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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
15th February 1864.*

No. 302. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public
Department:—

Requesting that the necessary orders may be issued for
surrounding the premises of the Leper Hospital, Presi-
dency District (after enlargement as suggested by the
Surgeon, 1st District,) with a Korkapilly hedge or some
other suitable enclosure. } (Here enter 3rd February 1864, No. 126.)

No. 303. ORDER THEREON, 15th February 1864, No. 456.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, who will be requested to
report the source from which the cost of the work which should at once be proceeded with, is to
be defrayed.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division.

„ Accountant General.

„ Controller and Auditor of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers :—

From R. COLE, Esq., Principal Inspector General, Medical Department, Fort Saint George ; to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Public Department, Fort Saint George, dated 16th December 1863, No. 287.

A proposition has been made by the Surgeon, 1st District, to enclose some pieces of waste land (Government property) in the neighbourhood of the Leper Hospital for, as I consider, excellent reasons assigned, and to increase the area of land available for gardening and recreation for the lepers.

2. A plan* showing the nature of the proposed alterations, and correspondence connected with the subject, are forwarded for reference.

* Herewith sent.
From the Deputy Inspector General of Hospitals, Presidency,
No. 2435 of 7th December 1863, and enclosures.

3. As the improvements are intended to improve the salubrity of the neighbourhood, and to afford a larger space for the out-door employment of the lepers, I beg to recommend their being carried out.

From J. MAYER, Esq., Deputy Inspector General of Hospitals, Presidency Division ; to the Secretary to the Principal Inspector General, Medical Department, Fort Saint George, dated 7th December 1863, No. 2435.

Having carefully inspected the localities shown in the accompanying plan and buildings situated thereon, as well as the surrounding grounds, I am of opinion that the suggestions of the Surgeon of the 1st District are sound and judicious, so far as concerns the health and comfort of the inmates of the Institutions mentioned by him, and the prevention of a public nuisance. Doctor vanSomeren has not stated any thing relative to the cost involved, but as I have ascertained that the ground is Government property, I am led to infer that the cost will not entail on Government any outlay except a very trifling one, so small indeed as not to be set against the advantages to be gained.

From W. J. VANSOMEREN, Esq., M. D., Surgeon, 1st District ; to the Deputy Inspector General of Hospitals, Presidency Division, dated Madras, 11th November 1863, No. 257.

I have the honor to forward herewith a plan of the ground on which the Leper and Foundling Hospitals are situated, and its vicinity. Allow me to solicit your attention to the triangular spots A and B on the north, as places which are now used for the purposes of nature to the injury of both the health and comfort of the inmates of the former Hospital, and to suggest that these should be included in the premises of the Leper Hospital, with the view not only of preventing a dangerous nuisance, but of adding to those premises where they are at present very circumscribed.

2. Between the Leper and Foundling Hospitals you will see a piece of waste common, marked C, now used as a thoroughfare ; and with the view of still further increasing the premises, and extending the ground available for cultivation by the lepers and for their exercise, I beg to suggest that this also be taken in, by setting a Korkapilly hedge from the Apothecary's quarters along the eastern margin of the Attapolliam high road, as far as the south-east corner of the Foundling Hospital, and then carrying it eastwards till it meets a line of hedge carried directly south from the present eastern boundary of the Leper Hospital.

3. I am indebted to Dr. Montgomery for the accompanying plan, which he had prepared when he acted for me last year, and when the same improvements that I have recommended occurred to him as highly desirable.

4. May I request that the plan be returned to me after it is done with.

From W. J. VANSOMEREN, Esq., M. D., Surgeon, 1st District; to the Deputy Inspector General of Hospitals, Presidency Division, dated Madras, 30th November 1863, No. 270.

In reply to your letter, No. 2369, dated 28th instant, I have the honor to state that I suggested the addition to the Leper Hospital premises in the belief that the ground is Government property, and its cost to Government will therefore be nothing at all.

2. May I beg your early transmission of my letter, dated 11th instant, to authority as the Engineers have almost completed the work on which they have been engaged for some time past, and I have prevented their placing the coping on some of the walls which will have to come down if my suggestions are sanctioned. If there be much further delay this work will have to be finished, and then not only may it take a long time before the Engineer's Department can return to work here, but part of the work done will have to be undone.

From W. J. VANSOMEREN, Esq., M. D., Surgeon, 1st District; to the Deputy Inspector General of Hospitals, Presidency, dated Madras, 1st December 1863, No. 271.

With reference to your letter, No. 2369, dated 28th November 1863, and your Demi-official of to-day, I have the honor to request that you will kindly obtain for me the information required from the Municipal Commissioners, and the Engineer's Department, as I imagine the former are the authorities to refer to regarding the proprietorship of the ground, and the latter respecting the cost of the addition I have recommended.

Extract from the Proceedings of a Meeting of the Municipal Commissioners for the Town of Madras, under date the 4th December 1863.

Read the following Memorandum by the Civil Engineer, dated 3rd instant.

"The Civil Engineer has the honor to report that the land marked A, B, in the sketch accompanying the Deputy Inspector General of Hospital's letter,* under date the 2nd instant, is Government property, and forms part of the Black Town North Esplanade.

(Signed) D. HORGAN,

Civil Engineer.

Ordered to be communicated to the Deputy Inspector General of Hospitals.
(A true Extract.)

(Signed) S. JESUDASEN,
2nd Municipal Commissioner
for the Town of Madras.

To the Deputy Inspector General of Hospitals.

The proposition will be referred to the Collector of Madras for his opinion, and to the Military Department to ascertain whether there is any objection on Military grounds.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
23rd December 1863.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

From G. BANBURY, Esq., Acting Collector of Madras; to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Saidapet, 26th January 1864, No. 7.

With reference to your Endorsement on the Principal Inspector General Mr. Cole's letter,* No. 287 of the 16th ultimo, I have the honor to inform you that the three tracts of waste land, marked A, B, C, on the plan, form part of the North Esplanade, and belong to Government. There is no objection to these sites being included in the Leper Hospital.

* Herewith returned.

2. The plots A and B adjoin the premises of the Railway Company. I accordingly communicated with the Consulting Engineer for Railways to ascertain whether the Company were likely to require them. Captain O'Connell informed me in reply that there was no probability of these plots being wanted for Railway purposes.

3. The original correspondence, and the plan received from the Deputy Secretary are herewith returned.

Proceedings of Government in the Military Department.

Observing that there are no objections, in a Military point of view, to the proposition of the Surgeon of the 1st District to enclose some pieces of waste land in the neighbourhood of the Leper Hospital, and to increase the area of land available for gardening and recreation for the lepers. (Dated 7th January 1864, No. 65.)

ORDER THEREON, 3rd February 1864, No. 126.

Resolved, as suggested by the Surgeon, 1st District, and recommended by the Principal Inspector General, Medical Department, that the premises of the Leper Hospital be enlarged by the addition to them of the waste ground, marked A, B and C, in the plan submitted with the foregoing letter.

2. The necessary orders will be issued in the Department Public Works for surrounding the ground, as now extended, with a Korkapilly hedge, or some other suitable enclosure.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary

To the Principal Inspector General, Medical Department,
with Plan returned

" Department Public Works.
" Accountant General.
" Directors of the Monegar Choultry.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

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Superintending Engineer A. D. Allen
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