanes of a section at one and the same time and thus not only ensure a more careful supervision but also prevent petty thefts of food. This object however - would be completely frustrated if the shed had only sitting accommodation for half the number. Take for example the criminal enclosure which has accommodation (at present) for 150 insanes, it would require, seating the men in three rows with space between the rows for Native attendants, buckets of drinking water, trays, &c, a shed $83\frac{1}{3}$ feet long - and 20 feet broad (this by actual measurement) considering however that there are on an average about 15 Sick in Hospital, the actual room required would be for 135 or thereabouts.

thereabouts. The shed of the dimensions originally proposed 75' by 20' for the criminal enclosure would therefore just suffice for that number, leaving no margin for variation in excess of that number. I would therefore very strongly urge that no reduction be made in the capacity of this shed. As regards the verandah, I consider these indispensable. They will afford ample protection from the rain beating in and at the same time provide more room for the secondary use of the shed, viz as a "Day shed" for rest and shelter in intervals of work and more particularly on a wet day when the blocks are flushed and require time to dry. The calculation made, of a shed 75' by 20' seating 135 was of course under the arrangement of the men sitting close to one another and in parallel rows but, on occasions of rest, the men, naturally, would require more space to sit at ease and hence the extra room provided by the verandahs would come in very usefully. The hanging up of bamboo mats fixed in frames to do away with the verandahs is objectionable on more grounds than one; there is always the risk of fire, the bamboo hangings will constantly need a repair, and when allowed to hang flat

flat to keep away the rain, will render the shed dark and stuffy.

2nd As regards the flooring of the sheds. This is intimately associated with the feeding of the patients and we must have a floor raised above the ground level and one that can be thoroughly cleansed. Nothing short of personal experience will convince one to what extent the floor is fouled during the meal hour. It is not an uncommon thing for an insane to vomit his food in front of him, or urinate or empty the contents of its bowl on the ground and such like and it would be next to impossible with a gravel floor to keep the shed area sweet and clean from the accumulated impurities from day to day. A cemented floor would not only be substantial but meet all requirements. I may remark under this head that the Civil insanes are fed, particularly on wet days, in a more or less enclosed shed with brick walls and tiled roof (Block No 103 of Asylum ground plan) which has a cement floor and from practical experience of its use, I am able to state that it is only possible to utilize it as a feeding shed from its having a floor that can be thoroughly scoured every day.

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plan put up

2 What has gone before regarding the larger shed applies with equal if not greater force to the shed for females who are, comparatively speaking dirtier and more unmanageable

3 In conclusion, I beg to state, that it is my conviction, that if the sheds are to fulfil any useful purpose, they should be so constructed as to prove substantial and afford sufficient accommodation both for feeding and resting purposes. I therefore beg that the matter may be ^{re}considered in the light of my views expressed above, and the grave error be avoided of building cramped, inexpensive and unsubstantial sheds, before it is too late

Sgt. C. H. Leet R.N.B.

Surgeon Captain

Supdt. Govt. Lunatic Asylum.

The Secretary to the Surgeon General
with the Government.

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No. 493

The Honorable the Chief Secretary
to Government
Judicial Department.

Submitted for the orders of —
Government

Government with reference to para 2 of G.O. No. 1949 Judicial dated the 17th September 1895.

2. I fully concur in the views of the Superintendent and trust that Government will be pleased to reconsider their decision in the matter, as I am certain that the class of sheds sanctioned in the present G.O. will not meet the requirements of the case

Chintamani

Surgeon-Major General
Surgn.-Genl. with the Govt. of Madras.

Quity
Madras
7th November 1895

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From. *Jul*
The Surgeon General

1949: 17-9-95
1511: 17-7-95
3212: 21-12-84
1501: 19-6-84
283W: 5-2-95-8-8

No 493

Dated 7-11-95
Recd 8-11-95
By 11-11-95

Subject-

Forward with remarks letters from
the Dept. Lematia Asylum
re the "Day or Feeding Shed"

1949
17-9-95

By
S.O. 28-12-94, No 3119
Other connected papers

11/11/95

12/11/95

1. Letter from Asylum dated 1/11/92
2. S.O. 21-12-94, No 742
3. Summary of the Asylum

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DEPARTMENT.

C. No. 5293.

Will give way as to the
flooding but as to nothing
else. These doctors are
insatiable & show no dispo-
sition to endeavour to be
economical.

The plan sent up does
not show the sites selected.
This point seems to have been
overlooked in drafting the
last S.O.

19/11/95

FOR ORDERS.

with refer to para 2 of
S.O. 17. Sept. 95. No 1949.

14/11/95

The Dept. remonstrates strongly against
the order regarding the
Shed - and gives his reasons
in detail. The S.G. supports him

16/11/95

* The plan was not sent up
by the S.G. in connection with
these papers. It belongs to
the office & was put up for
purposes of reference.

21/11/95

FOR ORDERS.

H. J.

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9440—5-10-95.

POST DEPARTMENT.

Papers to be read in proceedings:—

Again G.O , dated

189 , No.

Again G.O., dated 17. Sep.

1895, No. 1945

Current No. 5293

of 1895, dated 7. Nov, from N. S.

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ORDER.

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The Capt's suggestion as regards the flooring of the shed is approved, but in respect of other matters the Comd is not prepared to modify the orders already passed.

(From video)

2. The Sift of the Lunatic



21/11/95

Asylum appears to have
had little regard to financial

Considerations when submitting his

proposals

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Day sheet for The Mad
Lunatic Asylum

FROM ORDERS.

C. S.

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When signed _____

AD AGAIN G.O., No.
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DATED

PRESENT No.

ENCLOSURES to C. No.

ORDER OF GOVERNMENT

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LETTER OF GOVERNMENT

STATEMENT WITH DITTO

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IN ORIGINAL.

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