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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
from 30th April to 3rd May 1859.*

No. 52. Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Public Department, dated 27th April 1859, No. 643.

Requesting the Chief Engineer to submit an estimate of the
Buildings required for the Deer and Pythons in the } (Vide Public Consultation 29th April 1859,
Government Central Museum. Nos. 47-48.)

No. 53. ORDER THEREON, 3rd May 1859, No. 1025.

Referred to the Chief Engineer for early attention.

(Signed) W. C. SIM,
Actg. Dy. Secretary to Government.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

No. 643.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, under date the 27th April 1859.

Read the following letter from Surgeon EDWARD BALFOUR, Officer in charge of the Government Central Museum; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 12th April 1859, No. 92.

SIR,

I have the honor to submit to the Honorable the Governor in Council, the desirableness of having for the Deer, in the Government Zoological Gardens, a more open enclosure than that in which they are at present retained; so as to admit of our exhibiting more varieties of Deer and of allowing them more space than they now enjoy. Several of the Public Works Officers, Captain Rawlins, Major Birdwood and Captain Hitchins, have lately been at home, and could doubtless, if permitted, soon erect a series of pens similar to those in England and more suitable than those in which our animals are now lodged.

2. It is very desirable, also, that additional accommodation should be provided for the birds, in the form of one or more cages or of a larger cage with partitions, with a view to admit lodgment of such birds as Parrots, Owls, Hawks, Vultures, which do not live amicably with each other.

3. It would be more interesting to visitors, could they also see the great pythons in all their magnitude; in their present narrow apartments these lie coiled up in a small mass. Many a one passes by without noticing them at all and only those ever see them in their greatness when they are removed into the open ground, at a risk which I am ever reluctant to undertake.

4. With all the animals to which I now allude, the difficulty of suitably locating them, arises

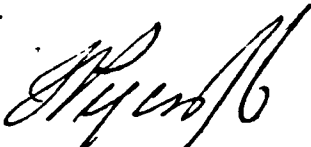
	Total.	Total men.	Total women.
1851	530	504	26
1852	2,906	2,861	45
1853	20,096	19,100	996
1854	40,316	27,713	12,603
1855	201,987	120,195	81,792
1856	542,866	328,124	214,742
1857	380,102	219,078	161,024
1858	386,600	192,116	194,484
3 months of 1859	108,508	58,683	49,825
Grand Total...	1,683,911	968,374	715,537

from their inclination to destroy their own kind as well as other creatures, thus rendering necessary separate enclosures and increasing the expense. But independent of the increasing number of visitors hitherto, when I mention that I estimate, that the visitors in the current year, will be more than half a million of people, of whom women form a moiety, and take into consideration all the social advantages, which this Institution affords, I feel assured that the Honorable the Governor in Council will recognize the desirableness of extending its means of adding to the healthy amusements of the community.

5. I refrain, at present, from submitting other matters, which are now engaging my attention, as my opinions regarding them are not yet matured.

Order.—Resolved that the Chief Engineer be requested, after communication with Dr. Balfour, to submit, through the Department of Public Works, an estimate of the buildings required by the Officer in charge of the Government Central Museum in paras. 1 @ 3 of his letter above recorded.

(True Extract and Copy.)


Chief Secretary.

To the Chief Engineer, Department Public Works.
,, Department Public Works.
,, Officer in charge of Government Central Museum.

10th Feb 1859 Oshornik
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