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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
19th December 1866.

No. 382. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Educational Department:—

Sanctioning the re-imbursement to the Lawrence }
Asylum Committee of the expenditure (Rs. 213-2-0) incurred in erecting a shed on the } (Here enter 12th December 1866, No. 372.)
Stonehouse estate.

No. 383. ORDER THEREON, 19th December 1866, No. 4,002.

ACCOUNT No. 36.

Communicated to the Superintend-
ing Engineer of the 7th Division.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Educational Department,
12th December 1866.*

No. 20. Read the following letter from the Director of Public Instruction, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 1st December 1866, No. 2503.

I have the honor to submit the accompanying letter of the 23rd ultimo, from the Secretary to the Ootacamund Lawrence Asylum, for the consideration of Government.

2. I think that, looking at the severe pressure upon the funds of the Asylum which has existed during the past months, and which is still felt, the request put forward by the Committee may be complied with.

From the Principal and Secretary, Lawrence Asylum, Ootacamund, to the Director of Public Instruction, Madras; dated Ootacamund, 23rd November 1866.

I am directed to bring to your notice the following particulars, respecting one of the out-buildings on the Stonehouse Estate, which is the property of Government.

2. In the month of March 1865, the Committee requested Major Farewell, the Executive Engineer, to examine the buildings on this property, as it was considered that many of them needed repairing, and amongst others an out-building used as a Carpenter's Work-shed by a class of boys. Major Farewell pronounced this last named structure to be in a dangerous state, and, accordingly, the Committee requested, by a letter dated April 7th, 1865, that immediate steps should be taken to render the Work-shed perfectly secure, whether by repairing or re-building, as might appear to him best.

3. Shortly after this, men were sent to pull down the dilapidated building, and erect a very small shed, which we presumed was designed as a Dépôt for tools, chunam, &c. The monsoons came on, and nothing more was done.

4. When the Government Inspector of Schools, Mr. Marden, visited the Institution, in the month of September following, nothing had been done, and in his Report, when speaking of the Carpenter's class, he observes "fresh accommodation is urgently required, as the boys are now in a wretched shed," but, when Mr. Marden came again in July last, he found matters still unimproved (vide Mr. Marden's report, dated 19th July 1866).

5. The Committee, justly considering this state of things most injurious to the interests of the class, after Mr. Marden's last inspection, resolved to wait no longer. Accordingly, they directed a simple and inexpensive thatched shed to be erected, and fitted up with four Carpenter's benches. The work was at once put in hand, and was nearly completed when His Excellency the present Governor honored the School with a visit on the 10th September last.

6. The new shed and its fixtures (as will be seen by the accompanying Memorandum) cost Rupees 213-2-0, and the Committee will be much obliged by your recommending that the modest sum thus expended should be refunded to the Institution, since the usual state of our funds does not allow of expenses of this kind being incurred without seriously crippling its usefulness; and the enormous famine rates which we have been paying for many months past for our common market supplies (as will also be seen by the comparison of prices in the subjoined Memorandum), make such charges more than usually burdensome at this present time.

7. Requesting you to bring the above to the notice of Government at your earliest convenience, I have the honor to be, &c.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Educational Department,
12th December 1866.*

LAWRENCE ASYLUM, OOTACAMUND, STONEHOUSE ESTATE.

Cost of Carpenter's shed and three fixtures.

	RS.	A.	P.
Contract for shed...	120	0	0
Extra grass from Lovedale...	14	0	0
Teakwood...	45	6	0
Carpenter Maistry...	30	0	0
Screws...	2	0	0
Hasp, Staple, Padlock, Hinges...	1	12	0
Total...	213	2	0

COMPARISON of prices in August 1862, when the Lawrence Asylum Schools were enlarged and put on their present footing, and August 1866.

	August 1862.	August 1866.	Rise per cent.	Aggregate rise per cent.
			RS.	
Rice.....	5½ Measures per Rupee..	3 Measures per Rupee...	83½	Rupees 93.
Jaggery.....	15½ lbs. per Rupee.....	8½ lbs. per Rupee.....	71½	
Cowbeans.....	8½ Measures per Rupee..	5 Measures per Rupee...	70	
Cotton seed... ..	1 Maund per Rupee.....	4 Maund per Rupee.....	75	
Lamp oil.....	3½ Bottles per „ ..	2 Bottles per Rupee.....	75	
Salt.....	8 Measures per „ ..	5 Measures per Rupee...	60	
Cocoanuts.....	24 per Rupee.....	12 per Rupee.....	100	
Gram.....	14 Measures per Rupee..	4½ Measures per Rupee..	211½	

In September and October most of the above articles were dearer still.

No. 21. ORDER THEREON, 12th December 1866, No. 372.

The Governor in Council sanctions the reimbursement to the Committee of the cost, Rupees 213-2-0, incurred in the erection of the shed referred to.
(True Extract).

G. J. Cunningham
Chief Secretary.

To the Director of Public Instruction, with enclosures returned.
„ Accountant General.
„ Public Works Department. ✓

Exd. J. H. Burns.

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Dated 12th of December 1866.
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