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No. 185. Read the following endorsement of the Officiating Chief Secretary to Government, Educational Department, dated Fort St. George, 4th April 1877, No. 771 :—

From A. McC. WEBSTER, Esq., Acting Commissioner, Nilgiris, and Government Member, Lawrence Asylum Committee, to the Officiating Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Ootacamund, 28th March 1877, No. 35.

I HAVE the honor to address Government with reference to their Order in the Educational Department of 9th February 1877, No. 47, regarding certain emergent sanitary works required at the Asylum.

2. It will be in the recollection of Government that an outbreak of typhoid fever occurred in January, and the Committee, acting under the advice of the Medical Officer, Ooty, approved of certain works to improve the drainage and water-supply. As the Committee were desirous that the work should be carried out at the expense of Government, under the principles enunciated in G.O., Educational Department, of 18th February 1876, No. 64, and in the letters from the Controller of Public Works Accounts, printed in Proceedings of Madras Government, Public Works Department, of 18th February 1876, No. 458, as also the Order of Government in the Public Works Department of 9th November 1876, No. 3,005, the Principal requested the District Engineer to prepare a rough plan and estimate for the work. Captain Morant at first demurred on the ground of overwork, and that the Principal had expressed his ability to do the work himself. However, on the Committee considering the correspondence and requesting the District Engineer to submit a rough plan and estimate, Captain Morant did so. As Captain Morant seemed to question his liability to prepare such estimates, the correspondence was referred to Government and the estimate was submitted for sanction; and the Government in their Order of 9th February 1877, No. 47, disposed of the question.

3. The Committee waited some time and as no action was taken by the District Engineer, they resolved, at their last meeting on 8th instant, to forward him a copy of the Government Order of the 9th February.

4. A copy of the Principal's letter of 9th instant and of Captain Morant's reply is forwarded for the information of Government.

5. In his letter the District Engineer remarks that the Orders of Government of 9th February have not been communicated to him through the Public Works Department; that he delayed replying to Mr. Dene's letter of the 9th instant, as he was awaiting the instructions of Government through the Public Works Department; that he is about to address the Chief Engineer on the subject; and concludes by stating that he had already expressed his inability to execute any work at the Lawrence Asylum, and that *he had been informed by members of the Committee that the work was not urgent*, and that he had no funds for the work.

6. Captain Morant has, I know, very hard work to do at present, but the Government in their order did not admit the plea of pressure of work as sufficient to excuse the construction of a small work costing only Rupees 2,600.

7. As to the urgency of the work, the Committee at the meeting at which they called for the plan and estimate decided that the work was urgent, (I enclose a copy of their Proceedings,) and Captain Morant's remarks seem therefore to be inappropriate; while the question of the supply of funds would probably have to wait

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until the submission by the District Engineer of the detailed plan and estimate for the work.

8. During the last outbreak of typhoid fever, the drains were opened under the personal supervision of Dr. Whitton, so that as far as their sanitary state is concerned it is not perhaps urgently necessary that iron pipes should be laid down at once, but the open drain is unsightly and dangerous, and the new filter cistern proposed by the Committee should be constructed as soon as possible. Mr. Dene informs me that it is with difficulty he can get a sufficient supply of filtered drinking water for the boys now, but that if the cisterns were finished he could pump enough water up both for drinking and culinary purposes.

9. There has recently been a very bad case of typhoid fever in the institution, which terminated fatally last evening, and although it may not have been caused by the state of the drains or drinking water, there cannot, I think, be a doubt but that the improvements recommended by the Committee should be carried out at once, and so remove any probable cause of disease.

10. I have therefore the honor to suggest that the District Engineer should be directed to submit a detailed plan and estimate for the works if such are required; or if the estimate already submitted is sufficient, that he should be directed to carry out the work as soon as possible.

From Rev. O. DENE, Principal and Secretary, Lawrence Asylum, to Captain J. L. L. MORANT, R.E., District Engineer, Nilgiris, dated 9th March 1877, No. 2,713.

At the meeting of the Committee yesterday, I was directed to forward for your information (in case it has not already reached you) the accompanying G.O., No. 47, dated 9th February 1877, which please return; and to ask you whether you consider the Government Order in question a sufficient authority for your carrying out the works enumerated in your estimate No. 37 of 1876-77, dated 16th January 1877; and if so, when it will suit your convenience to begin the work.

From Rev. O. DENE, Principal and Secretary, Lawrence Asylum, to Captain J. L. L. MORANT, R.E., District Engineer, Nilgiris, dated 21st March 1877, No. 2,841.

More than a fortnight having elapsed since I wrote to you by direction of the Committee regarding the works required here, I have the honor to request a reply to my letter No. 713, dated the 9th instant. Should the letter in question have miscarried I shall be happy to furnish you with a copy of the same.

From Captain J. L. L. MORANT, R.E., District Engineer, Nilgiris, to Rev. O. DENE, Principal and Secretary, Lawrence Asylum, dated Ootacamund, 26th March 1877, No. 108.

