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Read the following:—

No. 437. Minute by the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT.

(Here enter 28th November 1868.)

No. 438. ORDER THEREON, 18th December 1868, No. 3,953.

MILITARY WORKS, No. 33.

1. The expediency of reconsidering the question of locating the female branch of the Lawrence Asylum at Stonehouse, within the precincts of the station of Ootacamund, instead of on the plateau of Lovedale, having been urged on the attention of Government by the Honorable Mr. Arbuthnot in his Minute of the 7th July last, the Government, on reviewing the subject, expressed themselves, in Proceedings No. 2,417, dated 29th July 1868, disposed to doubt the sufficiency of the grounds on which a proposal previously made by Mr. Chisholm to let the existing Hospital at Lovedale form the nucleus of the female branch of the Institution, and to build another smaller Hospital for the use of both branches of the Asylum had been negatived, and Mr. Chisholm was accordingly directed to prepare estimates of the comparative cost of the improvements and additions that would be necessary to adapt the buildings at Stonehouse for the reception of 300 girls, and of the enlargement required to the Hospital at Lovedale to fit it for the same purpose, including the cost of the construction of a new Hospital.

2. From the estimates submitted by Mr. Chisholm in compliance with those instructions, the Government learn that, instead of the saving of expense which they had been led to believe would be effected by selecting Stonehouse as the site of the female branch of the Asylum, the adaptation of the buildings there will probably involve an expenditure of some 36,700 Rupees in excess of that which will suffice to carry out Mr. Chisholm's suggestion, and of Rupees 18,700 more than the estimated cost of erecting the necessary buildings for the accommodation of the female branch of the Asylum on the plateau as originally intended, retaining the existing Hospital for the purpose for which it was built.

3. Under these circumstances it is clear that, in an economical point of view, nothing will be gained by building the Girls' Asylum at Stonehouse, and, as respects the other advantages which that site was supposed to offer, His Excellency in Council is now inclined to think that they will be more than counterbalanced by the superior salubrity which the plateau of Lovedale has been proved by experience to possess, and by the benefit to the girls of the more close personal supervision which the Principal will be able to exercise over the female branch of the Institution, if the original intention of constructing a building for its accommodation at Lovedale be reverted to.

4. The Superintending Engineer, who is opposed to the proposal to build upon the Hospital site, considers that the erection of the Girls' Asylum on the spot first selected for it will prove the most economical arrangement, as he believes that Mr. Chisholm has under-estimated the cost of the additions that will be required to the Hospital to adapt it to the proper accommodation of so many as 300 girls, and also that of providing the requisite Hospital accommodation elsewhere. Colonel Walker's long experience of building operations on the Hills entitles his

opinion to much weight, and the Government are satisfied that, saving of expense not being possible, there will be no advantage in departing from the original intention of placing the two branches of the Asylum on the same plateau, where the Female Asylum may be built on a plan specially designed to harmonize architecturally with the Male Asylum, and to afford all the necessary accommodation for 300 girls in the most convenient and the most fully approved manner.

5. Mr. Chisholm will therefore be requested to prepare a design for the female branch of the Asylum to be erected on the site prepared for it on the plateau; and, as much inconvenience by the dispersion of workmen, and loss of time, will probably occur, if work on which the skilled labor that the Executive Officers with much trouble have collected on the spot can be employed is not found, His Excellency the Governor in Council authorizes the Superintending Engineer to put the construction of the building in hand as soon as working drawings can be provided.

6. It may be a question whether the Church, which formed a part of the general design, should also be now built. The Government have little doubt of its having to be erected eventually, and, as it is probable that it will be better and more economical that it should be built at once, Mr. Chisholm will include it in his design.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

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

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Govt. of India.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

H. B. CHRISTIAN, Esq.

&c., &c., &c.

Dated December, 1868.

Read

Sent

C. O., 18A, December, 1868, No. 3,960.

DECEMBER.

Nos. 437-438

Female branch of the Lawrence Asylum ordered to be built on the plateau of Lovedale, Coimbatore District, and orders issued accordingly.

Dec.

