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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 6th March 1862.

No. 74. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Department, dated 1st March 1862, No. 282 :—

Referring letter from Dr. Mayer submitting plan and estimate for certain improvements to the Lunatic Asylum, and requesting Chief Engineer to prepare, in communication with the aforesaid Doctor, separate estimates for the work as contemplated in the original plan and the modified one, and lay them before Government. (Vide Public Proceedings, 1st March 1862, Nos. 9-10.)

No. 75. ORDER THEREON, 6th March 1862, No. 369.

Communicated to the Deputy Chief Engineer, Central Circle, whose particular attention is requested to paragraph 2 of the orders in the Public Department.

(Signed) W. H. HORSLEY, Lieut.-Colonel,
Secretary to Government.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from Surgeon Major J. MAYER, late in charge of the Lunatic Asylum; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 21st February 1862.

In obedience to the orders given to me on the 14th instant by His Excellency the Governor in Council, I have the honor to forward the Plan required, as well as the Estimates* for the same. I have also the honor to state that Mr. Norfor, the Agent for the property is willing to take Rupees 18,000 as the purchase money for the Lunatic Asylum and the ground on which it stands. With the original plan I beg permission to submit a modification of it, suggested not merely with a view to economy, but as affording ample time for such further additions as circumstances may render desirable.

*Marked in the Letter Book of the Lunatic Asylum.

The modified plan will give 70 cells and consists merely in the addition of the two ranges proposed for Europeans and East Indians with gate way and connecting wall in front. These two ranges consist of 26 rooms, they will form two sides of the new square, the front will be secured by the wall and gate way, while the 4th side is already present being formed of the Assistant Apothecary's quarters, those of the Conicopoly the gate way, and the Office prescribing room.

Of the two squares now standing, the larger containing 20 cells (occupied chiefly by Europeans and East Indians) will certainly suffice for the requirements of male Native patients while if the walls which now divide the enclosure behind the square to be appropriated to Native male patients, were removed, there would be a sufficient space and an adequate number of cells for females, without dividing one cell into two, as is now done in many cases. The cost of the 26 new cells, was estimated at 29,000 Rupees, but I am informed this sum will be augmented now to 40,000, while the wall, gates, &c., will probably not fall much short of 10,000 Rupees, and if this be correct the total outlay will be within 70,000 Rupees, *i. e.* 50,000 for new buildings and 18,000 for purchase money, the interest on which at 5 per cent. per annum is 3,500 Rupees, or 500 Rupees per annum more than the yearly rent. The new building was to cost 2½ lacs, and now would certainly exceed 3 lacs, the annual interest on which is 15,000 Rupees. The advantages in favor of the modified plan are therefore very great, and finally it in no way hinders further additions, to the present building, should it be found that 70 cells are not sufficient to meet the requirements of any future time.

P. S.—Forwarded with this letter, two plans and one letter book, which it is requested may be returned when no longer required.

ORDER THEREON, 1st March 1862, No. 282.

Resolved that the above letter and accompanying plan be referred to the Public Works Department in advertence to the Order of Government of the 22nd ultimo, Public Department, No. 238.

2. The Government request that the Chief Engineer will, in communication with Dr. Mayer, estimate separately for the entire work contemplated in the original plan for improving and extending the Lunatic Asylum submitted by Dr. Mayer and referred to in the letter of the Superintending Surgeon in charge, under date the 6th June 1859, and for the modified plan which he has now proposed. Having the cost of both plans before them the Government will then be in a position to pass final orders.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Department Public Works.
To Dr. Mayer.
To the Principal Inspector General Medical Department.

25th July 62 Nos 408-409

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