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No. 1. Read the following endorsement of the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, dated Ootacamund, 15th September 1874 :—

From Lieutenant-Colonel R. M. MACDONALD, Acting Director of Public Instruction, to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 10th September 1874, No. 1,610.

I HAVE the honor to submit, for the orders of Government, the accompanying letter, No. 42, of the 12th August, from the Principal of the Lawrence Asylum.

2. From Government Order, No. 3,033, of the 16th December 1873, it will be seen that certain buildings originally erected for wash-houses and latrines to the Female Asylum were required by the Committee for the accommodation of the extra Serjeants lately attached to the Male Asylum. These buildings consisted of four chambers, each 38 feet 8 inches by 18 feet 5 inches, and it was calculated by Captain Morant that the cost of converting two of these chambers into Serjeants' quarters would amount to Rupees 2,000, while the Committee thought it would be much less, as they contemplated doing the work by their own agency in a less finished style than it would be executed by the Department of Public Works. The transfer of the buildings was sanctioned by Government, and the Committee were authorized to plan and carry out such alterations as they might think necessary.

3. The Committee considered that, in carrying out this work, they had a right to make use of the bricks and stock material on the asylum premises, the whole of this material being, according to their view, asylum property; and, as they proceeded to act on this view by taking possession of this stock, a reference was made by the District Engineer to Government, which resulted in the Committee being informed in Government Order, No. 1,066 B.B., of the 17th April 1874, that they had no claim to the materials, but that they could have what they required on payment at the valuation shown in the books of the Department of Public Works.

4. The Committee were not satisfied with this decision, and requested Government to reconsider their application for the transfer of the materials free of cost, stating at the same time that, owing to the accommodation provided being inadequate to the requirements of the asylum, and no steps having been taken to remedy the defects brought on various occasions to the notice of Government, the duty of providing house accommodation had devolved on the Committee, who were vigorously pushing forward certain works towards that end. The nature of the works in question was not stated, but it was intimated that the cost of the works would be met by funds intended solely for the maintenance and education of the children, and not for building purposes.

5. In reply, the Committee were again informed in G. O., No. 235, of the 3rd July 1874, that the materials could not be transferred on any other terms than those already laid down. The Government further remarked that no important alterations or additions were to be made without the express approval and sanction of Government, and requested that the Committee would submit, in communication with the District Engineer, the necessary plans and estimates for any buildings that were urgently required, specifying the source from whence the funds would

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6. In the communication now submitted the Principal reports that the alterations required for converting the buildings above referred to into Serjeants' quarters are nearly completed, and he also states that the Committee have been put to some expense in improving the two lower blocks and converting a portion of the late Department Public Works Workshop into quarters for a Master-Carpenter. There is nothing to show that this latter expenditure has been incurred with the sanction or knowledge of Government, and there is an entire absence of all information as to the amount of the expenditure incurred for labor. The total cost of the materials used is stated to have been about Rupees 3,000, but it is impossible to conjecture from this letter what proportion of the materials has been applied to the alterations authorized in G. O., No. 3,033, of the 16th December 1873, or how far the Committee have been successful in doing the work for a smaller sum than that estimated by Captain Morant. Possibly the Committee contemplated furnishing this information at some future period when the buildings are entirely completed; and, if so, the only substantial question before Government now is whether the Committee shall be allowed to have the Rupees 3,000 worth of materials above referred to free of charge.

7. Two orders of Government in which this question has been already disposed of have been above referred to, and are, in fact, quoted by the Committee. There is also a third order to the same effect not quoted by the Committee, viz., G. O., No. 1,031-B, of the 21st April 1874, under which a building occupied by a Serjeant of Sappers and certain workshop buildings were made over to the asylum, but the Committee were distinctly informed that the surplus bricks, etc., applied for by them could only be made over on payment.

8. These orders have all been passed with a full knowledge of the facts of the case, and no fresh grounds seem to be adduced in this communication for altering the conclusion already arrived at.

TRANSFERRED to the Public Works Department for disposal.

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Acting Chief Secretary.

No. 2.