30th October

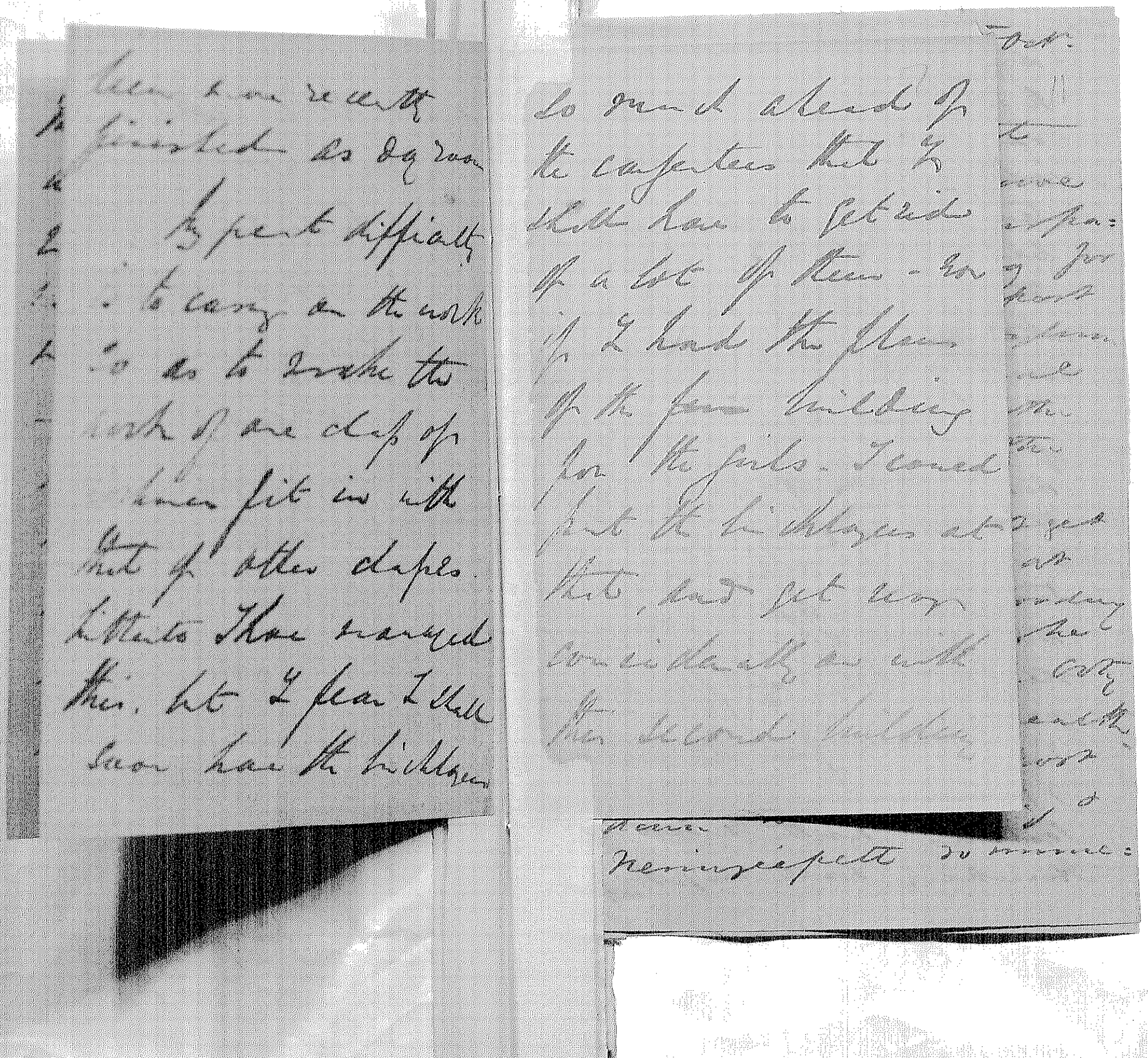
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