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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

8th May 1878, No. 2,071 W.

Buildings and Roads.

Civil Works.

Read the following paper:—

No. 57. From Major H. W. WOOD, R.E., District Engineer, Vizagapatam, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Waltair, 25th April 1878, No. 164.

With reference to O.G., No. 1,856 W, dated 15th April 1878, I have the honor to report as follows.

2. Towards the middle of the official year 1876-77 an estimate, amounting to Rupees 981, was being executed for repairing the buildings of the Lunatic Asylum at Waltair.

3. In consequence of the cyclone of October 1876, a further sum of Rupees 92 were expended on the repairs of the above buildings.

4. Early in the year 1877-78, a third estimate, amounting to Rupees 151, was prepared for additional repairs to the buildings. This is the estimate the non-execution of which is complained of by the Superintendent of the Lunatic Asylum.

5. The estimate reached me about the end of the month of June 1877, when most of the allotment of the year for the repair of civil buildings had been distributed, and when a small sum only remained for meeting balances of estimates for works being executed but not completed. Under these circumstances, and considering that the Lunatic Asylum buildings had quite recently absorbed Rupees 1,073 of the public funds while the cyclones of October 1876 and May 1877 had necessitated unusual outlay for the repairs of all the buildings in the district, I deferred sanction of the estimate of Rupees 151 until later in the year.

6. Further funds were granted by Government under the head of Repairs, Civil Buildings, at the end of November 1877, when the estimate for the Lunatic Asylum buildings ought doubtless to have been sanctioned. This, however, was not done because the Head Clerk omitted to bring to my notice that the estimate had been awaiting allotment of funds since July. The shortcomings of this man have already formed the subject of my complaints on previous occasions.

7. On my becoming aware at the commencement of February 1878 that the repairs remained still unexecuted, I directed the Vizianagram Range Officer to proceed with them at once, and they have accordingly been completed within the official year 1877-78.

8. I would beg to point out that there is nothing to show that the hole in the venetians, through which it is alleged the small-sized lunatic escaped, was caused by the cyclone of October 1876. It is true, I cannot state, that it was not so due, but the present Superintendent was not at the date just named in India, and cannot therefore say that it was. I have during the past twenty months been frequently about

the Asylum buildings, and a hole in a door (or in the venetians of a door) through which even a very small-sized man could pass has never come under my notice, nor has ever been brought under my notice. Further I would beg to point out that venetian doors and windows are peculiarly susceptible of damage at all times, and more especially at the hands of lunatics. And if the use of this sort of doors and windows in the Waltair Asylum was permitted by Government, it could only have been so permitted from the consideration that the buildings were to be enclosed by an impassable aloe hedge, and that no lunatic could get out of the enclosure except through gates, for guarding which an establishment of warders is entertained under the orders of the Superintendent. This fact appears to have escaped the notice of the visitors in their proceedings for the month of January 1878.

No. 58.

ORDER THEREON, 8th May 1878, No. 2,071 W.

COMMUNICATED to the Judicial Department, with reference to G.O., No. 614, of the 22nd March, in that department.

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

E. A. FOORD, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

(True Copy.)

Major, R.E.,
Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the District Engineer, Vizagapatam.
" Judicial Department.

Exd. T. D. Ryan,
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BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
CIVIL WORKS.

Govt. of (1878) Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.



THE DISTRICT ENGINEER,
VIZAGAPATAM.
Sd/-, dt/-, 1878.

Dated May 8th.

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G. O., Sth May 1878, No 2,571 W.

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Nos. 57-58.

Lunatic Asylum, Waltair.—Letter from the District Engineer, Vizagapatam, explaining why the repairs to the —, were delayed, communicated to the Judicial Department.

No. 164

District Engineer's Office
Waltair 25th April 1878

From: The District Engineer
Vizagapatam

To: The Chief Engineer P.W.D.
Buildings & Roads Branch
Madras

Sir,

With reference to C.G. No 1856 W. dated 15th April 1878, I have the honor to report as follows:—

2. Towards the middle of the official year 1876-77, an estimate amounting to Rs. 981 was being executed for repairing the buildings of the Lunatic Asylum at Waltair.

3. In consequence of the Cyclone of October 1876, a further sum of Rs. 92, were expended on the repairs of the above buildings.

4. Early in the year 1877-78 a third estimate amounting to Rs. 101 was prepared for additional repairs to the buildings. This is the estimate; the nonexecution of which is complained of by the Superintendent of the Lunatic

Lunatic Asylum.

5. The estimate reached me about the end of the month of June 1877, when most of the allotment of the year for the repair of Civil Buildings had been distributed, and when a small sum only remained, for meeting balances of estimates for works being executed, but not completed. Under these circumstances and considering that the Lunatic Asylum Buildings had quite recently absorbed Rs. 1073 of the public funds, while the Cyclones of October 1876 and May 1877 had necessitated unusual outlay for the repairs of all the buildings in the District, I deferred sanction of the estimate of Rs. 151 until later in the year.

6. Further funds were granted by Government under the head of Repairs Civil Buildings at the end of November 1877, when the estimate for the Lunatic Asylum Buildings ought doubtless to have been sanctioned. This however, was not done, because the Head Clerk omitted to bring to my notice that the estimate had

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had been awaiting allotment of funds since July.

The shortcomings of this man have already formed the subject of my complaints on previous occasions.

7. On my becoming aware at the commencement of February 1878, that the repairs remained still unexecuted, I directed the Tiznagran Range Officer to proceed with them at once and they have accordingly been completed, within the official year 1877-78.

8. I would beg to point out, that there is nothing to show that the hole in the venetians, through which it is alleged the small sized Lunatic escaped, was caused by the Cyclone of October 1876. It is true I cannot state, that it was not so due, but the present Superintendent was not at the date just named in India, and cannot therefore say that it was. I have during the past twenty months been frequently about the Asylum buildings and a hole in a door (or in the venetians of a door) through which even a very small sized man could pass, has never come under my notice - nor has ever been brought under my notice. Further I would beg to point out, that

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Sir

Your most Obedt. Servt.

W. R. R. R. R. R.

Major R.

District Engineer

Trigapatnam

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communicated to
the Judicial Dept.
with reference to G.O.
No. 514 of the 22nd
March, in that Dept.

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Buildings and Roads

From
The District Engineer
(5) Vizagapatam
To
The Chief Engineer. P.W.D.
Buildings and Roads Branch
Madras

No. 164
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Dated 25 April 1878

No of Enclosures none

Lunatic Asylum
at Waltair.

Submitting explanation as
to the cause of delay in remedying
the damaged condition of the
venetians in one of the doors of
the —

~~Communicated~~
With order

Ms. G. 1856 W 13-4-78
G.O. 273 of 9-2-78 J.D.

Dr. Vizagapatam
Jall. Dept.

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To

M. Vignapalam

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G. O., 8th May 1878, No. 2071.1r

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Lunatic Asylum - Malabar

Letter from the Officer
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