

(1) Number of pages 24

(2) Date of repair _____

(3) Initials of the Referencer _____

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Public works DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	2788	Press
		~~Miss~~
224-6.		
Dated	11 - 9 -	1867.

Not to be folded or roughly handled

22-4-43

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
11th September 1867.*

Read the following papers:—

No. 224. Endorsement of the Acting Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, dated Madras, 13th August 1867, No. 2,299.

From R. F. CHISHOLM, Esq, C. E., Executive Engineer Presidency, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 7th August 1867, No. 26.

1. I have the honor to lay before you the following report, the result of my recent visit to Ootacamund in connection with the Lawrence Asylum, undertaken with the sanction of Government.—*Vide* Order No. 1,924, dated the 27th ultimo.

Boys' branch of the Asylum.

2. With regard, first, to the plans of the Boys' branch of the Asylum, I am very glad that the Government were pleased to afford me another opportunity of seeing the site. On Friday the 19th, I visited the Asylum, in company with Major Farewell and Captain Hankin, during one of the severest days of this year's monsoon. A sharp cutting wind blew from the east, driving the rain horizontally before it, and this weather lasted with more or less violence for nine or ten days. The east end of the new Hospital was protected by a strong frame-work of bamboos and mats, but notwithstanding this the rain had penetrated to the inside of the building, and the wall (an 18-inch one) was wet throughout. I have thus had an opportunity of inspecting the locality under the most favorable and under the most unfavorable circumstances, and I have now not the slightest hesitation in recommending the plan of the Boys' Asylum, with such modifications as are mentioned below. When I went to Ootacamund it was my intention, in the revised plans, to open out the building at the angles, and to use every means to obtain a perfect perfilation of air throughout, but the severity of the weather is so great, that I think (and my views are supported by the expressed opinions of the local Officers) that protection from the inclemency of the weather should be one of the very first considerations, and that the ventilation throughout the building should be entirely under the control of the inmates. I may mention that there is a very great difference between the force of the wind at Lovedale and the force of the wind at Ootacamund.

Accommodation.

3. With regard to accommodation, more especially that provided in the dormitories, I have visited "Stonchouse" and "Norwood," and find that the cubical contents of the dormitories vary from 354 to 486 cubic feet per boy, and yet the boys are reported to be very healthy indeed. Although I do not look upon these facts as evidence that so small a quantity of space is sufficient, I think they will fully establish the fact of the sufficiency of 600 cubic feet, and show that anything above this quantity will add unnecessarily to the cost of the structure.

Proposed alterations.

4. There is another alteration, and I think improvement, which suggested itself to my mind when on the site, and which I beg respectfully to tender for the consideration of Government. In the plan, as it stands, forty boys are accommodated over the dining hall in the east, and the remainder in the three storied part of the building on the west. The ground-floor of the latter being used as store-rooms and clothes'-rooms. Such extensive store-rooms and clothes'-rooms

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
11th September 1867.*

are not necessary, but they were added simply to provide a basement to the dormitories. Since visiting the site, I do not at all recognize the necessity for this arrangement. On the contrary, I think that the lower the building is kept on the west side the greater will be the comfort of the inmates and the stability of the structure, as it is from the west side all the very heavy gales blow. I would also remove the dormitories over the dining hall, and raise the latter on a basement of store-rooms. This alteration would possess the double advantage of keeping all the dormitories together, and admit of the proportions of the dining hall being so altered as to render it suitable for divine service.

5. I now beg leave to take up the question of the adaptation of the existing buildings at "Stonehouse" for the accommodation of three hundred* girls.

6. There are four distinct groups of buildings which form the present Boys' branch of the Asylum, viz., "Stonehouse" and "Norwood," both the property of Government, and Mr. Misquith's premises and the Principal's residence, rented respectively for Rupees 200 and Rupees 60 per mensem.

"Stonehouse."

7. "Stonehouse," of which I enclose plans and sections, affords sleeping accommodation for eighty boys, and rooms for two Masters. It was purchased by the original Committee of the Asylum for Rupees 22,000 in 1859.

"Norwood."

