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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
10th August 1867.*

No. 245. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Judicial Department:—

Observing that the site selected by the Collector of
Malabar and the late Dr. Macpherson for the
proposed Lunatic Asylum at Calicut, does not
contain sufficient ground, and requesting the
Collector to report upon other available sites. } (Here enter 2nd August 1867, No. 1,243)

No. 246. ORDER THEREON, 10th August 1867, No. 2,433.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 35.

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

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. H. M. SHAW STEWART, Major, R. E.,

Under Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
2nd August 1867.*

No. 15. Read the following letter from the Collector of Malabar, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Calicut, 19th July 1867, No. 81.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of G. O., dated 20th June 1867,

No. 997.

If a total square area of $12\frac{1}{2}$ acres is required for the Lunatic Asylum premises—and the larger plan requires that space—

NOTE.—The larger plan requires... $12\frac{1}{2}$ Acres.
The smaller plan 3 do.

then the site proposed by Dr. Macpherson and myself is clearly out of the

question, for so great a square area cannot there be obtained, from the formation of the locality, which, being near the sea, comprises long sandy ridges alternating with hollows. If the large plan is to be adopted, therefore, the Superintending Engineer's objections are perfectly sound.

2. If, however, the smaller plan is adopted, a space of only 360 feet square, or some three acres, is required, and that can be had without the inclusion of any low ground. I cannot imagine then any sanitary objections, and I can state that Dr. Macpherson particularly approved of the site in a sanitary point of view, nor do I conceive the Superintending Engineer would then have professional objections.

3. The Zillah Surgeon is absent on leave at present; but I know that his objection to the locality was that what people there are living near are Mukwars or fishermen, and that people of caste would be disinclined to use an Asylum in that vicinity. I called a dozen or so respectable Native residents together, when first submitting the proposition of the Lunatic Asylum to Government, and particularly questioned them as to their views on this point, and their opinion was unanimous that the objection had no weight whatever.

4. Consequently, if the smaller space only is required, I have no hesitation in recommending the originally proposed site. I forward this through the Superintending Engineer, with a view to his making any remarks thereon, should he desire to do so.

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No. 91A.

The undersigned has still a prejudice in favor of a more elevated site capable of better drainage than that whereof a section and levels accompanied his plans and estimates. In all other respects, the situation proposed by the Collector is a very convenient one.

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel,

Superintending Engineer.

COIMBATORE, 20th July 1867.

No. 16. ORDER THEREON, 2nd August 1867, No. 1243.

The Governor in Council observes that the site which has been selected by the Collector of Malabar and the late Dr. Macpherson does not contain more than three acres of ground suited for building purposes, while the plans designed by the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, will require upwards of twelve acres of ground. Ample space will also be necessary for recreation and exercise. Under these circumstances, the Collector is again requested to report upon other available sites for the institution in question.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
2nd August 1867.*

2 If the Superintending Engineer and the Zillah Surgeon are at Calicut, the report now called for should be made in communication with them.

(True Extract).

[Signature]
Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Collector of Malabar.

„ Public Works Department.

„ Inspector General, Medical Department.

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Exd. J. H. Burns.

