GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

READ—the following paper :—

From the Rev. A. W. ATKINSON, M.A., Principal and Secretary, Lawrence Asylum, Ootacamund, to the Superintending Engineer, Public Works Department, dated 18th April 1894, No. 125.

By direction of the Managing Committee of this institution, I have the honour to address you on the following matter.

2. The petty repairs to the asylum buildings were, up to the receipt of G.O., dated 11th July 1892, carried out by the Principal of the Asylum, after which date the Public Works Department undertook the work.

3. Although very extensive repairs to the buildings in which the girls and boys are respectively located, the workshops, the hospital, most of the staff quarters and the native servants' quarters have been carried out in accordance with sanctioned estimates by your department, it does not appear possible to get any urgent work done at once. It is unnecessary for me to point out that with so many children there must be considerable damage, particularly when there is so much glass about the building. Formerly these urgent repairs were carried out by the Principal as occasion demanded and a bill up to Rs. 200 monthly was submitted and paid for. Under present arrangements repairs are not carried out monthly or as required, and the result is that the buildings now exhibit a state of neglect and disrepair, which visitors cannot fail to notice and remark upon.

4. In this connection I give extracts from the visitors' book :—

(i) *By His Excellency the Governor, dated the 28th September* 1893.—"I was glad to notice considerable improvement in the condition of the buildings, although there remains a good deal to be done to put them all in a proper state."

(ii) *By His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, dated the 9th April* 1894.—"The state of the buildings leaves much to be desired, and I have written to the President of the Committee of Management pointing this out."

5. I have further to bring to your notice that some of the staff quarters have not been even whitewashed for the past two years, whereas formerly it was done regularly once a year.

6. The committee carefully considered the whole matter at its meeting on the 13th instant, and I have been instructed to request that the Principal should be permitted, as in former years, to carry out, for the Public Works Department, all petty repairs up to Rs. 200 *or more* monthly, which is in accordance with the latter part of G.O., dated 11th July 1892, No. 532, which distinctly lays down that "the Public Works officers may entrust the execution of petty repairs to the Principal when that course appears advisable." I say "Rs. 200 *or more* monthly" because the amount allowed hitherto is not now sufficient for the purpose considering the age of the buildings.

7. If it is not in your power to comply with the request contained herein, may I ask you to be so good as to submit the matter to Government for orders ?

No. 174 W.

Submitted to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, for favour of orders with reference to G.O., No. 917 W., dated 19th March 1892.

(Signed) RENÉ de CHAZAL,
Assistant Engineer,
for Suptg. Engineer, IV Circle.

27th April 1894.

Order—dated 28th May 1894, No. 1329 W., Public Works.

In the circumstances stated, the provisions of G.O., No. $\frac{3059}{A}$ W., dated 29th October 1883, as explained by G.O., Educational Department, No. 532 of 11th July 1892, will again be brought into force with respect to the buildings of the Ootacamund Lawrence Asylum.

(True Extract.)

Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle.
" Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
" Educational Department.

Exd. C. A. Munisawmy.
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Govt. of {1894} Madras.

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Dated May, 28th.

Read. *Encl.*

G.O., 28th May 1894, No. 1329 W.

MAY.

Lawrence Asylum, Ootacamund

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Laurence Asylum.
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From

The Principal Secretary

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Your most obedt Servt

Jno. Wm. Atkinson M.D.
Principal Secretary.

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René de Chazal
Asst. Engr

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B.T. Barbour

From,

The Supg. Engineer
4th Circle

Dated 27th
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