8. "Norwood" is distant nearly a mile from "Stonehouse." It affords sleeping accommodation for forty boys. It was purchased by the Committee for a girl's branch of the Asylum in 1860 for Rupees 8,000. The school-rooms, dining-rooms, and Serjeant's quarters are all in Mr. Misquith's premises. These latter are not in any way suited to the requirements of an Asylum, and as will be seen from the plan, adjoin the public road at the foot of Stonehouse hill. "Norwood" is too far from the main building to be useful as any thing but a residence for the Principal and Masters. I will, therefore, confine my observations to the remodelling of "Stonehouse."

Plan of Stonehouse.

9. The main building marked A on the plan, I regret to say, is old and will require rather extensive repairs before it will be fit to be given up with the new buildings. The roof, which is flat, is the most dilapidated, and if patched now will, in all probability, have to be removed entirely in the course of two or three years. The building marked B is a cook-room in very tolerable order, but not of much value. The remaining building marked C is in tolerable order also, but like the rest it is badly planned. Both the last mentioned structures have pent roofs. At the current rates for building at Ootacamund I estimate the total value of the buildings at Rupees 30,000, or rather it would cost at the current rates Rs. 30,000 to provide an equal amount of accommodation.

Extent of accommodation.

10. The total superficial area of the buildings A and C amounts to about 4,119 feet, which is just sufficient for the necessary school-rooms, being a little over 12 superficial feet for each girl. It will be necessary, therefore, to add dormitories, a dining hall, Mistresses' residences, a small Hospital, and a play-shed, and to do

* The Government Order states 400 girls, but I have assumed these figures to be a printer's error.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
11th September 1867.*

this will cost more than the estimated amount of the Girls' Asylum at Lovedale. In point of fact, school-room accommodation will be the only gain by the removal, and against this should be placed the cost of a Hospital and a play-shed, as well as the increased cost of carting the materials from Lovedale. A suitable Hospital and a play-shed could not, I think, be built for less than Rupees 35,000, and the cost of school-rooms and play-sheds in the Lovedale design amounted to less than 30,000, and the carriage of materials would be something very considerable.

11. Major Farewell informs me that the clay in the present brickfield

at Ootacamund will not yield more than three or four lacs of bricks, so that it is evident almost all would have to be carted from Lovedale.

Existing Hospital.

12. With regard to the question of making use of the Hospital in Lovedale as Masters' residences. It would seem to me scarcely advisable to make a portion only into residences, as many of the Masters will no doubt be married men, and the sick and the healthy children will be under the same roof. Were it advisable to take up this building for such accommodation, I would appropriate the whole to residences, and build a small Hospital, but an inspection of the plan (which I send herewith) will at once show that it cannot be made so available except at an enormous sacrifice of space. At the best but eight Masters could be badly accommodated at a cost of over Rupees 11,000 each.

13. While thinking the matter over carefully, it occurred to me that it might be better, considering all things, to let the existing Hospital form the nucleus of the Girls' branch of the Asylum, and to build another and smaller Hospital common to both buildings. I discussed the matter with Major Farewell and Captain Hankin, and both were of opinion that such a scheme under any circumstances would be preferable to the remodelling of "Stonehouse." I have gone roughly into the question of cost, and I think that upwards of sixty or seventy thousand Rupees may be saved by such an arrangement, and the Government would still retain for disposal the property in Ootacamund, valued in 1860 at Rupees 30,000.

Proposals submitted.

14. Before proceeding, therefore, with the designs for the remodelling of Stonehouse, I would beg to lay before you the following proposals for the consideration of Government:—

1st.—To increase the floor space of the Male Asylum in the school-rooms, and to allow as the minimum space in the dormitories 50 superficial feet.

2nd.—To raise the dining-room on store-rooms, and alter the proportions.

3rd.—To remove the dormitories over the dining-hall to the west side of the building, and to reduce the west side from three stories to two.

4th.—To make such additions to the Hospital as will render it capable of affording accommodation for 350 girls.

5th.—To erect a small Hospital common to the two buildings, so planned as to admit of enlargement.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
11th September 1867.*

No. 26.

MEMORANDUM.

Forwarded, through the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, with three tracings.

MADRAS,
7th August 1867.

(Signed) R. F. CHISHOLM, C. E.,
Executive Engineer.

1 Report from Mr. Chisholm, No. 26, dated 7th August 1867.
3 Plans.

Forwarded to Government. Order No. 1,924 of the 27th July 1867 has not been communicated to this Office.

(Signed) J. BEAN, Lieut.-Colonel, R. E.,
Acting Superintending Engineer, 4th Division.

