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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
4th May 1870.*

Read the following papers:—

No. 46. Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Department, dated 13th April 1870, No. 466.

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Dieting...	7,964	5	9
Establishment...	5,749	9	0
Clothing and Contingencies ...	1,773	0	1
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Government donation ...	7,000	0	0
Nabob's do. ...	1,050	0	0
From Government for Foundling Asylum ...	492	0	0
Public subscriptions ...	6,594	8	0
Interest on the Capital ...	4,012	10	9
Miscellaneous receipts ...	395	12	10
Total...	19,544	15	7

6. With reference to the donation of 10,000 rupees from the Maharajah of Vizianagram for the purpose of building a ward for bed-ridden paupers, and for the maintenance of the necessary attendants, we have the honour to state that Rupees 3,000 of this sum have been invested in Government Securities, the interest of which will have to be applied

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15. In conclusion, it is satisfactory to state that no less a sum than Rs. 3,980-8-0 has been subscribed by Natives towards the general fund of the Choultry during the year under report; 2,000 rupees of this, however, was contributed by the Rajah of Calastry, and 1,000 rupees by the Honourable Goday Narrain Gazapathy Row. The subscriptions from Europeans and other sources amounted to Rupees 2,614 aggregating Rupees 6,594-8-0.

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5. The Accountant-General is directed to pass the bill for this amount, and the necessary orders will be issued in the Public Works Department to expedite the completion of the new Asylum with the least possible delay.

6. His Excellency in Council is pleased to direct that the report, with the Treasurer's account current for the year 1869, be published in the *Fort Saint George Gazette*; and that the thanks of Government be tendered to the Directors for the interest they have taken during the past year in the management of the affairs of the Institution.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. S. ELLIS,
Chief Secretary.

No. 47. Proceedings of the Madras Government, in the Judicial Department,
dated 23rd April 1870, No. 558.

Read the following letter from Surgeon W. R. CORNISH, F.R.C.S., Officiating Sanitary Commissioner for Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 14th March 1870, No. 326.

I HAVE the honour to bring to the notice of Government that, in the course of a sanitary inspection of the Presidency institutions, I have this morning visited the grounds and buildings of the new Lunatic Asylum.

2. Government is aware that, for some months past, all building works have been stopped on account of want of funds.

3. There are one or two matters, however, that I desire particularly to bring to notice, and the first of these is the condition of the enclosing fence. It was, I believe, decided that there should be a hedge on a raised embankment, and the whole line of hedge has been sown with the *Ingudulcis* (Korakapillai). I saw this hedge some months ago, when it looked promising, although in patches, the soil appeared unsuitable for the growth of the plant; but on my visit this morning, I was much disappointed to find that the continuous culture of the hedge had been entirely neglected. The work, I understand, was given out on contract, a certain sum being payable to the contractors when the hedge plants should have grown to a certain height.

4. I rode all round the fence this morning. There were no signs of its having been lately watered or cared for. In many places the young plants have withered away; in many others cattle have had access, and have stripped off the young shoots. From the complete neglect which this fence has received of late, it will, I fear, in many places have to be planted over again.

5. The importance of a well-grown hedge around the Asylum grounds, in the absence of a more solid and durable enclosure, is distinctly admitted, and yet, notwithstanding all the care that has been taken to plant it, the subsequent neglect on the part of the contractor will necessitate much of the work being done anew. The loss of time occasioned by this inattention to the fence is a most serious matter; for until some enclosure is provided, it will be most difficult to supervise the occupation of lunatics scattered over so wide an area.

6. I think that too many trees have been left in the line of the fence, on the southern and eastern sides of the enclosure, to allow of the growing hedge plants thriving. I know from experience that the *Ingadulcis* will not thrive under the shade of tamarind or babool trees, and many trees of this description have been left in the hedge row, or overshadowing it. In certain places where the soil is unadapted for the *Ingadulcis*, I think it will be well to plant one or more of the species of aloe. I know that aloe hedges harbour snakes and vermin, and are on that account objectionable; but so far as I can see, it is a question of an aloe fence or no fence at all, in the patches where the *Ingadulcis* refuses to grow.