ORDER THEREON, 2nd November 1874, No. 3,104.

ACCOUNT, No. 1.

THE materials at the Lawrence Asylums, whether "at site" and already charged to the Female Asylum, or in the shape of raw material still outstanding as "General stock," are equally available for utilization in any way most appropriate. But a transfer of debit in the Public Works Accounts is necessary from their present heads to new ones, on account of any materials so utilized. In the case of materials already charged to the work, no money payment is necessary.

2. The Lawrence Asylum Committee will accordingly furnish Captain Morant with detailed statements of the manner in which the materials given over by him have been utilized on the works sanctioned in G. O., No. 3,033, of 16th December 1873, and on necessary alterations to the buildings handed over by

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G. O., No. 1,031-B, of 21st April 1874; and the District Engineer will make the necessary alterations of debit in his accounts of the Lawrence Asylum Works.

3. It has already been ordered in Educational Department Order, No. 235, of 3rd July, that no important alterations or additions shall be made to the asylum buildings without the express approval and sanction of His Excellency the Governor in Council, and the District Engineer has been ordered, in communication with the Committee, to prepare such plans and estimates as may be required. Such estimates will be necessarily based, as regards prices of materials, on the actual cost of those at site; and their sanction will be authority to Captain Morant to transfer what materials may be required without payment.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Neilgherries.

.. Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts.

.. Educational Department.

Exd. A. Grubert.

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Wm. Lawrence, Esq. of the Lawrence
 and Lawrence Asylums, Middle
 Sex. August 1874. Received
 of the Lawrence Asylums, Middle
 Sex. The Rev. O. D. D. Lawrence,
 Principal Secretary, Lawrence
 Asylums, Lawrence, Mass.
 Dear Sir, I have the honor to
 acknowledge the receipt of your
 letter of the 12th inst. in
 relation to the Lawrence Asylums,
 Middle Sex.

By the direction of the Com-
 mittee of the Lawrence Asylums,
 I have the honor to address
 you with reference to the orders of the
 Board of Directors of the Lawrence
 Asylums, Middle Sex.

Q.O. dated 16th Dec 1874
 no 3033.
 " — 17th April 1874
 no 1006 B.
 " — 3rd July 1874
 no 2035

By the first order, certain buildings
 were handed over from the custody of
 the District Engineer to that of the Law-
 rence Asylums Committee and the
 Governor in Council authorized those
 gentlemen to plan and carry out such
 alterations as they may think necessary,
 to fit them for soldiers' quarters.
 In accordance with this order, the
 alterations in these buildings are now
 almost completed. One block has
 been occupied by two regiments and
 their families for some weeks past, and
 the other block will be occupied with
 in a month. In addition to the outlay incurred

in carrying out these important alterations, the Committee have been to some extent in improving the two lower blocks, and converting a portion of the late D. P. W. workshops into quarters for the Master Carpenter and his family; the safe custody of the valuable plant and machinery in the workshops rendering it important, that the choicest line on the spot should be

5. The value of the materials employed in these alterations has been, according to the statement of the District Engineer, about Rs 3000. As this heavy cost, added to that already incurred for labour will prove a burden on the resources of the Institution, the Committee venture most respectfully to submit with reference to G.O. dated 17 April 1874, No 1006 B, to which their attention has been directed, that though the Committee can have no claim to the materials since the buildings have been completed and handed over for occupation, the objection cannot apply to the materials employed in carrying out the order of Government to complete and render fit for occupation the incomplete buildings recently transferred

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to the Asylum.
6. The Committee therefore venture to hope, that H.E. The Governor in Council will be pleased to grant them, free of cost, the materials thus supplied; otherwise it must be met from the income of the Asylum.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most obed^t Serv^t

O. D. S. N. D.

Principal Secretary
Lawrence Asylum

Office of the Director of
Public Instruction
Madras 10th September 1874.

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From
The Dy Director of Public Instruction
Madras.
To
The Dy Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St. George.