No. 225. Endorsement of the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, dated Coonoor, 19th August 1867, No. 86.

From the Executive Engineer, Neilgherry Range, to the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, dated Ootacamund, 16th August 1867, No. 67.

With reference to telegram from the Secretary to Government, dated 22nd March 1867, and G. O. No. 1,924, dated 27th June 1867, I have the honor to bring to your notice, that the season for brick-making is now fast approaching, and that if any large number of bricks either for the erection of a Female Asylum or for any alteration at Stonehouse are likely to be required, it would be highly advisable to commence brick-making on the Lawrence Asylum works as soon as the weather permits.

Referred to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, for such orders as may be necessary.

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

No. 226. ORDER THEREON, 11th September 1867, No. 2,788.

MILITARY WORKS, No. 18.

1. In the first of the letters above read Mr. Chisholm reports the result of a visit which he recently made to the Lawrence Asylum Works at Ootacamund in compliance with the Orders of Government No. 1,924, of the 27th June 1867, and, in recommending such modification of his design of the Male Asylum at Lovedale as he considers will meet the exceptions taken to his original plans by Colonel Crommelin and the Government of India, he submits for consideration various proposals for providing accommodation for the Female branch of that Institution.

2. In the absence of drawings the Government find it difficult to determine whether the proposed alteration in the designs of the Male Asylum are judicious. They, however, entirely agree with Mr. Chisholm that 600 cubic feet are a very ample provision of air space for each boy, and that, looking to the force of the monsoon on the heights of Lovedale and to the importance of affording protection against the inclemency of the weather, it would be most undesirable to open out the corners of the building. Mr. Chisholm will submit a sketch of the alterations which

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
11th September 1867.*

he has suggested so as to enable the Government better to judge of their effect, both as to the internal distribution and the elevation of the structure.

3. Mr. Chisholm's report regarding the adaptation of the site of the present boys' Asylum at Stonehouse for the future girls' Asylum is not full enough to admit of the subject being properly understood. A sufficient design and description of the present buildings are furnished, but, as respects the contemplated additions, Mr. Chisholm merely states that they would cost more than the building originally designed for Lovedale, and he suggests, as an alternative, the expansion of the present Hospital at the latter place to fit it for the accommodation of the Female Orphans.

4. His Excellency in Council altogether objects to the appropriation of the Hospital at Lovedale as a Female Asylum, as the building is in a bad, contracted situation, and not in any way suited to the purpose.

5. In proposing to move the Female Asylum to Stonehouse, the Government had in view—

1st. Cheapness—because it was believed that there, in connection with the old buildings, a structure of a very plain unpretending character could be erected.

2nd. Separation of the two branches of the Institution—the moral advantages of which would not be attained by placing the Female Asylum in the Hospital at Lovedale, which is almost as near the boys' Asylum as the original site.

3rd. Vicinity to the female Society of Ootacamund.. As it is likely that many ladies of that station will evince an active interest in the welfare of the Institution, and the girls will have the benefit of some social influences and of a milder climate, advantages which would be altogether lost if Mr. Chisholm's proposals in favor of the Hospital site were adopted.

6. Under these circumstances, Mr. Chisholm is requested to prepare a design for a Female Asylum to be erected on the site of Stonehouse. The structure should be of the plainest and cheapest description possible, consistent with solidity, and the existing buildings should be appropriated solely to the residence of Masters and Mistresses, care being taken to limit the estimate for the entire work, if possible, to two lacs of Rupees as a maximum.

7. Adverting to the second letter recorded at the head of these orders, the Superintending Engineer of the 7th Division is requested to take measures for proceeding with the manufacture of bricks, and, as soon as working plans can be obtained from Mr. Chisholm, for pushing on such of the buildings on the Lovedale site as will not be affected by the alterations which may be made under Mr. Chisholm's present plans.

(True Extract.)

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

To R. F. Chisholm, Esq., Executive Engineer.
To the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.

Sanitary Commissioner.

Educational Department.

Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, (with three plans) for information.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

sharp cutting wind blew from the East

N^o 26

From

R. F. Chisholm Esq: C.E.

Executive Eng^r: Presidency

To

Colonel G. A. Carr R.E.