7. The small dividing hedges between the blocks of buildings have been watered and kept alive. They are growing thin and look untidy from want of periodical clipping.

8. The general appearance of the grounds is most untidy. Weeds and undergrowth luxuriate everywhere: nothing is done apparently for the up-keep of the hedge and the weeding of the straggling grounds.

9. The general question of the conservation of the Asylum grounds is one that should, I submit, be immediately taken in hand. The place is fast lapsing into a jungle, and every week of delay only increases the difficulty of bringing the area into a creditable condition of neatness and order. A great deal of labour will have to be expended in the arrangement and conservation of the Asylum grounds, and this will, I infer, in a great measure be supplied by the lunatics themselves who, under proper direction, will no doubt be able to effect most of the desired improvements.

10. There is much valuable timber on the grounds. I am informed that the fruit trees have been let out on contract until February 1871, and if this is so, I think it is very desirable that the contract should be annulled, and that arrangements should at once commence, under the control of the Superintendent of the Asylum, for the trimming of exuberant trees and removal of those not required. As many of the mango trees are very old, arrangements should be made for the formation of nurseries of fruit and ornamental trees wherewith to replace the old and worn out timber, and for the planting of fresh avenues for shade and ornamentation.

11. I would, therefore, suggest for consideration whether it would not be advisable to entertain, without further delay, a good practical gardener and a few assistants under whose directions the labour necessary for the beautifying of the grounds might be undertaken by those lunatics who are able to work. The value of the clearings and produce would, I have no doubt, go a considerable way towards the payment of the establishment required for this special purpose. I would venture to suggest that the opinions of Mr. Robertson of the Government Farm and of Dr. Bidie, the one a practical agriculturist, and the other a practical botanist, should be obtained in consultation regarding the nature and extent of the garden establishment needed to keep the Asylum grounds in a healthful condition of cultivation. The timber at present on the grounds, a native maistry informed me, would be worth about 40,000 rupees, if cut up and sold for firewood. I only advocate a judicious clearing of the trees which are in the way, and loppings to the extent necessary for the cleanliness and order of the grounds; at the same time young trees should be put out in all suitable situations.

12. From what I have observed of the condition of the grounds this morning, I am satisfied that no work of real improvement can begin until the Superintendent and other officers of the establishment have taken up their residence on the spot.

The separate cells for violent patients, and the latrines and cook-room for the criminal enclosure have yet to be built, also increased accommodation for medical subordinates; but all the buildings are otherwise completed or very nearly completed.

13. The enclosed spaces for the women and idiots might, I venture to suggest, be at once occupied, and brought into a condition of good order and cleanliness by placing therein the most manageable of the male native lunatics, for whom accommodation is now provided in a separate house, and for which the Government is now paying rent. The enclosure walls in these spots are already built, with the exception of the gateway of the women's Asylum. The gates, as at present designed, however, afford no security against attempts at escape, and require a slight alteration.

14. The quarters of the Superintendent when supplied with mats, punkahs, and glass-doors will be ready for occupation. These have been already sanctioned, and the supply will, I understand, be taken in hand after 1st April. I would respectfully urge that no time should be lost in completing these necessary works, as it is essential to the general and sanitary improvement of the grounds that the Superintendent should be residing on the spot, ready at all times to direct the various works which will have to be undertaken, mainly by the inmates themselves.

15. The European, East Indian, and criminal lunatics, native women, sick and infirm, must, for the present, I suppose, remain in the old Asylum buildings; but all who would be benefitted by employment might be most advantageously located on the grounds of the new Asylum. Nurseries of young trees should be laid down against the next planting season, and roads weeded and kept clean. The watering of the boundary hedge, too, would be a suitable employment for the lunatics.

