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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 19th May 1864.*

No. 451. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Educational Department :—

Declining to sanction any additions to the buildings now occupied temporarily by the Lawrence Asylum, Coimbatore District. } (Here enter 13th May 1864, No. 133.)

No. 452. ORDER THEREON, 19th May 1864, No. 1,463.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.
„ Controller and Auditor of Public Works Accounts, } with G. O. Nos. 211 and 541, dated
„ Accountant General, } 20th January and 23rd Feb. 1864.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

## *Proceedings of the Madras Government, Educational Department, 13th May 1864.*

Read the following papers:—

No. 13. Proceedings of Government in the Public Works Department.

*Communicating a letter from the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, submitting a letter from Major Farewell, Executive Engineer, reporting the expenditure on the Lawrence Asylum works up to the end of January 1864, and detailing the work done for the same, with the opinion of the Superintending Engineer in reference to the temporary Dormitory proposed by Mr. Farewell, in the last paragraph of his letter.* (Dated 23rd February 1864, No. 541.)

No. 14. From E. B. POWELL, Esq., Director of Public Instruction; to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 23rd March 1864, No. 556.

In connection with your Memorandum, No. 101 of the 27th ultimo, I have the honor to forward a letter, dated the 14th instant, from the Secretary to the Ootacamund Lawrence Asylum, together with copy of certain Resolutions passed by the Committee of Management of the Asylums.

From the Revd. T. WHITEHOUSE, M. A. Principal and Secretary Lawrence Asylum, Ootacamund; to the Director of Public Instruction, Madras, dated Ootacamund, 14th March 1864.

In acknowledging the receipt of your letter, No. 428 of the 3rd instant, I have the honor to inform you that I laid the same, together with the Memorandum of the Chief Secretary, and the accompanying Government Order, No. 541 of the 23rd February last, before the Committee of the Lawrence Asylum.

2. The Committee having duly considered the questions connected with the above documents, I have the honor, by their desire, to annex a copy of certain Resolutions passed at a meeting this day, and in which they have sought to convey to Government the views which they entertain in respect of a partial extension of the advantages of the Lawrence Asylums, in the interval between this and the completion of the new buildings.

3. In these views the Committee earnestly hope that they will meet with the approval and concurrence of His Excellency in Council, and it is in this hope that they now desire to press upon the consideration of Government the expediency of the following works being carried out as early as possible, in connection with the Asylums as at present located.

4. To treat first of the necessities of the Female Branch. Even at present there is a crowding in the Dormitories, which is barely consistent with health, and which would not allow of a single addition to the inmates. But if a temporary school-room could be erected outside the present building, ample accommodation would be afforded. The dimensions of such a room would be 60 by 15, with walls 12 feet high; and might be constructed of sun-dried bricks with a thatched roof, and a flooring of brick to be covered with coir matting. The cost of such a building would be but moderate.

5. In respect of the Male Asylum, the same want exists that is already under the consideration of Government, viz., a new Dormitory. In this case also sun-dried bricks, and a thatched roof, appear to be well adapted for the purpose; but from the building forming a sleeping apartment, it is considered necessary for health that there should be a raised floor. The Committee propose that this should be made of corrugated iron, and that there should be, as it were, a loan from Government of the material. Laid down without being nailed, but fastened by other obvious means, the iron would receive no injury whatever, but be available hereafter for use in the new Asylums, or in any other public work requiring it for roofing or other purpose. In this way the expense of the building would be limited to the mere shed with doors and windows, and thus might be brought within a cost that the Government would not deem too heavy for the important object to be realized.

7. Requesting that you will bring the above letter, with the accompanying copy of Resolutions, to the notice of the Chief Secretary, at your earliest convenience.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Educational Department,*
*13th May 1864.*

COPY OF RESOLUTIONS.

I. That provided temporary accommodation consistent with the health and comfort of the inmates can be secured at a moderate cost, it seems to the Committee to be very desirable that such provision should be made for extending in some degree, the advantages of the Asylums during the lengthened period which will necessarily be occupied in the erection of the new buildings.

II. That in respect of such extension of the advantages of the Asylums, peculiar circumstances seem to point out the Female Asylum as the branch that has the superior claim to consideration; but that at the same time any increase to the Male branch is entitled to earnest attention.

III. That for the present the erection of a temporary school-room and the conversion of the present school-room into a Dormitory seem sufficient to meet the existing wants of the Female Branch.

IV. That in respect of the Male Asylum, the Committee cannot recommend an erection of mere wattle and daub with a thatched roof, but they are of opinion that a sufficient building for a Dormitory may be constructed at an economical cost if sun-dried bricks be employed for the walls, the roof be of thatch, and the flooring—a necessary provision for the health of the inmates—be composed of corrugated iron, a material which is recommended because it need not be debited as a cost against the Dormitory, since it would hereafter be available for use in the new Asylums.

V. That at the present time all available accommodation in both Asylums is so entirely occupied—the boys numbering 130, and the girls 51—that unless some provision, such as that contemplated in the foregoing Resolution, be adopted, not one single additional boy or girl can be admitted into the Institution, and that the urgency, in this particular, is very great as regards the Female Asylum.

VI. That in pursuance of the above Resolutions, the following letter be addressed to Government.

No. 15.

ORDER THEREON, 13th May 1864, No. 133.

On full consideration of the arguments urged by the Committee of the Lawrence Asylum, and adverting to the heavy cost of the permanent buildings about to be erected for that Institution, the Governor in Council does not deem himself at liberty to sanction any additions to the buildings now occupied temporarily by the Lawrence Asylum.

(True Extract)

G. J. Cumberlege
*Chief Secretary.*

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

Exd. T. O'Connor.

Communicated to the Supg Engineer 1st Division.

Chepauk 19th May 1864

To the Supg Engineer 1st Division
Comptroller & Auditor
P.W. accounts
Accountant General

With G.O. No. 211 dated 20 January & 23rd July 1864.

No. 87.

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Pro. of Govt in the
Educational Dept.

Dated 10th May
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Declining to sanction any additions to the buildings now occupied temporarily by the Lawrence Asylum, Coimbatore &c.

No. 457. 452

Withdrawn

Exd. T. O'Connor,