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Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer in the Department of Public Works. Fort Saint George

Under date the 19th March 1857.

Read the following.

No. 179. Civil Architect's Office

From,

Lieutenant Colonel W. F. Atkinson

Civil Architect C. D.

To,

The Chief Engineer in the D. P. W.

Fort Saint George.

Sir

With reference to your Resolution No. 10702 of the 5th Instant, requesting me to furnish the information called for in the 7th Para of the Honorable Court's despatch as to a Report on further proceedings regarding the proposed new building for the Lunatic Asylum, I have the honor to state, that since the despatch to you of the Plan and Report No. 179 dated 8th March last year, the premises of Lucocks and adjoining gardens, purchased by the Collector of Madras on behalf of Government, have been taken charge of by me as ordered in the Extract from your Proceedings No. 5875 dated 19th August last. Beyond which, nothing has been done, as I have received no reply or further orders relative to the plan &c for the new building above alluded to, and which you say were

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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 21st April 1857.

No. 32. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer, dated 19th March 1857, No. 11068.

Read the following letter from Lieutenant Colonel W. H. ATKINSON, Civil Architect P. D. to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated 12th March 1857, No. 173.

SIR,

With reference to your resolution No. 10702 of the 5th Instant, requesting me to furnish the information called for in the 71st para. of the Honorable Courts despatch as to a report on further Proceedings regarding the proposed new building for the Lunatic Asylum, I have the honor to state, that since the despatch to you of the plan and report No. 179 dated 8th March last year, the premises of Lucocks and adjoining gardens, purchased by the Collector of Madras on behalf of Government, have been taken charge of by me as ordered in Extract from your Proceedings No. 5875 dated 19th August last beyond which, nothing has been done, as I have received no reply or further orders relative to the plan &c. for the new building above alluded to, and which you say were submitted by you to Government on the 28th March last.

Resolved, with reference to para. 71 of the Honorable Court's despatch, communicated in Extract from the Minutes of Consultation No. 389, dated 28th Ultimo, to forward for the information of Government, copy of the foregoing letter No. 173, dated 12th Instant from the Civil Architect.

(Signed) C. E. FABER, Colonel,
Chief Engineer.

No. 33. ORDER THEREON, No. 670; dated 9th April 1857.

1. With reference to his letter of the 28th March 1856, submitting a plan for a new Lunatic Asylum, roughly estimated to cost four lacs of Rupees, the Chief Engineer was reminded on the 28th February last, that the reports received from Bengal, Bombay, and the North West Provinces, on the arrangement and internal economy of the Lunatic Asylums in those Presidencies, were furnished to him at different dates, the latest being the 27th of October last; and in pursuance of the Honorable Court's request to be informed of further proceedings regarding the projected Asylum, he was called upon to report what measures he had since adopted in communication with the Medical Board towards maturing a plan for the erection of the building at Lucock's gardens.

2. In the face of this order, the Chief Engineer now sends up a letter from Colonel Atkinson, the Civil Architect, merely stating that he has taken charge of the site, and that he knows nothing further of the progress of the matter since the submission by him of the plan, laid before Government on the 28th March 1856. The Government are at a loss to conjecture why this letter is forwarded for their information; unless, indeed, it be under the mistaken impression that the delay exists in the Government office, and that no notice has been taken of the Chief Engineer's letter of the 28th March 1856. This impression, if it exists, will be dissipated on referring to the Extracts from Minutes of Consultation of the 4th August, 6th September, 27th October 1856, and 28th February 1857, Nos. 1342, 1592, 1977, and 389, respectively.

3. From these several orders of Government, the Chief Engineer will observe that further steps in regard to the Asylum are due from himself; and he will accordingly lose no time in at once causing a plan to be matured in communication with the Medical Board, and will then submit a report accompanied with plans and estimates of the proposed building.

4. The Government are constrained to observe that the internal economy of the Central office for the dispatch of business seems to be at fault. Although the Chief Engineer as the head of the office is responsible for the correctness or otherwise of his correspondence, yet with his important duties of supervision over the extensive Department under his control, it is possi-

projected asylum, he was called

ble that matters of reference are likely to escape his notice; but with a careful and efficient subordinate, made responsible for the correct transaction and dispatch of business connected with the correspondence, much of the inconvenience and discredit so often pointed out would be in a great measure, if not effectually remedied.

(Signed) H. FORBES,

Acting Secretary to Government.

No. 670 7th P. to C.

Ex. from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 9th April 1857

Read the following Ex. from the Rep. of the Chief Engineer

/ Her Letter 19 March 57. No. 1068. /

With reference to his letter of the 28th March 56, submitting a plan for a new lunatic asylum, roughly estimated to cost four lacs of rupees, the Chief Engineer was reminded in the 28th February last, that the reports received from Bengal, Bombay, and the N. W. Provinces, on the arrangement and internal economy of the lunatic asylums in those Presidencies, were furnished to him at different dates, the latest being the 27th of Oct last; and in pursuance of the Board's request to be informed of further proceedings regarding the projected asylum, he was called

upon to report what measures he had since adopted in communication with the Medical Board towards maturing a plan for the erection of the building at Lovedale's Gardens.

In the face of this order, the Chief Engr now sends up a letter from Col Atkinson, the Civil Architect, merely stating that he has taken charge of the site, and that he knows nothing further of the progress of the matter since the submissions by him of the plan, laid before Govt on the 28th March 56. The Govt are at a loss to conjecture why this letter is forwarded for their information, unless, indeed, it be under the mistaken impression that the delay exists in the Govt Office, and that no notice has been taken of the Chief Engr's letter of the 28th March 56. This impression, if it exists, will be dispelled on referring to the Extracts from Minutes of Council

tion of the 4th Aug, 6th Sept, 27th Oct/56, and 28th Feb/57, Nos 1342, 1572, 1977, and 389 respectively.

From these several orders of Govt, the Chief Engr will observe that further steps in regard to the Asylum are due from himself; and he will accordingly lose no time in causing a plan to be prepared at once ~~making a plan~~ in communication with the Medical Board, and will then submit a report accompanied with plans and estimates of the proposed building.

The Govt are constrained to observe that the internal economy of the Central Office in the dispatch of business seems to be at fault. Although the Chief Engr as the head of the Office is responsible for the correctness or otherwise of his correspondence, yet with his important duties of supervision over the extensive

depts under his control, it is just possible that matters of reference are likely to escape his notice; but with a ~~considerable~~ efficient subordinate ~~Head~~, made responsible for the correct transaction and dispatch of business connected with the correspondence, much of the inconvenience and discredit often pointed out would be in a great measure if not effectually remedied.

E. F.

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From the Chief Engineer

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in Cons 12th May

From 30 & 31 July 56 & 2 & 1353 Cons

Written by Col. Colette Public Buildings & Roads

Requesting that

the Chief Engineer to Cause to

plan of the proposed new

Lunatic Asylum to

be matured, in Communi-

cation with the Medi-

cal Board, & then to

submit a report, ac-

companied with plans

and estimates, of the

building.

№ 32 & 33.