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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

29th September 1880, No. 2,264 W.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

Read the following papers:—

No. 154. Endorsement of the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Ootacamund, 23rd August 1880, No. 1,658.

From Colonel W. O. SWANSTON, Acting Commissioner of Police and President of Committee of Government Workhouse, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 2nd August 1880, No. 1/6.

I HAVE the honor to request that you will bring to the notice of His Grace in Council the state of the latrine and bath-room belonging to the men of the House. The former is unsafe for them to sit in, and the latter is not only unsafe, but perfectly unfit for the purpose intended, as all the sides are down, and we have females and children on both sides of us; the roof also is insecure, and the flooring in such a state that it is not fit to be used. Sanction of Government was given in G.O., No. 2,214, dated 26th August 1876, for repairs and alterations for the effective working of the Act. At present we have no means or place to carry out the idea of a Workhouse, which could be done if the buildings were taken in hand; and even if we were not able to make it a self-paying, or even part-paying, establishment, the fact that work had to be done would deter a great many from coming to Madras which they now do, preferring to do so than remaining in Bombay or other places where labor is enforced in the Workhouse.

Government has complained that the Madras expenses are larger than that of the other Presidencies. It is so, because in all other Workhouses the men have to perform an allotted amount of labor, and becoming tired of that they either abscond, or say that they can get employ if they come to Madras, which they are allowed to do, in some cases finding their own way, in others being assisted.

If work was compulsory here, as it is in other places, we should not have the influx that we have; for instance, we had thirty admissions into the House during the first quarter of the current year; out of this number only two had ever done a day's work in Madras, the others had all come from Bengal, Bombay, or Ceylon.

Again, if the buildings were completed, inside accommodation might be given to the children and wives of the men, whose services might be utilised for mending and washing and plain needle-work, thus making a considerable saving in our expenses.

The building has been twice repaired at a cost of over Rs. 3,000, and it is now again wanting repair, so that the whole of the grant will eventually be absorbed in repairs, and the institution will not be bettered in any way; whereas, if the remainder of the amount sanctioned could be used for the proposed arrangement, the place could be altered so as to become a *Workhouse* in deed, not only in name, fit for effective administration.

With regard to the latrine and bath-room, should they be now repaired the money so expended will only be thrown away, as both these buildings are to be removed from where they are now under the new estimate which has been approved and sanctioned.

Copies of remarks by Members of Workhouse Committee are attached.

Remarks of Members of Committee.

(1.)

The Governor of the Workhouse.

Sir,—A. M. Saunders, Esq., is at present in Bangalore and is likely to be absent from Madras for some day.

(Signed) W. CALLAGHAN,
Chief Clerk.

(2.)

Unless the works estimated for and sanctioned, and mentioned in the last paragraph of the proposed letter, are either actually in hand or will very shortly be constructed, it would appear necessary that some repairs at all events should be done to the existing latrine and bath-room if, as reported, they are in their present condition unsafe.

(Signed) W. MORGAN.

(3.)

Captain Taylor coincides with the above.

(Signed) Captain TAYLOR.

(4.)

It is absolutely necessary that the latrine and bath-room should at once be built.

(Signed) D. R. THOMPSON, M.D.

(5.)

I agree with what has been said in the draft; repairs can be met from contingent funds.

(Signed) D. HEMMING.

TRANSFERRED to the Public Works Department for remarks.

(Signed) R. DAVIDSON,
Chief Secretary.

No. 355.

REFERRED to the Superintendent of Works, Presidency, for early report.

(Signed) R. H. SANKEY, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

25th August 1880.

No. 154-A. From the Superintendent of Works, Presidency, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Chepauk, 15th September 1880, No. 2,275.

In returning the papers referred to me with your endorsement, No. 355, dated 25th ultimo, I have the honor to report that the bath-room and latrine of the Government Workhouse are in a very dilapidated condition and too bad to be repaired. These

* Letter No. 6,563.

buildings were reported* on by the Superintending Engineer, Third Circle, in

November 1879 as generally in a bad state of repair and the latrine, &c., particularly in an unsafe condition. I consider that it would not be advisable to defer any longer the construction of the new latrine and bath-room provided for in the estimate of Rs. 17,700 sanctioned in G.O., No. 2,214, of 21st August 1876.

No. 155. ORDER THEREON, 29th September 1880, No. 2,264 W.