I have the honor to sub-
mit for the orders of Government the ac-
companying letter of the 12th August
from the Principal of the Lawrence School.
From Government Order
N^o 3033 of the 11th December 1873 it will be
seen that certain buildings originally erected
for work-houses and latrines to the Anna
School were required by the Committee
for the accommodation of the extra stu-
dents lately attached to the Anna
School. These buildings consisted of
4 chambers each 38 feet 8 inches by 18 feet
5 inches, and it was calculated by
Captain Monant that the cost of con-
verting two of these chambers into large
quarters would amount to Rs 2,000, while
the Committee thought it would be
much less as they contemplated doing the
work by this same agency in a less finished
style.

[Faint, mostly illegible handwritten notes at the top of the left page.]

To
The Director
of Public Instruction
Madras
From
The Principal
Lawrence School

My Dear Sir,
I have the honor to
acknowledge the receipt
of your letter of the 12th August 1874.

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In reply the Committee were again informed in G.O. No. 235 of the 3rd July 1874, that the materials could not be transferred on any other terms than those already laid down. The Committee further remarked that no important alterations or additions were to be made without the express approval and sanction of Government, and requested that the Committee would submit, in communication with the District Engineer, the necessary plans and estimates for

for any buildings that were urgently required, specifying the source from whence the funds would be provided and the manner in which it was proposed to execute them.

In the communication submitted to the President on 11th Dec. 1873, that the alterations required for converting the buildings above referred to into large work quarters are nearly completed, and he also states that the Committee have been put to some expense in improving the two lower blocks and converting a portion of the late Department Public Works Workshop into quarters for a Master Carpenter. There is nothing to show that this latter expenditure has been incurred with the sanction or knowledge of Government, and there is an entire absence of all information as to the amount of the expenditure incurred for labour. The total cost of the materials used is stated to have been about Rs. 5000, but it is impossible to conjecture from this letter what proportion of the materials has been applied to the alterations mentioned in L. O. No. 3033 of the 16th December 1873.

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or how far the Committee have been successful in doing the work for a smaller sum than that estimated by Captain Hiant. Possibly the Committee contemplate furnishing this information at some future period when the buildings are entirely completed, and it is the only substantial question before Government now is whether the Committee shall be allowed to have the Rs. 3000 worth of materials above referred to free of charge.

Two Orders of Government in which this question has been already disposed of have been above referred to and are in fact quoted by the Committee. There is also a third order to the same effect not quoted by the Committee, V. G. O. No. 1031 B of the 21st April 1874 under which a building occupied by a Sergeant of Messes and certain Workshop buildings were made over to the Engineer, but the Committee were distinctly informed that the surplus bricks, &c., applied for by them could only be made over on payment.

These orders have all been passed with a full knowledge of the facts of the case, and no fresh grounds seem

Account
W. C. Little

Proceedings of the Madras Board
Read the following:-

Letter from Acting Director
of Public Instruction, (H.E. No. 1410, 9/10 Sept 1914)
thru the Educational Dept.

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The materials at the
Lawrence Asylum, whether
"at site" and already
changed to the female
asylum, or in the shape
of raw material still
outstanding as "General
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able for utilization
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appropriate. But a
transfer of debit in the
Public Works Accounts
is necessary from their
present heads to new
ones, on account of any

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P. W. 1874 Dept.
No: 6524
From

The Chief Secy
E. S. Dept.
Dated 15 Sept 1914
Recd. 17 Oct 1914
E. I.

Transferring
a letter from the
Director Public Instruction
regarding, free of cost,
the materials used in
constructing certain
buildings and quarters
for servants at the
Lawrence Asylum,
Madras.

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partment for disposal.

By the Public Works Department
18 September 1914
D. H. M. S. S.
Asy. Chief Secretary

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Dated 14. 11. 14
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In the case of materials
already charged to the
work, no money pay-
ment is necessary.

The Lawrence Sey-
lun Committee will
accordingly furnish
Captain Horant with
detailed statements of
the manner in which
the materials given over
by him have been
utilized on the works
sanctioned in G.O.
3033 of 16th December 1873
and any necessary altera-
tions to the buildings
handed over by G.O.
1031B of 21st April 1874.
And the District Engineer
will

will make the necessary²¹⁴
alterations of debit in
his accounts of the
Lawrence Seylun
Works.