Chief Engineer Madras

Madras 7 August 1867

Sir

I have the honor to lay before you
the following Report the result of my
recent visit to Cotacamund in connection
with the Lawrence Asylum, undertaken
with the sanction of Government vide
Order N^o 1924 dated the 27th Ultimo.

With regard first to the plans
of the Boys Branch of the Asylum. I am
very glad that the Government were pleased
to afford me another opportunity of seeing
the site. On Friday the 19th I visited the
Asylum in company with Major Farewell
and Captain Hankin during one of the
severest days of this years Monsoon. A
sharp cutting wind blew from the East

driving the rain horizontally before it, and this weather lasted with more or less violence for 9 or 10 days. The East end of the New Hospital was protected by a strong screen of bamboos and mats but notwithstanding this, the rain had penetrated to the inside of the building, and the wall (on 18" one) was wet throughout. I have thus had an opportunity of inspecting the locality under the most favorable and under the most unfavorable circumstances and I have now not the slightest hesitation in recommending the plan of the Boys Asylum ~~with such~~ ~~modifications as are mentioned below.~~ When I went to Otacamund it was my intention in the revised plans to open out the building at the angles, and to use every means to obtain a perfect perfusion of air throughout, but the severity of the weather is so great, that I think (and my views are supported by the expressed opinions of the local officers) that protection from the inclemency of the weather should be one of the very first considerations, and that the Ventilation throughout the building, should be entirely under the control of the inmates. I may mention that there is a very great difference

Accommodation

between the force of the wind at Lovedale and the force of the wind at Otacamund. With regard to accommodation more especially that provided in the Dormitories. I have visited "Stonehouse" and "Korwood" and find that the cubical contents of the dormitories vary from 304 to 486 cubic feet per boy and yet the boys are reported to be very healthy indeed. Although I do not look upon these facts as evidence that so small a quantity of space is sufficient I think they will fully establish the fact of the sufficiency of 600 cubic feet and show that anything above this quantity will add unnecessarily to the cost of the structure.

Proposed alterations

There is another alteration and I think improvement, which has suggested itself to my mind when on the site, and which I beg respectfully to tender for the consideration of Government. In the plan as it stands 40 Boys are accommodated over the Dining Hall in the East, and the remainder in the three storied part of the building on the West. The ground floor of the latter being used as store Rooms and clothes Rooms. Such extensive Store Rooms and clothes Rooms are not

necessary, but they were added simply to provide a basement to the Dormitories. Since visiting the site I do not at all recognize the necessity for this arrangement. On the contrary, I think that the lower the building is kept on the west side the greater will be the comfort of the inmates and the stability of the structure, as it is from the west side all the very heavy gales blow. I would also remove the dormitories over the Dining Hall, and raise the latter on a basement of store Rooms. This alteration would possess the double advantage of keeping all the dormitories together and admit of the proportions of the dining Hall being so altered as to render it suitable for Divine service.

I now beg leave to take up the question of the adaptation of the existing buildings at "Stonehouse" for the accommodation of 300* girls.

There are 4 distinct groups of buildings which form the Present Boys

* The Government Order states 400 girls but I have assumed these figures to be a printers error.

Branch of the Asylum viz "Stonehouse" and "horwood" both the property of Government and Mr. Mosquiths ~~Principal~~ ^{Principal} and the Principals residence, rented respectively for Rupees 200 and Rs. 60 per Mensem.

"Stonehouse"

"Stonehouse" of which I enclose plans and Sections affords sleeping accommodation for 80 boys and rooms for 2 Masters. It was purchased by the original Committee of the Asylum for 22,000/- in 1859 -

"Horwood"

"Horwood" is distant nearly a mile from "Stonehouse". It affords sleeping accommodation for 40 boys, It was purchased by the Committee for a girls branch of the Asylum in 1860 for Rs. 8000. The school Rooms Dining Rooms and ~~Officers~~ ^{Principals} quarters are all in Mr. Mosquiths ~~residence~~ ^{residence}. These latter are not in any way suited to the requirements of an Asylum, and as will be seen from the plan, adjoin the public Road at the foot of Stonehouse Hill. "Horwood" is too far from the Main building to be useful as any thing but a residence for the Principal Masters. I will therefore confine my observations to the remodelling of "Stonehouse".

