

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter

from the Superintendent, Lunatic Asylum,
Madras, to the Secretary to Surgeon General with the
Government of Madras, dated 3 October 1881, No 468.

In forwarding the official visitors
report for the month of September 1881, I have
the honor to call attention to para 8 regarding
the ventilation of the "three rooms." The ventilation
is, in my opinion, good, but some of the
openings might be improved. In the back
and side walls of that portion of the room
used for bathing, and at a height of 7 1/2 ft.
from the ground are 3 oval openings, each 1 1/2 ft.
by 1 ft., and to prevent escape these are
closed by a wooden cross bar, thus 
to which it would be very easy for a
suicidal patient to get a stick, and I
would suggest that these openings be
closed and that narrow openings as
below, sufficiently far apart to prevent
anything being attached by being
passed through from one to the other

would

P. H. C. No 6169

FROM THE EXAMINER P.W. ACCOUNTS,
MADRAS.
TO THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
P.W. DEPARTMENT.

No 151 W.

DATED 25 OCTOBER 1881.

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No 2690 of 1st Nov 1881
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ENCLOSURE 1.

FORWARDS A BILL FOR RS. 72-10-3

FOR THE YEAR 1881.

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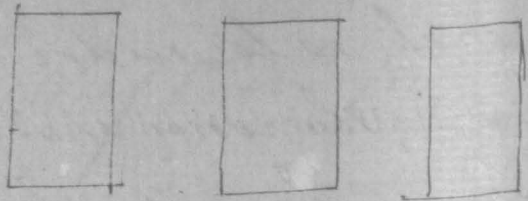
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would be an improvement.



Regarding the padded rooms it is hardly necessary to say that they are not suited to the climate.

No 282.

Forwarded to the Chief Secretary for the favorable consideration of Government.

(Sd) H. Sturges

Surgeon.

Fort St George.
8 October 1881.

Secretary for Surgeon General
with the Government of Madras.

Report of the Official Visitors of the
Madras Lunatic Asylum for September 1881.

Para 8. The grounds were in good order and all the buildings scrupulously clean. In the three rooms, we consider the windows for ventilation defective, better ventilation should be afforded while

while the construction of the opening should be such as to render it impossible for an inmate of the room to attach rope or bed clothing to them. We think a couple of padded rooms should be constructed in this Asylum, we saw a couple of very excitable and violent patients who at any time injure themselves against the walls or iron bars of the door.

(Sd) A. L. Hackett.

Surgeon Major

(Sd) W. M. Scharlieb

Presidency Magistrate

(True Copy).

(Sd).

30 September 1881. A. H. Leapingwell Surgeon.

Superintendent, Lunatic Asylum

Order No 17 October 1881, No 2143.

The alteration in the windows of the three rooms referred to in para 8 of the Official Visitors' report will be carried out.

2. In regard to their suggestion
for the construction of two padded
rooms in the Asylum, it is observed
that in 1877, the Government sanctioned
estimates amounting to Rs 9190 -
for constructing two wards for violent
patients. The Government desire
to learn what was done in
pursuance of that sanction.

(True Extract)

J. A. Davis
As Under Secretary.

The Public Works Department.