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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 12th April 1859.

No. 75. Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Public Department, dated 25th March 1859, No. 450.

Reviewing the Report of the Directors of the Monegar Choultry with the Treasurer's Account Current for the year 1858. } (Vide Public Diary Consultation, 28th March 1859, Nos. 33 @ 35.)

No. 76. ORDER THEREON, No. 852; dated 12th April 1859.

Ordered to be communicated to the Chief Engineer with reference to Extract Minutes of Consultation dated 23rd September 1858 No. 1963, and with a request that he will submit the Plan and Estimate alluded to in para. 7, should the Director General of the Medical Department be of opinion that further accommodation is necessary in the Idiot Asylum.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,
Secretary to Government.

No. 450.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, under date the 25th March 1859.

Read the following letter from the Directors of the Monegar Choultry.

(Here enter 23rd February 1859.)

It appears from this report that the expenditure on account of the Monegar Choultry and Native Infirmary during 1858 was Rupees 3,604 in excess of that of the preceding year, arising from the greater number of paupers maintained and from the enhanced price of articles of food as well as of clothing.

2. The Government, however, regret to learn that the additional expense thus entailed on the Institution has been so inadequately met by public contributions as to necessitate the withdrawal of a further sum of Rupees 2,000 from the floating capital of the charity.

3. The falling off, from year to year, in the subscriptions of the Native community towards the support of an Institution open to the admission chiefly of the sick and destitute of their own countrymen, betrays a painful evidence of the want of sympathy on the part of the wealthier classes with such fit objects for benevolence.

In 1856, *Rupees*	510	0	0
1857, „	360	12	0
1858, „	275	0	0

4. The Government would fain hope that, were some of the more wealthy and influential Native gentlemen now on the Committee to make personal efforts to enlist the interest of their friends in behalf of so useful an Institution, their appeals would not be unheeded, and they will be glad to learn that this suggestion has been acted on and that the result has been such as to remove the reproach which, it is obvious, must attach to the Native community at large, so long as they continue regardless of the wants of their poor and afflicted brethren.

5. It will be right, at the same time, to state that, if the voluntary efforts of the community should continue to fall so far short of the desired object, the Government will have to consider the propriety of applying to the Legislative Council for an Act to render such contributions for the relief of local destitution and distress compulsory on the inhabitants of Madras and its vicinity.

6. The Government admit the force of the representations made by the Directors as to the drain upon their resources caused by the maintenance of the Idiot Asylum and that the support of such parties does not fall within the legitimate scope of the Institution. It is observed that on a former occasion* it was ordered that incurable lunatics should be transferred to the Lunatic Asylum. The Right Honorable the Governor in Council directs that as many of the idiots now in the Idiot Asylum as can be accommodated in the Lunatic Asylum be at once transferred thither. Such as cannot be so provided for must remain at the Idiot Asylum and will henceforth be supported solely at the charge of Government, the Monegar Choultry being relieved of all expense on that account. The Asylum will, as hitherto, be under the supervision of the Directors, but all the expenses that may be incurred for it will be debited to Government, a statement of the same being submitted with the annual report, in view to sanction being accorded for the amount.

* *Extract Minutes Consultation, 17th June 1857, No. 799.*

7. The Surgeon in charge has remarked upon the crowded state of the Idiot Asylum and stated that no more patients can be admitted, cholera having already appeared in the wards. The orders given in the preceding para. will probably afford considerable relief; but, should more accommodation at the Idiot Asylum still be required, the plan and estimate for enlarging the building, called for in Extract Minutes Consultation 9th August 1858, No. 991, through the Department of Public Works, should be submitted without delay, adapted to the further accommodation actually required.

8. Resolved that the Report, with the Treasurer's Account Current with the Monegar Choultry for the year 1858, and the list of subscribers be published in the Fort Saint George Gazette, and that the thanks of Government be tendered to the Directors for the interest which they have taken during the past year in the management of the affairs of the Institution.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Directors of the Monegar Choultry.
" Director General, Medical Department.
" Department Public Works.
" Accountant General.
" Civil Auditor.
" Superintendent Government Press, with the Report, &c.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

Cons: 25th Sept 58 No 42843

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