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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 20th January 1864.

No. 427. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Educational Department :—

Calling for a report as to the progress made in preparing the revised Plans and Estimates for the Lawrence Asylum at Ootacamund, and also as to what has been done in the way of levelling the site, collection of materials, and other preliminary work. } (Here enter 8th January 1864, No. 7.)

No. 428. ORDER THEREON, 20th January 1864, No. 211.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, who will be requested to report on the points referred to in paragraph 2, and to state whether any portion of the amount, viz., Rupees 800, sanctioned from the current year's Reserve in the Orders marginally noted, has been expended.

No. 3,715, 16th December 1863.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from E. B. POWELL, Esq., Director of Public Instruction; to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 23rd December 1863, No. 2704.

I have the honor to forward a letter from the Officiating Secretary, Ootacamund Lawrence Asylum, in which it is stated that the sum of Rupees 800,* mentioned in the Revd. Mr. Whitehouse's letter of the 5th October last, as the estimated cost of a temporary Dormitory, should have been Rupees 8000.

* Order thereon, No. 317, of the 8th December 1863.

2. I think it necessary to remark that, at the close of Mr. Whitehouse's letter, intimation is given that other temporary buildings are contemplated by the Committee. Such being the case, it appears to me that the expense likely to be incurred, judging from the estimate for the Dormitory alone, is such as to render it questionable whether admissions into the Asylum should not be discontinued, or even present inmates in excess of accommodation removed, as opportunity offers, to the Asylums at Madras till permanent structures have been erected. I cannot imagine that the higher price hoped by the Committee to be realized, in the event of the sale of the property, as expressed in the last paragraph but one of their Secretary's letter of the 5th October last, will be at all commensurate with such an outlay as may be anticipated.

From Major General MACDOUGALL, Officiating Secretary, Lawrence Asylum; to the Director of Public Instruction, Madras, dated Ootacamund, 14th December 1863.

With reference to the Government Order, No. 317, dated 8th December 1863, and your letter dated 13th October 1863, No. 2073, forwarding a letter from the Secretary, Lawrence Asylum, dated 5th October 1863, I have the honor to apprize you, for the information of the Madras Government, that the approximate estimate prepared by Major Farewell, for a Dormitory for 80 boys, amounted to Rupees (8000) eight thousand, and not Rupees (800) eight hundred as stated in the Revd. T. Whitehouse's letter. I can only account for this mistake by supposing it to be a clerical error on his part.

I therefore request you will do me the favor of re-submitting this application to Government.

ORDER THEREON, 8th January 1864, No. 7.

The Governor in Council is not prepared to sanction the expenditure of so large a sum as Rupees 8000 in the erection of a temporary building on the Stonehouse premises for the Lawrence Asylum. The Committee should ascertain whether they cannot arrange for the erection of such temporary buildings as may be required at a much smaller cost. If not, the number of inmates should be reduced.

2. The Superintending Engineer will report, through the Public Works Department, what progress has been made in preparing the revised plans and estimates for the Asylum, and when they are likely to be laid before Government. He will also state what has been done in the way of levelling the site, collection of materials, and other preliminary work.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Director of Public Instruction.
" Public Works Department.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

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