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29th July 1874.*

Read the following papers:—

- No. 654. From the District Engineer, Neilgherries, dated 27th April 1874,
No. 128.
No. 655. From the Principal and Secretary, Lawrence Asylum, dated 8th
May 1874, No. 57.

No. 656. ORDER THEREON, 29th July 1874, No. 2,051.

MILITARY WORKS, No. 18.

His Excellency the Governor in Council regrets to be obliged to record his opinion that the Commissioner and Principal were not justified in breaking into the place where the articles removed had been stored by the District Engineer.

2. The act was doubtless prompted by good intentions; but it was irregular and not only discourteous but unfair to the District Engineer, who was responsible for the safe custody of the articles removed.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Neilgherries.
" Principal and Secretary, Lawrence Asylum.

Educational Dept

Exd. S. T. Austin.
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the Principal has treated this Department with a total absence of that Courtesy which is always observed between other Departments of Government. Had I acted in the manner complained of I feel sure I should have merited the severest Censure.

Trusting you will lay these facts before Government for such orders as they may be pleased to pass.

Have the honor to be

Your most obedient servant
Jas. M. Norant. Captain R.B.
District Engineer.

District Engineer's office
Ootacamund 27th April 1874

No 128

To
The District Engineer
Trichinopoly

From
The Secretary to Government
Department Public Works
Ootacamund

Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that in
accordance with para 2 of O. W. D. No. 11-
of the 21st Instant, I have sent my Secretary
to the Lawrence Asylum to check the
list of the Machinery and Plant now on the
Premises, with a view to handing such of them
over to the Principal of the Institution as he
might require. The store-keeper returned
and submitted to me the accompanying report,
which I am obliged with great regret to sign.
He therein states that one of the clerks,
under the Principal's order, entered that portion
of the workshops which contains the Machinery
and Plant & which was barred and locked
by remaining a pane of glass from one of the
windows and by inserting a bar of wood
which was fastened inside to the centre frame.
The following articles were then taken away.
Anvil, 1st size, & sledge Hammer & 1st size.
He also adds that on another occasion the
Principal caused these shops to be entered in
the same manner and had the front door
opened from the inside, in order to show the
Premises to some ladies & gentlemen who were
visiting the Institution.

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W. M. D. B. S. S.

Report to the
Committee
which presents to the
Chief Engineer
the various
Machinery & Plant
now on the
Premises
of the Lawrence
Asylum
Trichinopoly
27th April 1874
The Secretary to
Government
Department Public
Works
Ootacamund

No 128
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On this subject I beg to inform you that some time last month I wrote Mr. Dana, telling him he might, if he so desired it, take over the whole of the workshop with its contents, and he replied under date 20th ultimo in the following terms. "I do not feel at liberty without the sanction of the Committee to take over the workshop." I Committee meeting assembled early in the current month when this subject could have been brought forward. But I heard nothing further.

I respectfully submit that nothing has occurred to justify the extraordinary conduct of the Principal. I have been always ready to hand over to him the workshop & plant free of charge; for it stands to this Hospital in a different relation to what it does. The Mr. Dana having declined to accept my offer to take them over has so far as I am concerned nothing to justify his assumption of entering premises under my charge, kept in order, and my need abstracting therefrom any dry articles without even intimating to me that he had done so.

However it will doubtless occur to you that the way in which the Principal was proceeded in was such as to give every facility to any individual person who might be visiting the Hospital unconnected perhaps with the Hospital, to lift the Primers and Committee out of point when they are in this matter.

To, The District Engineer
 Sheffield.
 Respected Sir

I most respectfully beg to inform you that, as I was ordered by you, I went to Lawrence Asylum yesterday & after turning a list of things in the garden in the room, I checked the tools & saw with the list. I had, to satisfy myself, when to my astonishment I found 1 anvil, 1 Pit Saw, 1 sledges & 4 tangs missing from their places. So I was looking surprised for them, because the doors were all locked up, Sir. Perkins who entered into the shop with me said that he has got them & showed them to me which I saw the blacksmith & tinsmith - tinsmith was working with. I did not then ask him how did they come into his possession; but I went again into the shop opening the doors & on closely observing the windows I found 2 panes of glass in two of the windows taken - one of which however appeared to me to have been done quite recently and a piece of wood which was secured to the sash inside with the entire frame to secure the window removed. Convinced of this I asked Sir Perkins, an hour after ~~what~~ if he has not taken the things by himself thro' the window. He answered me with a little hesitation "Yes, Mr. Dana ordered me to do so because you were not in." "Our works were delayed for want of them" He also told me that a few days ago when some gentleman & ladies wished to see the Engines he opened the door & shut it in the same manner. I told him however that it was not right to the Mr. Dana to give him such an order, when I am responsible for the things inside.

He is allowed also to state that if the Mr. Dana has so much freedom as to take the lime stone, can bricks & see himself (which you are aware) & lastly to order his cart to creep into the workshop thro' the secured window & take anything he wants how can I account for the things which are in my list. Although in obedience to your order I may go & hand over the things to them once a week or a month as you will direct me, yet I fear that I will come into trouble; for, if the Asylum Authorities take away any quantity of materials & use them without your knowledge or the quantity so used will remain in the book as balance on hand, & at last I will be suspected & perhaps it will end in my dismissal for carelessness &c.

I beg your honor will therefore kindly give the above into your consideration & protect me from troubles.