The Government resolve to refer Dr. Cornish's letter to the Department of Public Works, with a view to the works at the Lunatic Asylum being completed with the least possible delay, and to the enforcement of the contract for the main-

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tenance of the hedges on the Asylum premises. It may, however, be necessary in some places to substitute the aloe for the Korakapillai, and some modification of the contract may be necessary.

2. The necessary orders will be issued in the Department of Public Works for completing the fittings of the house of the Officer in charge of the Asylum, in order that Dr. Murray may be able to occupy the house on or before the 1st June next.

3. The Inspector-General of Jails will, with as little delay as possible, arrange for a gang of fifty convicts with the necessary guards, working tools, etc., being located on the Asylum premises at Locock's gardens to be temporarily employed in clearing the ground of brushwood, felling timber and removing rubbish. These convicts can be lodged in the buildings which will hereafter be assigned to the criminal lunatics. Dr. Murray will have charge of these convicts and will direct their labour, and with this view Dr. Murray will not delay occupying his quarters at the Asylum beyond the 1st June.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. S. ELLIS,
Chief Secretary.

No. 48.

ORDER THEREON, 4th May 1870, No. 1,171.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 3.

COMMUNICATED to the Superintending Engineer of the 4th Division, who will explain the circumstances under which the hedges on the new Lunatic Asylum premises have been allowed to be neglected and will state on what grounds the contractor has been permitted to evade his obligation to maintain them. If the contract be still in force immediate measures should be taken for compelling the fulfilment of its conditions.

2. Colonel Bean will take steps for completing the fittings of the Superintendent's quarters to admit of the building being occupied by the 1st June next.

3. The Government observe that the expenditure under the sanctioned estimate of Rupees 2,02,000, up to the 31st March last, was Rupees 1,97,221, and that a sum of Rupees 46,000 is required to complete the buildings. The Superintending Engineer will expedite the submission of the necessary supplemental estimate. Meanwhile the Government resolve, with a view to the works being proceeded with on a specific allotment, to place a sum of Rupees 15,000 at Lieutenant-Colonel Bean's disposal from the Reserve under "Civil Buildings," to which head a corresponding amount will be transferred from the Reserve under "Communications."

Vide Superintending Engineer's Statements of incomplete works.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division.
" Controller of Public Works Accounts.
" Public Department.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

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M. S. S.
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To the Directors of the Monegar Choultry.

" Public Works Department.
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Exd. J. Wright.

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Reviewing the Report of the Monegar Choultry for 1869, and appointing certain gentlemen to be a Committee of Management for 1870.

Nos. 124-126.

APRIL.

G. O. 13th April 1870, No. 466.

Dated April 13th.
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12. From what I have observed of the condition of the grounds this morning, I am satisfied that no work of real improvement can begin until the Superintendent and other officers of the establishment have taken up their residence on the spot.

The separate cells for violent patients, and the latrines and cook-room for the criminal enclosure have yet to be built, also increased accommodation for medical subordinates; but all the buildings are otherwise completed or very nearly completed.

13. The enclosed spaces for the women and idiots might, I venture to suggest, be at once occupied, and brought into a condition of good order and cleanliness by placing therein the most manageable of the male native lunatics, for whom accommodation is now provided in a separate house, and for which the Government is now paying rent. The enclosure walls in these spots are already built, with the exception of the gateway of the women's Asylum. The gates, as at present designed,

however, afford no security against attempts at escape, and require a slight alteration.

14. The quarters of the Superintendent when supplied with mats, punkahs, and glass-doors will be ready for occupation. These have been already sanctioned, and the supply will, I understand, be taken in hand after 1st April. I would respectfully urge that no time should be lost in completing these necessary works, as it is essential to the general and sanitary improvement of the grounds that the Superintendent should be residing on the spot, ready at all times to direct the various works which will have to be undertaken, mainly by the inmates themselves.