555

The Main building marked A on the plan I regret to say is old and will

require rather extensive repairs before it will be fit to be given up with the new ^{Dorm} Dining Hall. The roof which is flat is the most ^{rapidly} not and if patched now will in all probability have to be removed entirely in the course of 2 or 3 years. The building marked B is a cook room in very tolerable order but not of much value. The remaining Building marked C is in tolerable order also, but like the rest it is badly planned. Both the last mentioned structures have pent roofs. At the current rates for building at Ootacamund I estimate the total value of the buildings at Rupees 30000.0.0 or rather, it would cost at the current rates Rupees 30000.0.0 to provide an equal amount of Accommodation.

Extent of Accommodation } The total Superficial Area of the buildings A + C amounts to about 4119 feet which is just sufficient for the necessary School Rooms being a little over 12 Sup^l feet for each girl. It will be necessary therefore to add Dormitories, a Dining Hall, Mistresses Residences, a small Hospital, and a play Shed, and to do this will cost more than the Estimated amount of the Girls Asylum at Lovedale. In point of fact, school Room accommodation will be the only gain by the removal, and against the

should be placed the cost of a Hospital and a play shed, as well as the increased cost of carting the materials from Lovedale. A suitable Hospital and a play shed could not I think be built for less than Rupees 35000/- and the cost of School Rooms and play sheds in the Lovedale design amounted to less than 30000 and the carriage of materials, would be something very considerable.

Yield of Ootacamund Brick fields

Major Farwell informs me that the clay in the present brick field at Ootacamund, will not yield more than 3 or 4 lacs of bricks so that it is evident almost all would have to be carted from Lovedale.

Existing Hospital

With regard to the question of making use of the Hospital in Lovedale as Masters Residences. It would seem to me scarcely advisable to make a portion only into Residences as many of the masters will no doubt be married men, and the sick and the healthy children will be under the same roof, where it is advisable to take up this building for such accommodation I would appropriate the whole to residences, and build a small hospital, but an inspection

of the plan (which I send herewith) and at once show that it cannot be made so available except at an ^{enormous} ~~enormous~~ expense of space ~~instead~~. At the best but 8 patients could be badly accommodated at a cost of over 11000£ each.

Proposal to turn the existing Hospital into a Girls Asylum

While thinking the matter over carefully, it occurred to me that it might be better considering all things, to let the ^{existing} Hospital form the nucleus of the Girls Branch of the Asylum and to build another and smaller Hospital common to both buildings. I discussed the matter with Major Farnham and Captains Stanbur and both were of opinion that such a scheme under any circumstances would be preferable to the ~~remodelling~~ ^{remodelling} of Stonehouse. I have gone roughly into the question of cost, and I think that upwards of 60000£ thousands of Ropes may be saved by such an arrangement and the Govt would still retain for disposal the property in Potacum valued in 1860 at 30000£.

Proposals Submitted

Before proceeding therefore with the designs for the ^{remodelling} ~~remodelling~~ of Stonehouse I would beg to lay before you the following proposals for the consideration of Government To increase the floor space of the

- 1. Male Asylum in the School Rooms and to allow as the minimum space in the dormitories 50 sq ft.
- 2. To raise the Dining Room on Store Rooms and alter the proportions.
- 3. To remove the Dormitories over the Dining Hall to the west side of the building and to reduce the west side from three stories to two.
- 4. To make such additions to the Hospital as will render it capable of affording accommodation for 350 Girls.
- 5. To erect a small Hospital common to the two buildings so planned as to admit of enlargement.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedt Servant.

C. Ashwin.
Reading - 7 August 1877.

Enclosure No. 26
Forwarded through the Sup^r Engineer to Sir
with 3. Enclosures

C. Ashwin

Executive Engineer's Office
 Nilgiris
 Ootacamund 16th August 1867

From
 Major W. Farewell
 Executive Engineer
 To
 Col. G. N. Walter R.E.
 Superintending Engineer
 Coonoor

With reference to Telegram from
 the Secretary to Government dated 22nd March
 1867 and G.O. No. 1924 dated 27 June 1867,
 I have the honor to bring to your notice that
 the season for Bruckma King is now fast
 approaching, and that if any large number
 of Bruckma King are likely to be required for the erection of a Female
 Asylum or for any alteration at Stonehouse
 it would be highly
 advisable that I should have early dis-
 position, to enable me to make all ar-
 rangements to commence brickmaking as soon as
 the weather permits -

I have the honor to be
 Sir
 Yours most obedt Servt

~~Walter R. Rapi~~
 Executive Engineer
 No. 26
 Referred to the Secy to Govt. D.P.W.
 for such Orders as may be
 necessary
 C. W. Alder
 Supd. Engr.
 Coonoor
 19th Aug. 1867

No. 2982.

