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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
16*th August* 1861.

No. 288. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Department, dated 14th August 1861, No. 1,180 :—

Requesting not to take any further steps towards repairing the Lunatic Asylum. } (Vide Public Proceedings, 14th August 1861, Nos. 115-116.)

No. 289. ORDER THEREON, 16th August 1861, No. 1,570.

Ordered to be communicated to the Chief Engineer for information and guidance with reference to Proceedings, dated 27th May 1861, No. 994.

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

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from Mr. R. W. NORFOR to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 3rd August 1861.

Referring to the Order of Government, 23rd May 1861, No. 744, regarding the repairs to the Lunatic Asylum, I have the honor to state that I have received from the District Engineer Presidency Division, two estimates for repairs, alterations and additions to the building.

2nd. These estimates, in the items of alterations and additions, are, as the District Engineer's letter to me states, "merely for entirely re-building certain portions that are unsafe, and strengthening others by buttresses;" the estimates indeed are such as will, if carried out, make the building as good as new, and their amount is, as might be expected from so extensive and expensive a scheme, large; the total of the estimates being Rupees 6,335, or upwards of two years' rent. They present an amount of outlay that it is impossible to enter upon, at one time.

3rd. The re-building portion of the Engineer's estimate is principally for a certain wall that is quite useless, and for the removal of which I purpose seeking the sanction of the Surgeon in charge.

4th. I trust however that I need not trouble Government regarding the repairs. The intervention of the Engineer's Department having been called for, only by the absence of any authorized person in charge of the Asylum, and I having now received full powers, extending to the sale of the building; I beg that Government will give directions to the Engineer's Department not to proceed with any work on the premises, and I will, as soon as Government has paid me the arrears of rent, for which I have presented a bill, proceed to do all needful repairs.

5th. That these repairs have not been stinted in their extent or costliness, I beg to be allowed to show from the outlay in only two previous years,

that for 1859 having been Rupees	1,981	1	9
1860.....	,,	1,304	4	0
Against rents yearly of	,,	3,000	0	0

A course of Asphalte has been laid on a large portion of the roof, making it impervious to wet or damp, and this will be completed all over the building.

6. In pursuance of the authority vested in me, I beg to state that should Government be now disposed to revive the question of the purchase of the building, I shall be happy to treat for its sale. The rents have been so greatly reduced, that they are quite insufficient for enabling the owners to carry out the requirements, for alterations, &c., based upon the improved system of treatment of the insane in the present day, and which seem incompatible, with any other ownership than that of Government.

ORDER THEREON, 14th August 1861, No. 1,180.

It being Mr. Norfor's intention to have all needful repairs to the Lunatic Asylum executed, no further steps in this matter will be taken in the Department of Public Works.

2. The Government are still not in a position to entertain the proposal for the purchase of the premises.

(True Extract.)

Secretary to Government.

To Mr. R. W. Norfor.
To the Department Public Works.
,, Principal Inspector General Medical Department.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

Pro: 27th May 1861 Nos 221-222

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Govt. Genl. for Chief.

No. 1870.

Proceedings of the
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No. 1570.

Ordered to be communicated to the Chief Engineer for information and guidance with reference to Proceedings dated 27th May 1861 No. 994.

J. W. L.

Requesting not to take any further steps to = wards Repairing the Lunatic Asylums.

Fort St. George
16th August 1861

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