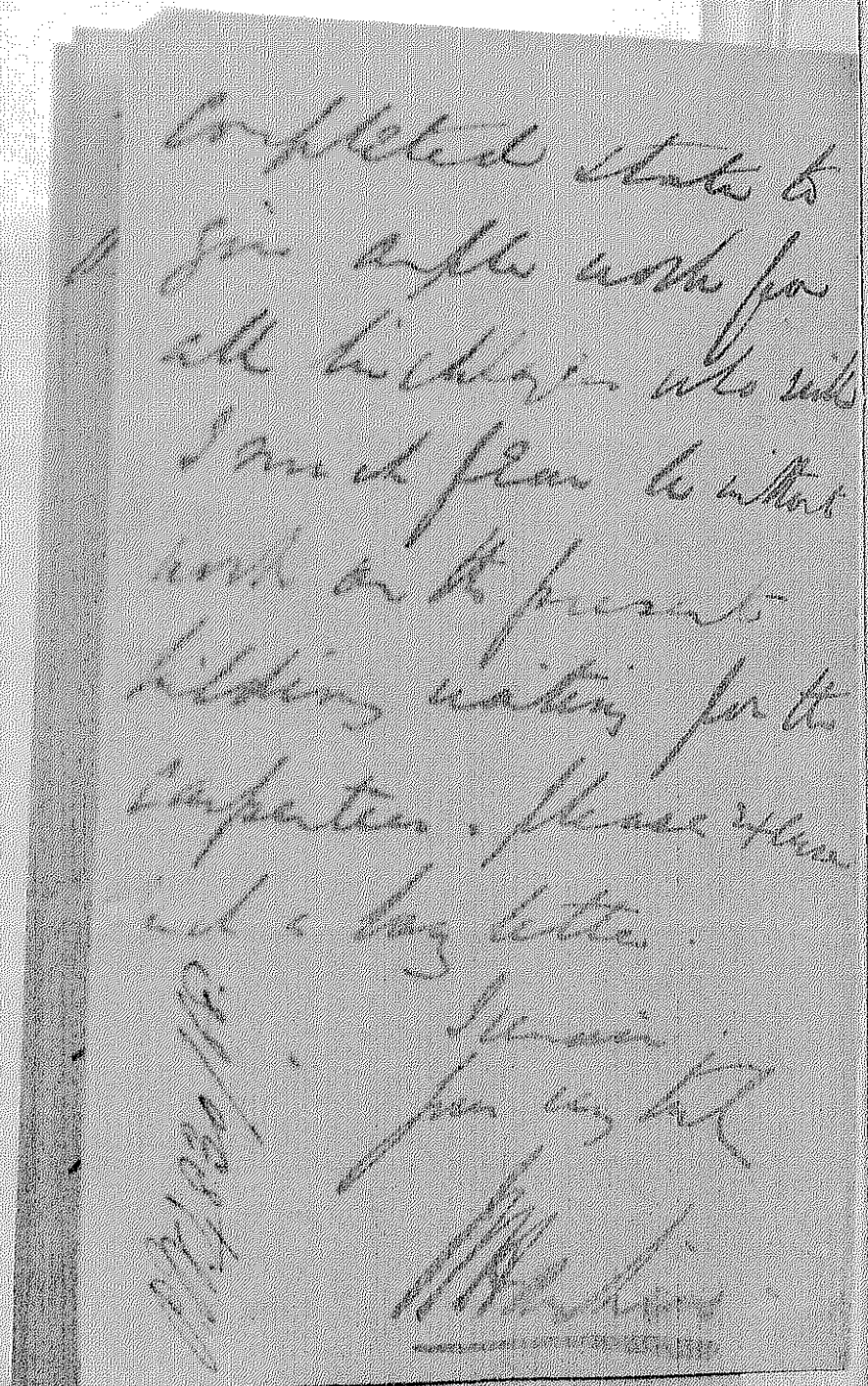
Lt. Col. Edward Lodge.