From
 R. F. Chisholm Esq. R.E.
 Asst. Engr. & Presiding
 No. 26
 dated 13 Aug. 1867.
 Dec 93 Aug 1867.

Enclosure
 Forwarded to Government. - (Order
 No. 1924 of the 27th July 1867 has not been
 communicated to this Office -

No. 2299

(Capt. J. E. G. Office 4th Dec 1867
 Madras 13 August 1867)

W. R. Rapi
 Asst. Engr. & Presiding
 Coonoor

which
 reply to G.O. No. 1924
 dated 27 June 1867
 subject of the Asylum
 Coonoor -

Col. G. N. Walter R.E.
 Secretary to Government D.P.W.
 Coonoor

12. W-1867 Sept
 From the *Asst Engineer*
 4th Division

To the Secretary
 to Government
 dated 13-4 August 1867
 Recd 14 3 No 2299

En: 3
 Submitting a report
 on the result of Mr
 Chisholm's recent visit
 to Cotacacambo in
 connection with the
 Lawrence Asylum
 with 3 Plans.

No. 224
 21st Aug 1867

no. 2788-115, Sept 1867

From
 The Secretary
 of the *Asst Engineer*
 4th Division
 13th August 1867

Regarding instructions
 regarding the matter of
 the 13th August for the
 Asst Engineer

no. 3174 Aug 1867

No. 225

From the *Asst Engineer*
 4th Division
 13th August 1867

The Secretary to the
 Government

13th August 1867
 Recd 14 3 No 2299

Original of the
 Secretary to the
 Government
 13th August 1867
 no. 2788-115, Sept 1867

[illegible]

In his letter under date of 1st Decr.
 Mr. Chesbrough recommends certain alterations
 in the design of the Male Asylum at
 Lowell, which may be very judicious,
 but of what in the absence of a plan I
 find it difficult to judge. I entirely
 agree with him, however, in the reticence
 which he expresses to open the corners
 of the building and in thinking that
 800 cubic feet is a very ample provision
 of air space for each boy. No one
 can see the Monsoon on the
 heights of Lowell without
 entertaining a decided opinion that
 protection against inclemency is
 a capital point in any building
 at that site.

a capital
 at that time.
 I propose therefore that Mr. Ches. sh.
 should be directed to submit a design
 of the alterations which he has
 suggested to that the gov^t may
 be better able to judge of their effect

With a the internal distribution and
the elevation of the structure.

In regard to the adaptation of the
site of the present Boys' asylum at
Stone house for the future girls
asylum the reports of Mr. Chesbrough
appear to me to be meagre. He
presents a sufficient description
description of the present building
but in regard to the contemplated
additions he merely says they would
cost more than the building originally
designed for Loredale and he
suggests as an alternative the
expansion of the Hospital at
Loredale.

I totally agree to the adaptation
of the Hospital as a female asylum.
This is a bad contemplated situation.

it is anyway adapted for a building
but on that which is contemplated.
If the female asylum is to be built at
Loredale it ought to be built on the
site which had been already settled
and prepared for the purpose.
In proposing to move the female asylum to
the Govt. had in view 1. Cheapness, because
it is on the same site there, in connection
with the old building, a structure of a
very plain unpretending kind might be
erected which could not be done in
connection with the Boys' asylum at
Loredale 2. Separation of the
two institutions, the usual advantages
of which could not be attained
by placing the female asylum in the
Hospital at Loredale almost as
near the boys as the original site.
3. Proximity to the female society
of Worcester where it is hoped
that many ladies would exercise
an active interest in the welfare of

the constitution and the good, and
 had the benefit of some social influences
 and of a soldier's discipline. This advantage
 would be lost altogether by ~~separating the~~
^{certainly} according to the proposal of Mr Phillips
 in favor of the Hospital Site:—

in favor of the proposed plan. I propose with reference to the girls' asylum that Mr. Chesbrough be directed to prepare a design for the girls' asylum which could be erected on the site of Stone house in the plainest & cheapest manner possible consistent with solidity & appropriateness. The existing buildings, together with the residence of Miss Harper & masters. Mr. Chesbrough proposes to turn the existing buildings into schoolrooms but this, I submit is impossible in that decade. The children could not be lodged & fed in one building and be taught in another unless united by a covered passage. Mr. Chesbrough should be instructed if possible to prepare his estimate below 2 lakhs. If that could be done more than two lakhs would still be saved as the estimate of Lord Dalhousie, one on the girls' building, one on the church. N.

