

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Police DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	575	Press Mis.
Dated	7-6-	1866

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J.S.

7th June 1866.

Read the following papers :—

No. 50. From the Officiating Principal Inspector General, Medical Department, Fort Saint George, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated 30th May 1866, No. 193.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Order of Government, No. 538, 26th May 1866, calling upon me to explain a discrepancy, adverted to in the Minute by the Right Honorable the Governor in the Proceedings now under reply, namely that an application has been made to Government for three new padded cells at the Lunatic Asylum, when it had been submitted to the Right Honorable the Governor that it was only requisite that two of the old ones should be padded, I being present at the time when the instructions were issued.

2. As far as I am personally concerned, I heard imperfectly what conversation passed upon the subject of the padded cells; but my impression certainly was that the Agents for the owners of the Asylum were to be requested to build three new ones. Besides myself, there were also present Mr. Porteous, Dr. Donaldson, and Mr. Mason, and when the latter gentleman called at my office to know whether he should send the letter of the 11th May to Messrs. Parry and Co., I said "certainly, if such were Lord Napier's instructions." It is evident that Mr. Mason also considered that such were the instructions. The letters quoted in the Proceedings of Government were sent to me in regular course, bearing the Deputy Inspector General's counter-signature, which intimates his concurrence with the writer. This has been omitted in the copies of the letter in the Proceedings of Government, I send them back for inspection.

3. I submit that, with these documents, I was fully justified in supposing that instructions to communicate with the Agents regarding three new padded cells had been received by Messrs. Porteous and Mason, and that it only remained for me to forward the result of this communication for the information of Government.

4. I trust, under this explanation, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council will see there was no discrepancy, if it is meant by that expression that there was, on my part, a wilful variance from the verbal instructions supposed to have been given by Lord Napier.

5. I do not recommend that new cells should be built at the expense of Government in a building which is not their property, and which will probably soon be given up as an Asylum, but it is desirable that two of the old cells should be padded.

No. 51. From the Officiating Principal Inspector General, Medical Department, Fort Saint George, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated 2nd June 1866, No. 203.

I have the honor to forward a letter received, 30th ultimo, from the Medical Officer in charge of the Lunatic Asylum, requesting that two of the cells may be padded.

No. 161, dated 28th May 1866.

2. As this will be the first occasion on which cells have been padded in Madras, and as it will require an intelligent workman to have them done, I think

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it would be well if Government will authorize Deschamps & Co., or some of the European Coach-makers in Madras, to undertake the work.

3. Should the sanction of Government be accorded, I will call for a Memorandum of the probable charge.

From Surgeon J. DONALDSON, M. D., Lunatic Asylum, to the Deputy Inspector General of Hospitals, Presidency; dated Madras, 28th May 1866, No. 161.

In accordance with instructions conveyed in Memorandum, No. 2226, dated 23rd instant, from the Secretary to the Principal Inspector General, forwarded by you, I have the honor to request that two of the old cells may be prepared and padded for the purpose required. The arrangements for ventilating the cells sufficiently will require alteration. If any difficulty is experienced in adapting these cells to the requirements of such unmanageable patients as may require temporary confinement, I would venture to recommend the trial of the padded cages in use in many Lunatic Asylums at Home.

I do not concur in recommending padded cages.
H. W. P.

No. 52. ORDER THEREON, 7th June 1866, No. 575.

It was not the intention of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to impute to Mr. Shaw any wilful variance from the instructions given by His Excellency the Governor in the matter referred to in the foregoing letter.

2. Orders will be issued in the Department of Public Works for padding two of the cells in the Lunatic Asylum. The Government do not see any occasion for employing Messrs. Deschamps & Co. on this work. Surgeon Mason will have no difficulty in explaining what is required to the Executive Engineer, who will have the work done accordingly, without delay.

(True Extract).

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Officiating Principal Inspector General, Medical Department.
" Public Works Department.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

Public Department.

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General - Medical Department.

(See letter of May 28th 1866)

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To the Offg. Prin. Insp. Gen. Med. Dept.
desp. Public Works Dept.

June 312 of 1869

Dated 24 " June 1869.

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