I beg to remain
 Your most obedient servant
 J. Woodhouse

25th April 1874.

Lawrence Asylum

8th May 1874.

From

The Rev. O. Dine, B. A.

Principal & Secretary

Lawrence Asylum

To

Col. G. W. Walker, R. E.

Secretary to Government

P. W. D.

Botacamund.

Sir

With reference to an endorsement on a letter to your address from the District Engineer dated 27th April 1874. No 128, forwarding certain complaints of the District Engineer for the remarks of the Committee, I am directed to relate the following facts.

2. The Commissioner visited the Asylum shortly after I joined, to confer with me about the alterations contemplated in the Buildings by the Committee. In going over the Workshops, we found we could not get into the Machinery Compartment. We accordingly opened one of the windows by having a pane removed.

3. The Anvil and Tools were taken out of the Workshops by my orders. They were wanted for important work, which would not admit of being delayed.

P.M.D. 2051

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Had the following

- 2 From the Principal Secy. } (M.E. No. 57 of 8 May 1944)
- Law: Asylum
- 1 From the S.E. Despatcher } No. 128 of 27 April

His Excellency the Governor in Council
 regrets to record his
 opinion that the
 Commissioner and
 Principal were not
 justified in breaking
 into the place
 where the articles
 removed had been
 stored by the District
 Engineer (who was
 responsible to Govt.
 for their safe custody)

P.M.D. 18714 Del.
 No. 130 of 1944
 The Secy. to Govt.
 The Principal Secy.

Secy. Asylum
 Col. A. W. Walker
 Secy. to Govt. P.M.D.
 Government

Dated 8th May 1944
 Recd. 27 July 1944

Remarks of the Law
 Asylum Committee on
 the letter addressed by the
 Secy. to Govt. with reference
 to the removal of the books
 taken from the workshop
 at Konesale.

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on him a charge of
discretion.

That officer appears
to have offered to hand
over the Workshop and
all its contents, an offer
which the Secretary de-
clined on the 20th March
to accept. His subsequent
proceedure was consequently
not justified by any dis-
inclination evinced by
the Lt. Engineer to oblige
him; and the example
that he, personally and
through his subordinate,
set to the whole Institution
of which he is the Pri-
ncipal was, to say the least,
unedifying

unedifying.

The Resolution of the
Lawrence Asylum Com-
mittee reported in the
6th para of their Secretary's
letter was not a proper
one. No material in the
custody of P. H. officers
should have been taken
possession of without
formal transfer between
two competent Agents, which
there should have been a
difficulty in arranging.

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and, if that is
the case, I think in every way that except has been
acting, comes as well prepared for a regard for the
interests of the Asylum, the fact, except that the stated
committee had been waited for the entirely transferred, in
regular manner, of the lots as per separated part of a
reference, but that have adopted a course which was
with irregular, & impossible for the safe custody of the lots
I submit

I submit that
no practical good
is likely to come of
doing this acrimonious
correspondence with
an order in the spirit
of this draft.

The personal action
taken by the Commissioners
of the Mills and the
Principal of the Asylum
in order to get an audit
and certain tools in
which were on the
premises for an immediate
use is explained and
all intention of effecting

irregular for causing
Captain Morant unnecessary
is disclaimed. They
no doubt committed
an error of judgment which
should be noticed in
moderate terms in the
G. O. - with instructions
that the conduct must
not be repeated.

I would notice with
commendation Captain
Morant's readiness to
meet the wishes of the
Committee and make
over to them any material
connected with the
affairs which may
still be in his charge
& required for their
use.

I would not print
his letters with the G. O.
Captain Morant is,
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It must be remembered
before the orders
were issued

I think the late
action in this matter
must be noticed
with disapproval, as
having been
irregular,
& actually disloyal,
but unfair to the
District Surgeon, who
is charged with the
custody of the letters
in question, & has to
render account of
them. If Mr. Deane's
action was taken before
the receipt of the full order

I think, needless & excessive
and the Secretary's summary
recrimination.

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I must say I think
Capt Morant has
been treated with
injustice & cruelty.
I would therefore
draw in to the
matter the
and say that
the Comd. & Prison
had been not pro-
tected in dealing
down the place
where the articles
removed had been
stored by the G. O. & by
who was not friendly
to the for their value

Custody. The act is
faultless by promptness
by just intention, but
it was in consequence of
Capt. Mervant's & of.
power to all hands.

I do not understand
it and why he should
the City have been for
materials provided
out of ^{sum} I am supposed
for the City have - he
may it as well ask the
Com^{ee} to pay for the
building itself.

The Com^{ee} should
take the same care
about & materials
as they would - and
Capt. Mervant should
send his stores there
and for being left out
has to be bound over what
have they very much previously.

of Apr 17 - ~~which was for~~
made the arrangements, is
accordance with his request
for placing the ^{periodically} ~~books~~ at the
disposal of the Committee, his
action was still more
reprehensible: put in strong

that he is concerned respect
the fact. he ought (even if
his previously had not been
attained & settled) that
waited for their answer
to his application -

I presume however that

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Govt. of 1874 Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To
The Dist. Supt.
Mylapore

Dated

Recd.

Encl. /

G. O. 29 July 1874, No. 257

Nos. 654-656.

Lawrence Clayburn Workshops

Passing orders on the
subject of the irregular
steps adopted by the
Principal in re-
moving certain articles
from the Workshops.