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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,  
29th February 1864.*

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No. 579. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Judicial  
Department:—

Requesting the preparation of a Plan and Estimate for the  
erection of a Lunatic Asylum at Calicut, on a site to be  
determined by the Collector of Malabar in communication } (Here enter 20th February 1864, No. 224.)  
with the Inspector General of Hospitals.

No. 580. ORDER THEREON, 29th February 1864, No. 590.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, with a request that the Plan  
and Estimate required may be submitted at an early date.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.  
PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers:—

Proceedings of Government in the Military Department.

*Communicating a letter from the Deputy Quarter Master General, reporting that, on the requisition of the Inspector General of Mofussil Police, the place of Arms and Hospital at Tellicherry were given over to the Police on the 29th June last, for the use of that Department.*

(Dated 6th October 1863, No. 3195.)

From G. A. BALLARD, Esq., Collector of Malabar, to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Calicut, 6th November 1863, No. 126.

With reference to your Official Memorandum, dated 19th ultimo, No. 352, Judicial Department, I have the honor to state that on receipt

Dated 22nd September 1863, No. 1531.

of the Government Order therein adverted to, the Acting Sub-Collector was requested to

favor me at his early convenience with a plan of the hospital at Tellicherry with full information regarding the building, and an estimate of the cost of converting it into a Lunatic Asylum.

\* Dated 2nd instant, No. 328.

† "For conversion into a place of confinement for lunatics. The wards of this building are badly ventilated, but the ventilation might be much improved at a trifling cost. The want of a Lunatic Asylum is much felt, at Tellicherry, where insanity is very prevalent."

2. From his reply,\* which has just been received, I find that the hospital at Tellicherry is not large enough for a District Lunatic Asylum. Indeed I did not in my original remark† contemplate its being used as

a District Asylum, but simply as a local one.

From your Memorandum under reply, I perceive that the building is not now available for this purpose, and if a District Asylum is provided a local one will not be so necessary.

‡ Present Garrison Hospital, Cannanore.

3. I think that the building‡ mentioned in my letter to Government, dated 28th August 1863, should be converted into a District

Lunatic Asylum, or that a building expressly designed for the purpose should be erected at Cannanore, Tellicherry, or Calicut.

4. I believe that the erection of a large and suitable building at Calicut would be altogether the best arrangement, as Calicut is most central for all parts of the District. A good site a little way out of the town might be had, and it is as well not to have a large Lunatic Asylum immediately in it. The establishment of a District Lunatic Asylum is much called for, and I trust the question will be considered in a liberal spirit; though the erection of a new building may cost more at first, it will, I believe, be most satisfactory in the end.

ORDER THEREON, 20th February 1864, No. 224.

It appears from the papers above recorded that the hospital at Tellicherry, which it was proposed to convert into a Lunatic Asylum, is not available; and that if the projected Asylum be established at Cannanore, either a new building must be erected for the purpose, or provision must be made for the Commissariat office and stores, either by erecting a new building at a cost of Rupees 15,000, or renting, among others, a house now occupied by the Normal School. The latter measure is very undesirable; and if a new building is to be erected, it is better, in the opinion of the Governor in Council, that it should be one planned with due regard to the requirements of a Lunatic Asylum. Orders will, therefore, be issued in the Department of Public Works for the preparation of a plan and estimate for the erection of a Lunatic Asylum at Calicut.

on a site to be determined by the Collector in communication with the Inspector General of Hospitals, who will be requested to proceed to that station on completing the duty on which he is now engaged at Ootacamund.

(True Extract.)

*L. J. Amthurst*  
Chief Secretary.

To the Collector of Malabar.

- " Principal Inspector General, Medical Department.
- " Inspector General of Hospitals, Ootacamund.
- " Military Department.
- " Public Works Department.

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communication with the Insp-  
Genl of Hospitals.

With an order

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