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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
9th December 1869.*

No. 37. Read the following letter from the President of the Municipal Commission, Trichinopoly, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Trichinopoly, 18th November 1869, No. 64.

In forwarding the accompanying Extract from Proceedings of the Municipal Commissioners, dated 16th instant, I have the honour to explain what the Commissioners wish removed, and how it can be accomplished.

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“ Resolved that as the view on the Boulevard is altogether intercepted, and its appearance altogether destroyed, by the dead stone-wall round the Lunatic Asylum garden, that Government be requested through the President to allow this eyesore to be removed.”

2. Government doubtless remember that it was Sir Charles Trevelyan's idea that the filthy moat surrounding this town should be filled in, reclaimed, and made into Boulevard. The work is one of no slight magnitude, and involves no slight outlay. A good beginning has, however, been made, and we have now a fine stretch of reclaimed land about three-quarters of a mile long and 200 feet broad in the place of the objectionable moat. This reclamation extends from the market to a tank we are now constructing to meet the requirements of the rate-payers. As shown in the accompanying sketch, there is to the south of the tank a newly filled in space now planted with Jack trees, the soil being most favourable for this culture; then comes the Lunatic Asylum garden,* and then a long avenue of graft Mango and other trees leading up to the market; but the whole view is shut out and blocked up by the high stone-walls of the Asylum garden which mar the whole effect. Mr. Logan of the Great Southern of India Railway, who is kindly laying out the Boulevard, calls this wall an “ eyesore,” and Captain Vertue and Mr. Cadell equally advocate its removal.

* Marked “H” in the plan.

3. The garden is of little or no use, the Lunatics' horticulture produces next to nothing, but a few struggling plantains, and the warders' sheep are the beings that really benefit by the enclosure. Again the lunatics are now few in number, only the worst cases being retained. Should the Government think that the garden might be done away with altogether, the few lunatics might, for the sake of out-door exercise, very well weed and water the trees on the Boulevard, close at hand, under the warders' supervision.

4. Should, however, Government deem the retention of the garden advisable, I would suggest that the Commissioners be allowed to remove the dead wall which obstructs the view on all four sides; and substitute a light iron-railing which would open the view, and still keep a separate enclosure for the few lunatics wherein they could garden. As some set off to this outlay, the Commissioners might, I conjecture, be reasonably allowed one-half of the old fort stone of which the wall is composed, the other half being handed over to the Department of Public Works.

No. 38. ORDER THEREON, 9th December 1869, No. 1684.

The Government are not prepared at present to give up the Lunatic Asylum garden at Trichinopoly, as desired by the Municipal Commissioners; but permit the Commissioners to remove the dead wall of which they complain as a disfigurement

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to the new Boulevard, and in its place to enclose the garden with a suitable iron-railing. The whole of the stone forming the wall may be made over to the Commissioners as a set off for the expense to be incurred by them in carrying out this improvement.

2. The Government also authorize the Commissioners, if they desire it, to lay out the garden as they may see fit, and to exclude animals from it; on the understanding that it shall be available as heretofore for use by the lunatics, who might amuse themselves in keeping it in order.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Trichinopoly,
with plan returned.
,, Inspector-General of the Indian Medical Department.

Public Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from the Magistrate and President of the Municipal Commission Trichinopoly.

See letter dated 18th Nov. 1869 No. 4.

Order thereon. Dec 16th 1869, O. G. No. 1869.

The Government are not prepared at present to give up the Lunatic Asylum Garden ^{as desired by the} Trichinopoly, ~~to the~~ Municipal Commissioners; but ~~will~~ permit the Commissioners to remove the dead wall ^{off} which they complain as a disfigurement to the new board, and in its place to erect the garden with a suitable iron railing. The whole of the stone forming

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To

THE PRESIDENT OF THE MUNICIPAL
COMMISSION, TRICHINOPOLY.
&c., &c., &c.

Dated December, 9th.

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G. O. No. 514 December 1869, No. 1081.

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Permitting the Municipality to replace, by a suitable iron-railing, the stone-wall enclosing the Lunatic Asylum at Trichinopoly.

The wall may be made over
to the Commissioners as a
set off for the expense to be
incurred by them in carrying
out this improvement.

2. The Government also authorize the Commissioners, if they desire it, to lay out the garden as they may see fit, and to exclude animals from it; on the understanding that it shall be available as heretofore for use by the ^{animals themselves} lunatics, who might ~~not~~ be in keeping it in order.

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The President Mr C. F. Johnson
Dep of Med Depart } Sept 10/92

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To
The President of the Council
Council of National Arts
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Dated }
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Nos. 32 & 56.

Permitting the Council
to replace the suitable
iron railing, the stone
wall enclosing the
Quarantine Hospital at
Friedland City