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30th January 1868.*

No. 640. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 6th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Tanjore, 4th January 1868, No. 1,458:—

1. With reference to G. O. No. 3,699, dated 28th November, calling for plans and estimates for a Lunatic Asylum at Trichinopoly, I have the honor to observe that the area* to be enclosed for the accommodation of 250 lunatics is 400 yards by 500 yards. I have not yet been informed of the number of lunatics for whom provision is to be made at Trichinopoly, but, under any circumstances, it would appear that a large area will have to be enclosed, and the only available locality, in which a large open space is to be found near Trichinopoly, is on the plain on which the Central Jail is being erected. To the north-east of the Jail, and about half a mile from it, I think that a suitable locality may be found, but, lest objections should hereafter be raised to any site selected by me, I would suggest that a Committee should be appointed to select a site for the Lunatic Asylum, and wells will have to be sunk to ascertain whether good water can be obtained at the site selected, unless the proximity of good water in the Jail enclosure may be considered a sufficient guarantee for the goodness of the water in the neighbourhood.

2. I presume I am to be guided in the preparation of the plans and estimates by the plan and report of the Sanitary Commission of Bengal, and not by Dr. Payne's report, which contains proposals which, in some respects, differ from those made in the report; for instance, with regard to the outer wall, the Commission recommend a 5 feet wall for the enclosure generally, and 15 feet for the portion near the quarters of criminal lunatics. Dr. Payne recommends a low parapet, surmounted by palisades or iron rails; and on the plan it is stated that the enclosing wall is to be 16 feet high; again, the inner wall to separate the female quarters from the rest of the enclosure is 6 feet high. Is the outer wall on the two sides of these quarters to be 6 feet, and are the walls which separate the compartment for the criminal lunatics from the rest of the enclosure to be 16 feet high, as also the partition wall between the males and females?

3. In the padded-rooms are the windows to be placed above the reach of the lunatics?

4. The Commission say nothing about the provision of quarters for the Overseer. Are quarters for an Overseer to be provided, and if so, are they to be placed above the store-rooms as proposed by Dr. Payne?

5. Is provision to be made for houses for the attendants, and for their servants, and for hospital servants, and if so, of what nature is the accommodation to be, and for how many of each class is provision to be made?

6. If the enclosure is to be planted out as shown in the plan, it would be well to commence the formation of a nursery for the trees at once.

No 1458

Sup. Eng. Office to Mr. Dwyer
Tanjore 4 January 1868

Sir,

Captain R. F. Cakes R.E.

Superintending Engineer to Mr. Dwyer

To,

Colonel C. A. Carr R.E.

Secretary to Government D.P.W.

Sir

With reference to G.O. No 3699 dated 28th November calling for Plans & Estimates for a Lunatic Asylum at Trichinopoly, I have the honor to observe that the area to be enclosed for the accommodation of 250 Lunatics is 400 yards by 500 yards. I have not yet been informed of the number of Lunatics for whom provision is to be made at Trichinopoly, but under any circumstances it would appear that a large area will have to be enclosed, & the only available locality, in which a large open space is to be found near Trichinopoly, is on the Plain on which the Central Jail is being erected. To the North East of the Jail, & about $\frac{1}{2}$ a mile from it I think that a suitable locality may be found, but best objections should hereafter be raised to any

* Plan which
accompanied
G.O. No 3732 of
27th Nov 1866

be ascertained
Mr. Mackenzie

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7. Round the Jail enclosure a clear space of 200 yards is preserved; would a similar margin be required round the Lunatic Asylum? It would be well were I informed at an early date of the probable number of lunatics to be accommodated, for if the outer wall is to be 16 feet high some considerable expense will be incurred; if it becomes necessary hereafter to enlarge the enclosure.

No. 641. ORDER THEREON, 30th January 1868, No. 328.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 86.

1. In this letter the Superintending Engineer of the 6th Division requests information on certain points

in connection with the projected Lunatic Asylum at Trichinopoly, for which plans and estimates were ordered to be prepared in Proceedings No. 3,699, dated 28th November 1867.

2. The number of lunatics for whom it will be necessary to provide accommodation at Trichinopoly cannot be stated till the report from the Principal Inspector General of the Medical Department which was called for in Proceedings of the Judicial Department, dated 21st November 1867, No. 1,879, is received. Dr. Mackenzie will be requested to expedite its submission.

3. In the opinion of Government, the enclosure of the Asylum should be formed, wherever practicable, by a hedge and ditch, but when, from the nature of the soil or other causes, a hedge will not grow nor thrive, a low wall surmounted by palisades will suffice. The space to be occupied by criminal lunatics will, however, be enclosed by a wall 16 feet in height on all sides, and the partition wall between the males and females will be of that height. The wall separating the group of cottages for female lunatics from the rest of the enclosure should be 6 feet high.

4. In the padded-rooms the windows should be placed above the reach of the lunatics.

5. With respect to the inquiry in paragraph 4, Captain Oakes will be furnished with the papers marginally noted, which supply details that will generally assist him. He will observe that the build-

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ings to be provided for the Asylum in Madras for the accommodation of the subordinate establishment of the Institution, consist of a residence for the Superintendent, of quarters for one Apothecary and one Assistant Apothecary, two small bungalows for four European keepers, and a similar bungalow in the female division for one East Indian keeper, and that it is not intended to accommodate native attendants within the Asylum enclosure, but within easy reach beyond it. Sufficient space should be allotted around the Asylum for a garden, &c.

The Sanitary Commissioner.

.. Civil Judge.

.. Deputy Inspector General of Hospitals.

.. Superintending Engineer.

6. A Committee composed of the Officers marginally named, will meet at Trichinopoly as soon as convenient to Dr. Ranking, and will select an advan-

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tageous site for the proposed Asylum, and on its being approved of by Government, the necessary measures will be taken for obtaining possession of the ground.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 6th Division, with G. O. Nos. 433 and 1,054 of 1867.

.. Principal Inspector General of the Medical Department.

.. Sanitary Commissioner.

.. Civil Judge of Trichinopoly.

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.. Judicial Department.

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Your most Obedt Servt

W. F. A. S. R. C.

Supy. Engineer to the Govt

28 Nov/67 - No 3699
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Left Mr. D. J. J. J.
The Supg Engineer
6th Div.
To
The Secretary to Govt.
P. O. D.

Dated 4th January 1868
Recd. J. J. J. J.

No 1458

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Asking for information
on certain points con-
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ed Lunatic Asylum
for Trichinopoly - and
making certain observa-
tions relative to the
subject.

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Public Works Department.

No 328

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 30th January 1868

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From the Supg Engineer
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- " Superintendence.

To
The Superintendence of the
Principal
" Inspector General of the
Med. Dept.
" Sanitary Comm.
" Civil Judge of Trichinopoly
" Deputy Inspector Genl. of
Hospitals, Southern Dist.
Med. Dept.

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D^y 30th January 1868

Passing orders on a letter
from the Superintending Engineer of
the C^d requesting information on
certain points in connection with
Proposed Lunatic Asylum at Bicham.

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