15. The European, East Indian, and criminal lunatics, native women, sick and infirm, must, for the present, I suppose, remain in the old Asylum building; but all who would be benefitted by employment might be most advantageously located on the grounds of the new Asylum. Nurseries of young trees should be laid down against the next planting season, and roads weeded and kept clean. The watering of the boundary hedge, too, would be a suitable employment for the lunatics.

No. 63. ORDER THEREON, 23rd April 1870, No. 558.

The Government resolve to refer Dr. Cornish's letter to the Department of Public Works, with a view to the works at the Lunatic Asylum being completed with the least possible delay, and to the enforcement of the contract for the maintenance of the hedges on the Asylum premises. It may, however, be necessary in some places to substitute the aloe for the Korakapillai, and some modification of the contract may be necessary.

2. The necessary orders will be issued in the Department of Public Works for completing the fittings of the house of the Officer in charge of the Asylum, in order that Dr. Murray may be able to occupy the house on or before the 1st June next.

3. The Inspector-General of Jails will, with as little delay as possible, arrange for a gang of fifty convicts with the necessary guards, working tools, &c., being located on the Asylum premises at Locock's gardens to be temporarily employed in clearing the ground of brushwood, felling timber and removing rubbish. These convicts can be lodged in the buildings which will hereafter be assigned to the criminal lunatics. Dr. Murray will have charge of these convicts and will direct their labour, and with this view Dr. Murray will not delay occupying his quarters at the Asylum beyond the 1st June.

(True Extract.)

R. S. Min
Chief Secretary.

To the Public Works Department. ✓

" Officiating Sanitary Commissioner.

" Inspector-General of Jails.

" Inspector-General of the Indian Medical Department.

Exd. J. Wright.

20 March 1870

P. W. Department. 157
No 1171

Proceedings of the Madras Government.

Under date the 4th May 1870.

Read the following.

Proc. of the Madras Government
Public Department
H. O. No 466 of 13 April 1870

Proc. of the Madras Government.
Judicial Department.
H. O. No 558 of 23 April 1870

Communicated
to the Supergr. of the
4th Div., who will explain
the circumstances under
which the hedges on the
new Lunatic Asylum
premises have been
allowed to be neglected
and will state on what
grounds the Contractor
has been permitted to
evade his obligation to
maintain them -
If the contract be still

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Obdt. of 1870: Madras.

Dated April, 23rd.

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G. O. 23rd April 1870, No. 558.

APRIL.
Nos. 62-63.

No 1171-6 May 1870.

Directing that the letter from the Sanitary
Commissioner be referred to the Public Works
Department, with a view to the works at the new
Lunatic Asylum being completed with the least
possible delay, and to the enforcement of the
contract for the maintenance of the hedges on the
Asylum premises.

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still in force immediate
measures should be
taken for compelling
the fulfilment of its
conditions.

Coll. Bean will
take steps for completing
the fittings of the Super-
intendent's quarters to
admit of the building
being occupied by the 1st.
June next.

The Govt. observe
that the expenditure under
the sanctioned estimate
of Rs. 202,000, up to the
31st March last, was
Rs. 197,221, and that a
sum of Rs. 46,000 is
required

Vide Supd. Engr's
Statements of Income
- Public Works!

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required to complete
the buildings. The Supd.
Engr. will expedite the
submission of the ne-
cessary supplemental
estimate. Meanwhile
the Govt. resolve, with a
view to the works being
proceeded with on a
specific allotment, to
place a sum of Rs.
15,000 at Lieut. Coll.
Beans disposal from
the Reserve under
"Civil Buildings", to
which head a cor-
responding amount
will be transferred from
the Reserve under "Com-
munications".

To
8 The S. Engr 4th Div. ✓
4 " Controller ✓
13 " Public Dept ✓

by S. despt. till 4/5/70.
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Govt. of 1870 Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To
The Superintending Engineer
4th Division

Dated

Recd.

G. O. D. 1870, No. 1171

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New Lunatic Asylum
Passing orders on
Proceedings in the
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