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22nd August 1866.*

No. 485.

Read the following :—

No. 83.

*Report on the Progress of the Lawrence Asylum Works for the Quarter ending 30th
June 1866.*

1. In consequence of the change in the official year this report will only embrace the two months of May and June 1866, during which period the expenditure by the Progress Report is shown to be Rupees 11,278-7-4.

2. On the 5th May 1866 His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor visited the sites, with the view of fixing definitely on the style of building, &c., best adapted to the ground; Mr. Chisholm, the Architect, from Madras, accompanied His Lordship, and received definite instructions to enable him to prepare the plans. Permission was requested from His Lordship to commence at once with the erection of the Hospital, the original plan for this building having, although the two sets of the plans for the main buildings were rejected, met with approval. On the 17th May 1866 orders were received to begin the Hospital at once, a large portion of the site had previously been excavated, as much indeed as could be done, while the question of the plan to be finally adopted was in abeyance; work was at once commenced, and the excavation was completed and foundation dug by the 28th May, when building operations were at once commenced. By the end of June all the door and window frames were fixed, and the walls raised to an average height of four feet; work was entirely stopped from the 16th to the 24th June, both days inclusive, by incessant rain, which though not very heavy, 11.54 inches only having fallen, was continuous, accompanied with very high wind, rendering it quite impossible to carry on any out-door work, but it is hoped that, although the next four or five months comprise the whole of the wet season, the building may be finally completed and handed over by the 1st January 1867.

3. During the two months under report, 473,180 bricks were made in the brickfields, 504,390 bricks were burned, and 567,090 were taken up to the sites. 141,900 tiles were made, and 60,000 burned; the continuous rain, above referred to, caused serious damage in the brickfields, a large number of green bricks on the hacks were destroyed, and of two kilns then just being burned one of 48,000 bricks was entirely destroyed, and the other partially so, about 20,000 bricks being washed down.

4. Eight hundred and seventy-five parahs, of 225 lbs. each, of lime-stone, have been carted to the Lawrence Asylum Works during the two months under report.

5. Advantage was taken of the wet weather to plant several thousand trees, but after the first burst above referred to, the monsoon entirely ceased, and we had again quite unusual hot and dry weather, so that it is much feared that many of the trees will not strike.

6. But little firewood has been obtained from Devi Shola, the Forest Department have been unable to supply more. This magnificent Shola having been almost entirely cut down, and the greater portion of the felled timber destroyed by fire, it becomes a question whence our present requirements are to be supplied; but a far more serious one as to from whence the future constant demand for the Institution

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(Signed) W. FAREWELL, Major,
Executive Engineer.

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Lieut.-Colonel, R. E.,
Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.

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(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
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During the two months under report, 45380 Bricks were made in the Brickfields 504390 bricks were burned, and 567090 were taken up to the sites. 141900 Tiles were made and 40000 burned, the continuous rain above referred to, caused serious damage in the Brickfields, a large number of green bricks

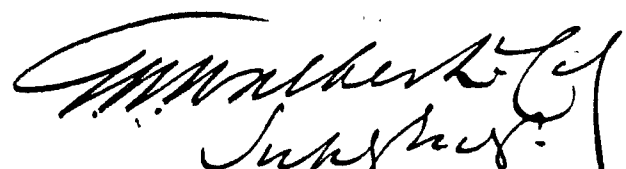
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