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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 28th April 1857.

No. 32, Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Military Department, dated 24th March 1857, No. 983.

Read the following letter from Surgeon A. LORIMER, M. D. Secretary Medical Board; to Colonel C. A. BROWNE, Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort St. George, dated 18th March 1857, No. 67.

SIR,

I have the honor by desire of the Medical Board to forward for the information of Government and transmission to the Honorable the Court of Directors, the Annual Return (in Duplicate) of patients treated in the Lunatic Asylum during the year 1856, along with the statement of expenses of the Institution for the same period.

2. At the close of 1855 forty eight (48) patients were under treatment, 23 Europeans and 25 Natives. During 1856, fourteen (14) have been admitted, 3 Europeans and 11 Natives, giving a total of 62 under treatment during the year: of this number 12 have been discharged, viz: seven European Soldiers by transfer to England (on the Ship "*Gloriana*") and five Natives, two of the latter cured, two transferred to the care of their friends, one absconded: the latter was secured in the neighbourhood of Chingleput his native place and safely lodged in the Asylum again. No casualty has been recorded amongst the Europeans, four Native patients died, three from atrophy and one from inanition, the latter was a Sepoy; he obstinately refused to take food and was kept alive a considerable period by injecting food into the stomach, and also by the exhibition of enemas of a nutritious nature. On the 31st December, forty-six remained under treatment viz. 19 Europeans and 27 Natives.

3. In the treatment and management of the inmates of this Institution, every kindness and indulgence compatible with individual and general security continues to be practised; and no injury has occurred therefrom.

4. Surgeon Mayer the Medical Officer in charge observes, that the general health of the patients has been very good, fewer deaths having occurred during the past year than in the two preceding (1854 and 55) in each of these years six deaths took place; the average for the last seven years has been 5¼ per annum.

5. As already observed, one of the patients escaped, this individual passed through the entrance gate, eluding the vigilance of the Sentry: another all but successful attempt was made by a Native male patient by pushing out entire the window frame of his cell; steps have been taken to obviate any recurrence of this kind in future. As far as the Board are aware the proposed New Lunatic Asylum has not yet been commenced with.

6. The Board continue to de satisfied with the manner in which the duties of this Institution are conducted by Surgeon Mayer.

Ordered that the foregoing report be forwarded to the Court of Directors.

2. Para. 5 of the foregoing letter will be communicated to the Public Works Department, with reference to Minutes of Consultation 20th January last, No. 232, calling for a report of the further proceedings regarding the proposed new building for the Lunatic Asylum required by the Honorable Court.

(True Extract and Copy.)

(Signed) C. A. BROWNE, Colonel,
Secretary to Government.

No. 33. ORDER THEREON, No. 761; dated 23rd April 1857.

Ordered to be communicated to the Chief Engineer with reference to Extract Minutes Consultation 28th February 1857, No. 389.

(Signed) H. FORBES,
Acting Secretary to Government.

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Secretary to Government.

To the Medical Board.

„ Department Public Works. With a Spare Copy.

Exd. R. Spears.

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