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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
16th February 1870.*

No. 329. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Judicial Department:—

Passing orders on the report submitted by the
Sanitary Commissioner in regard to the drain-
age, etc., of the Trichinopoly Lunatic Asy-
lum. (Here enter 3rd February 1870, No. 162.)

No. 330. ORDER THEREON, 16th February 1870, No. 545.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 41.

COMMUNICATED to the Superintend-
ing Engineer of the 6th Division who
will carry out the improvements referred
to in paragraph 1, and include the outlay in the statements of demands which are
now due in this office.

2. Captain Oakes will submit the estimate called for in paragraph 3.
(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
3rd February 1870.*

No. 27. Read the following letter from Surgeon-Major J. L. RANKING, Sanitary Commissioner for Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Cannanore, 13th January 1870, No. 34-A.

I have the honour to report that, in obedience to the orders of Government, No. 1901, of the 1st December last, in the Judicial Department, I visited Trichinopoly on the 17th idem, and in communication with the local authorities inquired into the matters referred to by the Inspector-General of the Indian Medical Department.

2. DRAINAGE.—The temporary obstruction to the drainage, brought to notice by Dr. Kennedy, had been partially remedied before my arrival, and the President of the Municipal Commission promises to perfect it, by carrying on the present gutter as a masonry drain to fall into the slaughter-house drain. But drainage of the northern side of the Asylum is impeded in another direction, and a small outlay is necessary to remedy it. To understand this I beg to refer to the plan attached. It will be seen that the drainage of the two compartments, male and female, of the Asylum is in two directions, and that the northern drain of the male division falls into a drain that traverses the latrine, after which it passes beneath the north wall. Here, the closed drain is quite out of repair, the walls broken in, and the drain entirely obstructed; and, moreover, if restored, has no proper outfall. It will be necessary to construct a new open drain, which should follow the line of the north wall and fall into the main drain, as shown in the plan.

The length of drain will be about eighty feet, which at, say, eight annas a running foot, which the Engineer assures me is the maximum cost of the work, would entail an expenditure of about 40 rupees. This would be an Imperial work, and would make the drainage of the Asylum efficient. The proposed new drain is indicated in shaded lines in the plan.

3. Since Dr. Kennedy wrote, the requirements in this direction are changed. The number of inmates has been reduced, under the orders of the Inspector-General, in relation to the financial crisis, and the existing number of solitary cells suffice, I consider, for the numbers accommodated in both compartments.

But viewing the question in connexion with the possible future full occupation of the Asylum, two additional rooms in the male compartment for separate confinement of criminal, dangerous, violent, refractory or filthy, lunatics, will be an advantage, and these two rooms can be provided at a very small expense.

Two rooms, it will be noted in the plan, marked "bath-rooms," and which are not used as such, and not required for that purpose, communicate with wards by small open archways about six feet by four feet. If these archways are built up two very convenient rooms will result. Both are well and independently ventilated. They are furnished with wooden-doors, but spare iron-doors similar to those in other rooms are, I understand, available, and the cost of fixing them would be but small.

If, then, there is any probability of the number of inmates of the Male Asylum coming up to the full accommodation, two additional rooms for solitary confinement

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will be an advantage : at present, however, no additional accommodation of this nature is, in my judgment, necessary.

I would add, also, that separate confinement should be avoided as much as possible ; association of the patients in dormitories being more beneficial, on remedial grounds, than separate confinement ; still, on first admission of lunatics, they must be placed under observation prior to being admitted into the general dormitories, and there will always be a proportion of criminal, dangerous, and filthy, lunatics, for whom separate accommodation will be necessary, and eight separate rooms will not be too many to allot to the male compartment which affords accommodation in the general dormitories, at sixty superficial feet, for thirty-four lunatics, or including the eight solitary cells, for forty-two. To these may be added the " padded-room " which is useless. The padding is all torn to pieces or destroyed by insects, and moreover is not constructed upon a plan calculated to meet the object of rooms of this nature. The room should be converted into a separate cell.

4. In the female compartment the number of rooms for " separate " confinement suffice, even if the Asylum be fully occupied.

No. 28. ORDER THEREON, 3rd February 1870, No. 162.

His Excellency the Governor in Council approves the recommendation of the Sanitary Commissioner for improving the drainage of the Lunatic Asylum at Trichinopoly, and as the expenditure necessary for the purpose is very small,* funds may probably be found in the Public Works Department for the immediate execution of the work. If funds cannot be found, the work will be carried out in the ensuing year.

* Rupees 40.

2. Pending the construction of a suitable Asylum, the Government are of opinion that the additional rooms to which Dr. Ranking refers should be provided, and that the " padded-room " should be converted into a separate cell.

3. Orders will be issued in the Public Works Department for the preparation of an estimate of the cost of fitting up the rooms in the manner indicated by Dr. Ranking.

(True Extract.)

J. I. Muthiah

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Public Works Department, with plan.

„ Inspector-General of the Indian Medical Department.
„ Sanitary Commissioner.

Exd. J. Wright.

20 of Jan 1870

P. W. Dept.
 Govt. of Madras
Recd. 16 Feb 1870
 JUDICIAL.

TO
 THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
 &c., &c., &c.

Dated February, 3rd.
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FEBRUARY.
 Nos. 27-28.

Pressing orders on the report submitted by the
 Sanitary Commissioner in regard to the drainage,
 &c., of the Trichinopoly Lunatic Asylum.

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Under date the 16th Feb 1870

Read the following.

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 J. H. E. No 162 of 3rd February 1870
 Judicial Dept.

Communicated
 to the Sup^{rs} of the 6th
 Divⁿ who will carry out
 the improvements referred
 to in para 1, and include
 the outlay in the State
 estimates of demands
 which are now due in
 this Office -

Captain Baker
 will submit the estimate
 called for in para 3.

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To
The Superintending Engineer
6th Division

Date: 1

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Encl.

G. O. 16 July 1870, No. 5715--

Nos. 399-230

Letter from the Public Pro.
Lud. Dept. regarding the improve-
-ment of the drainage of the Lu-
-native Agency at Tushimopol.
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-structions.