THE Superintendent of Works, Presidency, will at once put in hand the construction of the new latrine and bath-room included in the estimate already sanctioned in G.O., No. 2,214, dated 21st August 1876. An appropriation of Rs. 1,380 for the work is made from the Provincial Reserve.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintendent of Works, Presidency.
" Examiner of Public Works Accounts.
" Public Department.

Exd. W. J. Lewis.
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BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
CIVIL WORKS.

Gobt. of [1880] Madras
PUBLIC WORKS.

To
THE SUPERINTENDENT OF WORKS,
PRESIDENCY.

&c., &c., &c.

Dated September, 29th.

Issued

Recd.

Encl.

G. O., 29th September 1880, No. 2,264 W.

SEPTEMBER.

Nos. 154-155.

New Latrine and Bath-room in the Govern-
ment Workhouse, Madras.—Directing the
immediate construction of the —, and appro-
priating funds for the same.

Government Work-house,

2nd August

1880.

From

R.D.

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President of Committee

and Commissioner of Police,

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Chief Secretary to Government.

Sir

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I have the honor to be
Sir

Your Obedt servant

W. Lawrence

Commissioner of Police

and

President of Committee.

N. 1658

Transferred to the Public Works Dept.
= sent for remarks -

P.W.D.

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J. Vaidya
Chief Secretary

23rd August 1880
to the Public Works Department

Emergency to
the Public Works
Dept. 1880
to the Public Works
Dept. 1880

23rd August 1880
to the Public Works
Dept. 1880

Public Works Dept
1880
to the Public Works
Dept. 1880

N. 555

Recd 2626
27/8/80

Referred to the
Superintendent of Works,
Presidency, for early report.

Car. Shankar Col. R.E.

Ref. to Gt. P.W.D.

25th Aug 1880

Mis. G.O. N. 186 d/22/12/74
G.O. 183 25/1/76
Mis. 24 5/5/76
G.O. 588 d/29/5/76 Public Dept.
22/11 21/8/76

TO BE RETURNED
WITH REPLY.

Remarks of Members of Committee.

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Yours Obedt. Servant
/Sd/ Wm. Callaghan, Secy

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/Sd/ D. M. Thompson Esq. D.

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/Sd/ D. M. Thompson

No. 2275

MADRAS,
Chepauk, 15th Sept. 1880.

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From

THE SUPERINTENDENT OF WORKS,
PRESIDENCY,

To

The Chief Engineer,
P.W. Dept.

Sir,

Enclosures. 2.

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Letter N^o. 6563.

P.W.D.
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the construction of the New Latrine and
Bathroom provided for in the Estimate
of Rs. 17,700 sanctioned in G.O. No
2214 of 21st August 1876.

I have the honor to be
Sir,

Your most obedient servant
Chunderpoo L. J. M.
Supt.

For Supt of Works
Hevy

W. J. M.

Ch. No 2850 of 28 Aug 1879
From - 2980 of 25-11-79

P.W.D.
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From, No. 2275

The Supt of Works,
Presidency

No 2275

Dated 15th Sept 1880.
Recd

Encl. 2.

Govt. Workhouse, Madras.

Reports that the Bathroom
and Latrine of the — are
in a very dilapidated con-
dition & too bad to be
repaired &c. — &c.

Cir 22.9.80. Rtd 27.9.80 —
D-20.9.80 Rtd 24.9.80

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT

Under date the 29 Sept 1880
Read the following:—

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Endorsement in the
Public Department } (H.C. No 1658 of 23rd Aug 80)
From the Supt of Works }
Presidency } (" 2275 " 15th Sept 80)

The Superintendent
of Works, Presidency,
will at once put in
hand the construction
of the new latrine
and bath room in.

Included in the estimate
already sanctioned in
G.O. No 2214, dated 21st
August 1876. An
appropriation of

R.S.

R.S.

Rs 1,380^x for the work
is made from the
Provincial Reserve.

+ This is the
full amount
of the estimate.

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Att

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Supt. of Works, President
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Public Department 7

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Govt. of Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

Dated

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Encl.

G. O. 29th Sept 1880 No. 2284 W.

Nos. 154-155

New Latrine
Bath room in
the foot workhouse.
Madras.

The Director the
immediate construction
of the — and approp-
riating funds
for the same.