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Reformatory School, Chingleput.

Requesting the Public Works Department to "dispense with cubicles in the dormitories constructed or under construction in connection with the —.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—again the following paper:—

G.O., No. 415, Educational, dated 12th July 1898.

READ—also the following paper:—

From the Hon'ble Mr. G. H. STUART, M.A., Barrister-at-law, Director of Public Instruction, to the Secretary to Government, Educational Department, dated Madras, 19th March 1901, Ref. on C. No. 129-1.

Referring to the correspondence ending with G.O., No. 2361 W., dated 7th September 1899, communicated with G.O., No. 669, Educational, dated 2nd October 1899, regarding additions and alterations to the Reformatory School, Chingleput, I have the honour to request that the Public Works Department may be asked to modify the plans and estimates so as to dispense with cubicles and provide dormitories instead.

The following observations were made by the Surgeon-General on his recent visit to the school:—

Surgeon-General's remarks.

I went through the hospital cubicular dormitories, store-rooms, &c., and found all scrupulously clean, except that the cubicles are infested with vermin. This is invariably the case; and for this reason alone I advise that cubicles be given up. In all the reformatory ships and schools visited by me in England, hammocks and bedsteads alone provide for the necessary separation. Cubicles give rise to prurient ideas and afford facilities for carrying out evil practices and are degrading in every sense. I was able to prevail on the authorities in Burma not to introduce cubicles into the Insein Reformatory when it was being built some two or three years ago. Cubicles, in addition to the disadvantages noted above, interfere with perfilation and the supervision which should at all times be exercised by the monitors.

Superintendent's remarks.

The Surgeon-General has raised a very important question, namely the abolition of the cubicular system, and has advanced some strong reasons against the use of cubicles. Whether the system in vogue in the reformatory ships and schools in Great Britain, which the Surgeon-General has described, will suit Indian boys and whether it will satisfy the requisition laid down in section 6 (a) of the Reformatory Schools Act of 1897, are questions on which I beg to solicit an authoritative decision. If the system so strongly advocated by the Surgeon-General is in force in Burma without any evil results, I see no reason why it should not be introduced into India. It may necessitate the employment of additional watchmen at nights, but the saving that will result by the abolition of cubicles will be great, while at the same time the advantages that will accrue from it, as detailed by the Surgeon-General, are important.

The question now raised will need the decision of Government. I request that the Director of Public Instruction will be

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so good as to obtain the views of Government on the question as early as possible for, whether the new cubicles which the Public Works Department has planned and estimated for, should be constructed, or whether hammocks and bedsteads should take their place, has to be decided at once to prevent any further delay in providing the additional sleeping accommodation which is urgently required.

It will be seen from the observations of the Surgeon-General, with whom I am in complete agreement, that hammocks and bedsteads not only provide sufficient means of separating the inmates at night as required in section 6 (a) of the Reformatory Schools Act of 1897, but are also free from the disadvantages inherent in the system of cubicles.

ORDER—No. 213, Educational, dated 22nd April 1901.

The Public Works Department will accordingly be requested to dispense with cubicles in the dormitories constructed or under construction in connection with the Reformatory School.

(True Extract.)

C. J. WEIR,

Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Public Works Department,

Director of Public Instruction.

Exd. A. F. Eccleston.

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O., No. 213, EDUCATIONAL, DATED
22ND APRIL 1901.

[SUBJECT.—*Dormitory of the Reformatory School, Chingleput.*]

From the Director of Public Instruction, Ref. on C. No. 129-1, dated 19th March 1901.

In Proceedings, No. 1279, Judicial, dated 15th June 1895, the Government finally decided to retain the Reformatory school at Chingleput and directed the Consulting Architect to submit plans and estimates for adapting the buildings at Chingleput to the purposes of a reformatory school and for making such additions as may be found necessary. These plans and estimates were received in the following year and were approved and transferred to the Public Works department in G.O., No. 727, Educational, dated 20th November 1896. They were then amended by the Chief Engineer and sanctioned in G.O., No. 1537 W., dated 20th June 1898. These estimates included one for a workshop and dormitory and the latter was to contain 88 cubicles.

2. The Director now requests that the Public Works department may be asked to modify the plan and estimate of the dormitory so as to dispense with cubicles. This proposal is based on the recommendation of the Surgeon-General, who advocates the abolition of cubicles on the grounds that they are invariably infested with vermin and that they give rise to prurient ideas and afford facilities for carrying out evil practices. He says that in all the reformatory ships and schools visited by him in England, hammocks and bedsteads alone provided the necessary separation and that he was able to prevail on the authorities in Burma not to introduce cubicles into the Insein reformatory when it was being built some two or three years ago. He also notes that cubicles interfere with perfation and the supervision which should at all times be exercised by the monitors.

3. The Director is in complete agreement with the Surgeon-General and considers that hammocks and bedsteads provide sufficient means of separating the inmates at night as required in section 6 (a) of the Reformatory Schools Act, 1897.

4. Orders are solicited as to whether the Director's proposal may be approved. If it is approved, it will necessitate the employment of some more warders to keep watch during the night.

5. The old correspondence on the subject of cubicles has been examined in order to see whether there has ever been any discussion as to the relative merits of cubicles and dormitories. There does not appear to have been any such discussion. The

Cubicles mean, *loosely*, dormitories which are not partitioned off into sleeping places; this is what Mr. Stuart means.

A. T. PRINGLE.
9-4-00.

Director seems to be under a misapprehension when he asks in the present current to dispense with cubicles and provide dormitories instead. A cubicle is a sleeping place partitioned off from a large dormitory and not a distinct kind of building as opposed to a dormitory. The old correspondence dwells largely on the dangers and disadvantages of the cubicle system, but contains nothing in its favour.

T. KANAKASUNDARAM PILLAI.
6-4-01.

P. T. THARYAN.
8-4-01.

The Director evidently intends to recommend dormitories without cubicles as opposed to dormitories with them, and the latter are often, of course, called "cubicles" in a loose way. No doubt air doesn't pass as freely through cubicles as down an open dormitory, but at one time people were in favour of them; they are probably not without their advantages, and the Surgeon-General's remarks about them rather give one the impression of his having a "fad" for the open dormitory system.

As, however, the Director of Public Instruction and the Surgeon-General are in agreement, their joint opinion may be accepted.

Secretary.

A. T. PRINGLE.
9-4-01.

I agree.

C. J. WEIR.
10-4-01.

Honourable Member.

Yes.

A. T. A[RUNDEL].
11-4-01.

The draft placed below may issue?

T. KANAKASUNDARAM PILLAI.
12-4-01.

P. T. THARYAN.
12-4-01.

A. T. PRINGLE.
22-4-01.

Educational (190/) Department.

CURRENT No. 410

From

[Name] The Honble Mr G. H. Stuart, M.A. Secy. at Law

[Designation] Director of Public Instruction,

[Station] Madras



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Dated 19th March 1901.

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