I have the honor to acknowledge your letters Nos. 2,841 and 2,713, dated the 9th and 21st instant, with accompaniment herewith returned.

2. I regret to have delayed this reply. I have been waiting to receive from my own department the Government instructions on the order you so kindly sent me. I have received none. I am therefore about to address my Chief Engineer on the subject. I hope the delay has caused you no inconvenience.

3. As I have already informed you, I am quite unable to execute any work at your institution. I am informed by members of your committee that what you now require is not urgent. Moreover, no funds have as yet been provided for the work.

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EXTRACT from the Proceedings of the Committee of the Lawrence Asylum at a meeting held at the Library, Ootacamund, on Thursday, 11th January 1877.

A. McC. WEBSTER, Esq., in the Chair.

No. 6. Letters from Dr. Whitton were read:—(a) Offering recommendations relative to the water-supply at Lovedale; and (b) pointing out that the drainage at the male branch is very defective. A letter was also read from the District Engineer proposing certain alterations in the present system of drainage and water-supply, the building of a grain shed and filter.

The Principal was requested to write to Captain Morant and inform him that the Committee approve of his proposals regarding the drains and filter; and to request him to be so good, in accordance with the orders of Government, Public Works Department, No. 777 of the 27th March 1876, No. 2,695 of 6th October 1876, and No. 3,121 of 21st November 1876, to furnish them with plans and estimates for the various works required, viz., grain shed, filter, and open drains. As the matter of the drainage is of an emergent nature, they request that the plans and estimates called for may be furnished at his earliest convenience for early submission to Government.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) O. DENE,
Principal and Secretary,
Lawrence Asylum.

LOVEDALE,
28th March 1877.

TRANSFERRED to the Public Works Department for early consideration and disposal.

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

No. 186. ORDER THEREON, 6th April 1877, No. 1,195.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 15.

The District Engineer, Nilgiris, will at once submit the plans and estimates called for by the Lawrence Asylum Committee

on the 28th of March, and take in hand immediately such work as the Committee may deem to be of emergent sanitary importance.

(True Extract.)

Colonel,

Acting Joint Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.,

Buildings and Roads Branch.

To the District Engineer, Nilgiris.
" Educational Department.
" Examiner of Public Works Department.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

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Endorsement in the Educational Dept.
 No. 771 of 4th April 1877 on letter from the
 Ag. Commissioner, Nilgiris No. 35 of 31st
 March 1877.

FOR ORDERS. with draft G.O.

It is proposed
 to despatch the following
 telegram to Captain
 Morant.

"Take in hand im-
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 Lawrence Asylum Com-
 mittee consider of emer-
 -gent sanitary importance,
 and prepare estimates
 for sanction."

W. F. M.
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Tele. despt. 6.4.77.

W. F. M. Colonel
 Ag. Secy. to Govt. P.W.D.
 Buildings & Roads Branch.

FOR ORDERS.

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9th March
No. 2713

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To

Captain J. L. L. Inoué R.E.
H. H.

Sir,

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I have &c

(Sd) C. Drue

J. H.

L. Caylum

(True Copy)

M. W. Meade
Adj. Commissioner.

J. O.

No 2841 Dated 24th March 1877.

To,

Captain Morant
&c &c

Sir,

More than a fortnight having elapsed since I wrote to you by direction of the Committee regarding the works required here, I have the honor to request a reply to my letter No 713 dated the 9th inst. Should the letter in question have miscarried, I shall be happy to furnish you with a copy of the same.

I have &c
(Sd) C. Durr
Prin Secy
L. Chyllum

(True Copy)

H. M. Y. Weaver
Chy. Commissioner

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District Engineer's Office
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24th March 1877.

No. 108

From,

The District Engineer
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To,

The Principal & Secretary
Lawrence Chyllum

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge your letters No 2841 and 2713 dated the 9th and 24th Instants with accompaniment herewith returned -

2. I regret to have delayed this reply, I have been waiting to receive from my own Department the Government instructions on the order you so kindly sent me. I have received none. I am therefore about to address my Chief Engineer on the subject. I hope the delay has caused you no inconvenience.

3. As I have already informed you I am quite unable to execute my work at your Institution, I am informed by members of your Committee that what you now require is not urgent. Moreover, no funds have as yet been provided for the work.

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I have the honor to be, Sir
Your Most Obedient Servant
(Signed) J. L. L. Morant - Captain R.E.
District Engineer

(True Copy.)

A.W. McVane
Ag. Commissioner

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A true Extract.

Order.

Lovedale

28th March 1877

Principal Secretary
Lawrence Asylum

A.W. McVane
Ag. Commissioner

No 771
Commissioner's Office
Ottawa 28th March 1877
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From
A. J. C. Webster Esq
as Commissioner of the
Government member
L. Wythe Committee

To Honorable W. H. Carmichael
Chief Secretary to Government
Hart St. George

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Sir

Yours obediently

A. W. Mearns
Commissioner of Public Works
to Genl. S. B. L. A. Comd.

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To

The N.E. Nilgiris

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Lawrence Asylum