The whole of the work being of the building till be finished by 25th March. The being certain of the Bricks & Lime being ready & the Carpenter & Mason being engaged

Reminder

Request you to build the Female Asylum and the original





Madras.

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16mo.

In para 13 of his letter quoted with G. O. No. 2788 of 11th September 1867, Mr. Chisholm states that it had occurred to him to make the Hospital at Lovedale the nucleus of the Girls' Branch of the Asylum, and that Major Farewell and Captain Hamilton both were of opinion that such a scheme would be preferable to the remodelling of "Stow-Road". And he estimated the probable saving at Rs. 60,000 to Rs. 70,000 whereas if Rs. 10,000 the value of the 2 properties on Coty.

2 His Excellency in Council altogether objected to the "proposal" as the building is in a bad commanded situation not in any way suited to the purpose."

3 In obedience to G. O. No. 2817 of 29th July 1865, Mr. Chisholm reported the probable cost of building the Female Asylum at Lovedale at Rs. 2,90,700, and that of adapting the Hospital at Lovedale for a Female Asylum at Rs. 25,000, against a probable cost of Rs. 2,75,000 for building on the original site. By this statement it would appear that to build the Female Asylum on the original site would cost Rs. 15,700 less than to convert the building at Stow-Road into a Female Asylum; but that to convert the Hospital into a Female Asylum would cost nearly Rupees 15,000, But this latter statement is based upon a valuation of the present Hospital and one lowered at Rs. 35,000 only instead of about double that sum.

4 The Superintending Engineer therefore holds it proved by Mr. Chisholm's own words that the cheapest, best & easiest site to build the Female Asylum on is the original

site. He is thereby strengthened in his pro-
test against abandoning it for the Hospital site, 1st by
the condemnation of the latter by Government as "bad, cra-
cked, and not in any way suited to the purpose" in
which opinion he cordially agrees, and 2nd by the extra
cost thereon entailed by Mr. Chisholm, but which will not
be fully realized till he has gone through the detailed
process of planning and estimating for building round
rather than on the Hospital Site. The Superintending
Engineer must likewise object to the assertions in para 1 of
G.O. No. 2652 of 17th August that the present Hospital is
"enormously and needlessly" in excess of present requirements,
the fact being that it is in excess of the extent of accommo-
dation only for 12 Girls, the standard proportion of Sick
to the 100 reduced from the original number for whom he was
ordered to see that accommodation was provided. He was
moreover to remark that the small proportion of 3 per cent
of Sick for whom Mr. Chisholm proposes to provide is
unwarranted by the orders of the Supreme Government,
to departure from which without due authority he is bound
to object.

5. Supposing it to be decided that the Stonybrook
site be given up, the objections to the original site appear
to be reduced to two only, viz. 1st that it is too near the
Male Asylum Site, 2nd that it is wanted as a Cricket
ground for the Boys. Here the nearest portions of the
2 groups of buildings will be 300 yards apart, and a deep
ravine runs between them, which is commanded most
effectually by every window in the Principals Quarters.—
Colonel Walker has the Revd. Mr. Ellis's leave accord-
ingly to state his concurrence in thinking the 1st objection

specious in the extreme, and calculated only to throw
discredit on the efficiency of himself and the entire staff
of Masters and Mistresses attached to the Institution. And
as to a Cricket Field they have together selected a site
beyond the Workshops, at a moderate distance, and on
about the same level, already in its natural state better
adapted for the purpose than any other spot on the grounds,
and capable of enlargement if thought necessary, by a
very slight amount of levelling.

6 Under all which circumstances noted above
Colonel Walker considers it due to the position which
he holds under Government most respectfully but
strongly to press upon them the inexpediency of building
the Female Asylum on any but the site originally laid
out for it. As to the actual excess of accommodation in the
existing Hospital amounting only to a superficial space of
30 feet by 18 feet, he has little doubt but that there will
be no difficulty in utilizing it hereafter, especially on
the occurrence of such epidemic infantile complaints
as must be expected at times to run through so large
an Institution like the Lawrence Asylums.—

Superintending Engineer's Office
Ootacamund 1st October 1868

Thos. Cracklow Colonel R.E.
Superintending Engineer 1st Circle

Principal the original sinking
of building the female asylum
on with the land adjoining,
on the London Road, and entering
a new contract for completing
same, and for making
further provision for the
purposes of building
for the female asylum, as
proposed by the Visitors in the
letter of 16th August 1867.

It was resolved that the Chairman
should be authorized upon the proposal
contained in the memorandum of the Committee
of building of 13th instant
and of the Committee
of Visitors of 16th instant
to enter into a contract
with Messrs Jones & Co
for the completion of the
asylum at Stone Corner
according to the plans
and specifications
prepared by Mr Brown
the architect
for the sum of £2,293.
And that of building the
Female Asylum at the Corner
of London Road
at the sum of £275.

It was also resolved that the
recommendation of the Committee
of Visitors of 16th instant
to build a Hospital
for the Female Asylum
at the cost of £2,500.
And that of building the
Male Asylum at the
corner of London Road
at the sum of £275.

1868 Dec.
Proc. of Govt. for December
No. 4020

Received by the Honorable
A. J. Arbuthnot.
28th Nov. 1868.
Rec. 11th Dec. 1868.

No. 3.

Public Works Dept.
No. 3953
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Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 16th December 1868.