It has already been
insisted on in Educa-
tional Department Order
No. 235 of 3rd July that
no important altera-
tions or additions
shall be made to the
Seylun Buildings
without the express
approval and sanc-
tion of His Excellency
the Governor in Council
and the District Engineer.
has been ordered in
communication with
the Committee to prepare
such

such plans and estimates
as may be required.
Such estimates will
be necessarily based
as regards prices of
materials on the ac-
tual cost of those at
side; and their sanction
will be authority
to transfer what ma-
terials may be re-
quired without payment.

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To the B.E. Milgremier
Controller
Educational Dept
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Letter from Acting Director of Public
Instruction through the Educational
Department dated 10th September 1874,
No. 1640.

For Orders.

Submitted for orders.

There is really no
reason why the cost of

should not be a desirable
to obtain the Bill for material
which we are asked to print
from the Stocks on hand -

As I understand the
real feeling of the House Com^{tee}
is against the extravagant
charge for material - that
of affirming that beyond the
month market value

the labor employed in
altering the Buildings
made over to the Govt.

submitted by Government
orders No. 3033 of 16th

December 1873 and No.
1031 B of 21st April 1874.

I am inclined also to
desire the Com^{tee} to send in
their Bill of actual expenses
incurred on the work done
in providing accommodation
for the Department - I pass the
whole

should be a bar then
on the resources of the
Treasury

I am respectfully

as Raylam any more
as than that of the ma-
terials. The Committee
are inconsistent in
paying the one, but
repudiating the other.
Some of the stock
(say to the book value
of Rs 1,00,000) is on the
site of the Female
to Raylam, already
changed to that work
as "materials at site".
The rest (say to the
value of Rs 50,000)
is in the shape of
raw material (limestone
lime stone &c.)
at Laredale, debited
to "General Stock". It
is the former material
alone.

work and think that
wanting the price of 800
work it is reasonably good
I suppose all practical
purposes - perhaps the Cl. Est
or Est. - I cannot give
us an opinion on this point
If into the bargain it is as
moderate as the Com
missioner (to whom I have spoken)
the principle behind it is
it - we shall be no losers by
using the heads & hands that
we have on the spot - even say
that we pay the whole bill
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presumably that the
Committee lay claim.
The diversion of such
materials from debit
against the Female
Raylam as intended to
be constructed, to
any other work sanc-
tioned by Govern-
ment will be per-
fectly legitimate;
but it must be
carried out in a
business like way
so that the existing
debit in the books
of the Public Works
Department shall be
transferred from its
present head to the
debit of that other
work.

In this case to the debit
of the work & which
certain labour has
been charged by the
Asylum Committee.
There would be no
difficulty about the
matter if the altera-
tions approved by
Govt. to the Buildings
transferred had been
carried out by the
Public Works Departt.
as a regular plan
and estimate would
have been prepared
and worked to. The
propriety of allowing
the Asylum Committee
to

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I don't think that this is intended
by having been told to submit
the project to the orders of Govt.
as to what?

It must be despatch
to take the Council that - all the
the Govt. do not desire to have
for their action as regards
small details (I see no reason
of presenting white washing
pointing broken corners) the
Govt. design has no attention
or more extensive improvement
to the building even still be
understand what previous
intention

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be paid their funds for
building purposes
at random is very
questionable. Could
their accounts for
labor be overhauled
and added to the value
of materials they
have used, it is
suspected that it
would be found that
they have not turned
out the work cheaper
than the Public Works
Departt. could have
done. But the
probability is that
it could not be told
by them what labor
had

had been applied to
each work.

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Secy: Placement
S.H.C.

Jan 24/9/14

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Govt. of Madras.

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To The District Engineer
Nilghevris

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Lawrence Asylum

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orders on a letter from the
Ag Director of Public In-
-struction requesting, free
of cost, the materials used
in converting certain
buildings into quarters
for sergeants at the
Asylum -