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(Here enter 31st March 1857.)

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The increased demand upon the finances is explained (*a*) by the increase (11,710 souls) in the number of paupers maintained (*b*) by the high range in the price of grain, which in 1856 was nearly 24 Rupees a garce in excess of 1855, and (*c*) by the fact that the inmates of the 'Idiots' Ward' have had added to their dietary, at the suggestion of the late Surgeon, Dr. Porteous, and with marked benefit to their health, a large allowance of meat.

The wealthy Natives of the Presidency, for whose fellow countrymen the Institution exists, are still very backward in affording support. Of the sum contributed (Rupees 4,005) Rupees 510 only is the amount of Native subscribtion.

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I. That the Institution be entirely relieved from payment of the Surgeon's salary.

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IV. "That the erection of the proposed Foundling Hospital be at once proceeded with." All Foundlings at present, it would appear, are brought by the Police to the Choultry, and are there maintained.

Resolution.—1. Of the foregoing four proposals, the Government resolve to refer the first, having reference to the Surgeon's salary, to the favorable consideration of the Government of

India. In regard to the second, they agree with the Directors that it is not fitting that incurable lunatics should be lodged permanently in the "Idiots' Ward" of the Institution. Instructions will be issued authorizing the transfer of this class of patients to the Lunatic Asylum.

The remaining two requests, that the premises be placed on the list of public building for repair, and that the erection of the proposed Foundling Hospital be at once proceeded with, to the relief of the Institution under report, are referred to the Public Works Department.

2. Resolved that the report and the list of subscribers for the year 1856 be published, as usual, in the Gazette; and that the thanks of Government be tendered to the Committee of Management.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) E. MALTBY,
Acting Chief Secretary.

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ORDER THEREON, No. 1508; dated 4th August 1857.

In consequence of the recent orders from the Government of India restricting all Public expenditure, the Government are unable to authorize the commencement of the Foundling Hospital as desired by the Directors of the Monegar Choultry, nor can their request, that the repairs of the Choultry be executed at the public cost be now entertained.

(Signed) H. FORBES,
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To the Director of the Monegar Choultry.
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" Public Works Department.
" Medical Board.
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Extract from the Minutes of Cons. in the Public Department.

Dated 17th June 1857
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No 1508. 4th August 1857. Extract from Bengal Public Consultation No 80 dated 12th August 1857.

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