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	Items of original Estimate.—(Concluded.)	RS.	
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12	Four bungalows for superior patients, each Rupees 930	3,720	
13	Four work-sheds, at Rupees 2,480 each	9,920	
14	Three wells and bathing troughs, each Rupees 2,200 ...	6,600	
15	Four entrances and guard-boxes, each Rupees 1,000 ...	4,000	
16	Compound wall for criminal lunatics	12,700	
17	Do. do. for female lunatics	11,350	
18	Two quarters for filthy patients, at Rupees 2,310 each.	4,620	
21	Altering five bridges in the road	250	
22	Compound wall for two cottages in Female Idiot Asylum	2,760	
23	Two sick-rooms, at Rupees 1,350 each	2,700	
24	Dead-house	980	
25	Metalling road-ways	6,100	
26	Laying gravel to the foot-paths	10,370	
27	Repairing five tanks, at Rupees 950 each	4,750	
28	Forming ditch, bund, and hedges	5,550	
29	Cooly hire for cutting the trees and removing them, filling the pits and levelling the ground.	990	
30	General cook-house	3,200	Completed.
31	Duff's cooking range for do.	250	
32	Meat-chopping bench for cook-room	30	
33	Constructing foot-bridges across drain	92	
34	Do. culvert at back of Superintendent's quarters ...	48	
35	Painting dirty patients' rooms	150	
36	General latrine	2,000	
37	Two cook-rooms, one for females and one to the hospital.	1,140	
38	Two small Duff's cooking ranges	360	
39	One Female cook-room, converted into store-room ...	490	
40	Twenty-four night privies	4,440	
41	Wooden paling round Superintendent's quarters ...	3,300	
42	Bath-room for the hospital	1,170	
43	Masonry retaining wall	170	
44	Asphalting all the buildings	8,300	
45	Alterations in the criminal wards	20	
46	Twelve solitary cells	13,600	
47	Cutting ditch, forming bank, and planting aloes ...	400	
48	Fixing half-doors, windows, and punkahs to Superintendent's quarters.	1,700	
49	Nine privies, at Rupees 320 each	2,880	Six completed.
50	Eleven cook-houses, at Rupees 400 each	4,400	Four completed, of these one was converted into store-room
51	Sinking a well and building platforms	870	Well sunk without platform, at a cost of Rupees 225.
52	Stable and coach-house for Apothecary	810	Foundation laid at a cost of Rupees 100.
53	Constructing two bathing platforms and cisterns ...	360	Not commenced.
		2,44,900	
	Deduct value of granite flooring in original estimate ...	1,400	
	Net Total, Estimate ...	2,43,500	

FORT ST. GEORGE,
24th April 1871.

(Signed) J. N. HUNTER, Captain, R.E.,
Executive Engineer, Presidency.

From the Sanitary Commissioner for Madras, to the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, dated Madras, 12th May 1871, No. 632.

I HAVE the honour, in reply to your letter No. 524, of 10th instant, to observe that the general latrine at the Lunatic Asylum is useful, especially in wet weather, although had it not already been built I should not have recommended the expenditure of money for such an object.

2. Since it has been built Dr. Murray has, at my suggestion, been trying the trench system of latrines, there being ample land for the purpose on the Asylum premises, and I believe the trench system would have answered every purpose. This system, however, has only been thought of and tried since the Asylum buildings were completed.

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From the Superintendent of the Lunatic Asylum, to the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, dated Madras, 15th May 1871, No. 201.

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4. I beg to return the Proceedings of Government which you sent for my perusal.

Proceedings of the Madras Government. Public Works Department, 9th June 1871.

No. 129. ORDER THEREON, 9th June 1871, No. 1,549.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 6.

ORDERED that these papers be forwarded to the Government of India:—

(Here enter No. 1,550, dated 9th June 1871.)

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. CARPENDALE, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division.
" Public Department.
" Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd S. T. Augustin.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
FORT ST. GEORGE, 9th *June* 1871.

No. 130.

No. 1,550.

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

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SIR,—With reference to the remarks communicated by the Government of India in their letter of the 16th December 1870, No. 847 B.—C., on the supplemental estimate of Rupees 41,500 submitted with Colonel Orr's letter of the 19th September 1870, No. 2,261, for the construction of certain subsidiary buildings in connection with the new Lunatic Asylum at Madras, I am directed to forward the accompanying papers from which it will be observed that, with the exceptions marginally noted, the whole of the works included in that estimate which were in progress under the approval of this Government were completed before the receipt of the orders above quoted.

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No 632. Office of Sanitary Commissr 5
Madras 12th May 1871

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Superintendent,
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For the Secretary to Government
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Madras 17th May 1871.

Forwarded to Superintendent Lunatic Asylum for information.

By order &c
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Under Secretary

Public 2062/71

Forwarding the opinion of Superintendent Lunatic Asylum on the Latrines constructed for the Asylum

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Item.

From John Murray Esq^re M.C.S.
Superintending
Lunatic Asylum
& Garden

To The Superintending Engineer
4th D. Division
Bankipore

Dated 15th May
1871

No. 201.

Submits a report as to the
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P. M. 22/5/71

Lists shewing the State of Works attached to the Lunatic Asylum at Locock's Garden. 13

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6	Twenty four Cottages ab Rs 2440 each	58560 —	
7	Superintendents Office & Store room	6470 —	
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	Deduct value of granite flooring in original Estimate	1400
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Pd Ex: Engineer's Office
Fort St George
24th April 1871.

J. L. Hewett Captain R.E.
Ex: Engineer Presidency

No 648.

Superintending Engrs Office
4th Division Madras
17th May 1871.

From

Colonel C. V. Wilkieson R.E.
Superintending Engineer 4th Dn

To

Colonel J. Carpendale R.E.
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Supt Govt Lunatic Asylum

No 1549 P.W.D.

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To
The Accountant General
" Public Dept
Controller of Accts
Desp. 10/6/71.

No 1550.

To
The Secretary to the Govt of India
P.W.D.

Sir,

With reference to the remarks communicated by the Govt of India in their letter of the

No 1549 P.W.D. dated 22nd May 1871 to the Supt Engineer 4th Div.

Dated 3rd May 1871
Rec'd 13th "
Rec'd 5th June 1871
No 648.

Requesting me to furnish a statement of the amounts expended on the Pambans and Causeways which have been made over to the Collector of Ramnad for maintenance, also a statement of the amounts which may be required for the Pambans and Causeways which remain to be made over to the Collector of Ramnad.

Bd 14th January 1870 No 3rd Pamban — 53.56 Ft Causeway — 335-332

No 1549 P.W.D. dated 22nd May 1871 to the Supt Engineer 4th Div.

Secretary to Govt Madras P.W.D.

Ob 128

For transmission to James

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I. May 29th

Despd 10/6/71 with a copy of Genl 1228 + 9 of 1869 & 1871 + a Suppl Estimate & Plan + Plan & Estimate despd 12/6/71

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PUBLIC WORKS.

To The Superintending Engr
4th Division
and
To the Secretary to the
Govt of India

Dated

Rec'd. Feb. 3, 7

G. O. of June 1871 No. 1549-1555

Nos. 128-129 & 130