Read the following
Minute by the Hon. A. J. Arbuthnot (M.E. 28th Nov. 1868).

The expediency of
reconsidering the question
of locating the Female Branch
of the Lawrence Asylum at
Ootacamund, within the pre-
cincts of the Station of Kotta-
gherry, instead of on the
Hill Slope of Lovedale, having
been urged on the attention of
Govt. by the Hon'ble Mr. Arbuth-
not in his minute of the 7th
July last, the Govt. on re-
viewing the Subject, observed
therein, in Pro. No. 2417,
dated 24th July 1868, dispatched
to

to show the sufficiency of the grounds on which a proposal previously made by Mr. Chichester to sell the existing Asylum at Lancaster form the nucleus of the Female branch of the Institution, and to build another Asylum for the use of both branches of the Asylum, had been rejected, and Mr. Chichester was accordingly directed to prepare estimates of the expence of the improvements and additions that would be necessary to admit the Building of Lancaster for the reception of 300 pats, and of

the enlargement required to the Carlisle Asylum to fit it for the same purpose, including the cost of the purchase of a new Asylum.

From the estimates submitted by Mr. Chichester it appeared that the Lancaster Asylum, instead of the Expence which they had been led to believe would be effected by selecting Accommodation at the Side of the Female branch of the Asylum, the adopting the plan of building three wholly separate and independent Houses of Lancaster with separate Kitchens and Offices, would be the most economical, and would require an Expenditure of £1,700 Pounds in excess of that

proposed

which will prejudice to every
one of the children's expectations,
and of the boys more than
the estimated expenses of
the necessary buildings for
the accommodation of the
female branch of the asylum
at the Palace, originally
intended, retaining the ex-
isting buildings for the pur-
pose for which it was built.

Under these circum-
stances it does not appear
necessary, nor will be gained
by building the Girls'
Asylum at Stonehouse,
and the objects the Guardians
have in view may be
supplied by the Girls'

now

now intended to think that
they will be more than
counterbalanced by the
superior salubrity which
the present site possesses
and been proved by ex-
perience to possess, and
by the benefit to the girls
of the more close personal
supervision which the Pre-
sident will be able to
exercise over the female
branch of the institution,
if the original intention of
erecting a building
should be carried into
effect be recommended
to

The buildings will
be placed on the present

to build upon the Hospital
site, considers that the
erection of the Girls
Asylum on the East first
selected for it will prove
the most economical
arrangement, as he be-
lieves that Mr Chisholm
has underestimated the
cost of the additions that
will be required to the
Hospital to adapt it
to the further accommo-
dation of so many as
300 girls, and also that
of providing the requisite
Hospital accommoda-
tion elsewhere. Capt
Walker's long experience
of building operations

on the Hills, entitles his
opinion to (some) weight,
and the Govt: are
satisfied that, having
Stephenson not being
hopeful, there will be no
disadvantage in departing
from the original intention
of placing the two branches
of the Asylum on the same
side of the Avenue, the female
Asylum may be built on
a plan specially designed
to harmonize architectural-
ly with the male Asylum,
and to afford all the ne-
cessary accommodation
for 300 girls in the most
convenient and the most
safely approved manner.

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Mr. Chisholm will
be requested
to prepare a design for
the Female branch of
the Asylum to be
erected on the site pro-
posed for it on the
plateau; and as much
inconvenience, by the
difference of workmen,
and loss of time, will
probably occur, if work
on which the skilled labor
that the Executive Officer
with much trouble have
collected on the spot
can be employed in mak-
ing, this Executive
the Governor in Council
authorize to the fullest extent
to put the construction

of the building in hand
as soon as practicable
drawings can be pro-
vided.

Answer to question
whether the Church, which
formed a part of the
Female design, should
be the same height
with the rest, or be erected
eccentrically, and, as it
is proposed that it
will be better and more
economical that it
should be built after
Mr. Chisholm will include
it in his design.

W.H.

Mr. R. T. Chisholm Esqr.
Mr. Nichol Engr. &c. &c.
Education & Asylum

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PUBLIC WORKS.

To R. F. Chisholm Esqre

&c. &c., &c.

Dated

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G. O. 15 Dec 1868. No. 3963

Nos. 1197-1198

Forties Re Supply of Fresh

Female Convicts of the Convict

Register recorded this day

in the Letters & Enclosures

Contracts Book, and Papers

filed accordingly.