I saw at the my advantage of not proposing ~~to~~ a personal knowledge
of localities & from the plain & excellent view in these papers find difficulty in the
~~from~~ my local ignorance. Hadrian, our common Mat - the land help, he donates

Public Works Dept.

no 2788

Crommelin and the
Govt of India, he sub-
mits for consideration
various proposals for
providing accommodation
for the Female branch
of that Institution.

In the absence
of drawings, the Govt.
find it difficult to
determine whether the
proposed alteration in
the design of the Male
Regiment are judicious.

They, however, entirely agree
with Mr. Chisholm that
600 Cubic feet are a very
ample provision of air
space for each boy, and
that looking to the
force of the monsoon
in the hills of Cordale

and to the importance
of affording protection
against the influence
of the weather, it would
be most undesirable
to open up the corridors
of the building, which
Chisholm will submit
a sketch of the alteration
which he has suggested
so as to enable the
Govt. better to judge of
their effect, both as to
the internal distribution
and the elevation of the
structure.
Mr. Chisholm's plan
regarding the adaptation
of the site of the present
boys' Regiment at Stonehouse
for the future girls' Reg-
iment is full enough
to admit of the addition

being properly understood.

A sufficient design and description of the present buildings are furnished, but, as respects the contemplated addition, Mr. Chicklin merely states that they would cost more than the building originally designed for Lonsdale, and he suggests, as an alternative, the expansion of the present Hospital at the latter place to fit it for the accommodation of the Female Orphans.

His Excellency in Council altogether objects to the appropriation of the Hospital at Lonsdale

29
as a Female Asylum, as the building is in a bad, contracted situation, and not in any way suited to the purpose.

In proposing to move the Female Asylum to Stonehouse, the Govt. had in view -

1st Cheapness - because it was believed that there, in connection with the old building, a structure of a very plain and pretentious character could be erected.
2^d Separation of the two branches of the Institution - the moral advantages of which would not be attained by placing the female

Asylum in the Hospital
at Lovedale, which is
almost as near the
boys' Asylum as the
original site.

3rd Vicinity to the female
Society of Colerain, -

As it is likely that many
ladies of that Station
will voice an active
interest in the welfare
of the Institution, and the
girls will have the
benefit of some social
influences and of a milder
climate advantages
which would be altogether
lost if Mr Chisholm's
proposals in favor of the
Hospital site were adopted.

Under

Under these cir-
cumstances, Mr Chisholm
is requested to prepare
a design for a female
Asylum to be erected
on the site of Stouchover.
The structure should be
of the plainest and
cheapest description
possible, consistent with
solidity and the existing
buildings should be
appropriated solely to the
residence of Masters and
Misses, care being
taken to limit the ex-
penditure for the entire
work, if possible, to
two lacs of Rs as a
maximum.

Adverting to the
second letter recorded at
the head of these.

orders of the Superior
of the 7th is requested
to take measures for
proceeding with the
manufacture of bricks,
and, as soon as working
plans can be obtained
from Mr. Christolm,
for pushing on such
of the buildings on the
limestone site as will
not be affected by the
alterations which may be
made under Mr.
Christolm's present plans.

70 R7 Christolm & Co
S. Eng 7th
Sunday Com
Educational
S. Eng 2nd Dr (with this
plan)
for information

Sept 14/9/67

20/10/14.34

Pub. Works 1867 Depart.

Pro: of Govt. for September
C^o 2788

Pro: of the Madras Govt.
D^y 11th September 1867

Further Rec^d 964 D^y 1-4-71

Instructing
Mr. Chisholm to furnish a
sketch of the alterations he
has suggested in the Male
Asylum and to prepare a
design for a Female Asylum
to be erected on the site of
Stonehouse at Ootacamund.

Instructing the Sup^r
Eng^r of the 1st Division to
take measures for proceeding
with the manufacture of bricks
and for pushing on the above
works.

C^o 224 @ 226

226 C^o 224