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Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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Dated	15-10-1918

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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 20th October 1857.

No. 3. Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Public Works Department, dated 24th September 1857, No. 1817.

Read the following letter from Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 19th September 1857, No. 3794.

SIR,

With reference to Extracts Minutes Consultation, Nos. 1934 and 547, dated respectively 21st October 1856, and 25th March 1857, I have the honor to submit revised plans and estimate for the proposed Central Prison at the Red Hills, prepared as directed, in communication with the Inspector of Prisons.

2. The comparative statement marked A, exhibits the reductions that have been made from the original estimate, of Rupees (4,77,600) four lacs, seventy-seven thousand, and six hundred; the amount of the revised estimate being Rupees (2, 60,400) two lacs, sixty thousand and four hundred, comprising the items shown in the accompanying abstract.

3. The order of the buildings is that described in Appendix B, of the report of the Inspector of Prisons, to the close of the official year 1855-56, the Cells being arranged in segments of circles, having a common centre.

4. A circular two storied building, for the Warders on guard, is placed in the middle of the enclosure.

5. The Chief Warder's and Apothecary's rooms are placed at the entrance gate, with ranges on either side for the Hospital, Store, Receiving rooms, &c.

6. Houses for five other Warders are placed round the Prison enclosure.

7. The three inner segments of the Prison, are to contain each 84 Cells; and the three outer segments each 96, or altogether 540 cells. The Cells are to be 12 feet long, by 8½ feet average breadth.

8. The buildings are to be raised on basements, 2 feet in height above foundation, which are to be sunk 4 feet. The lower Cells are to be 9'-7," and the upper 9'-6" high; an open verandah 7 feet broad, and raised 6 inches above the ground, will run the length of the buildings on the inner side, both above and below.

9. The circular guard building is to be 24 feet in diameter, raised on a basement 2 feet in height above foundations, which are to be sunk 3' 6". The lower story is to be 14 feet, and the upper 11 feet high, the former being surrounded by an open verandah, 8 feet broad.

10. The two Hospital &c. ranges are each to contain 21 Cells, 12 feet long, by 9 feet broad, and 14 feet high; with an enclosure for privies at the end. The Chief Warder's and Apothecary's Quarters are to have 3 rooms.

11. These ranges are to be raised on a basement 2 feet in height above foundations, which are to be sunk 3 feet, and an open verandah 8 feet broad, will extend along the rooms on the inner side.

12. The Warders' houses are to contain 3 rooms each, 14 feet long by 11 feet broad, and 12 feet high, with an open verandah at one end, they are also to be raised on a basement 2 feet in height above foundations, to be sunk 3 feet.

13. The boundary wall is to be 14 feet high.

14. All the buildings are to be terraced, and built with brick in chunam, as being cheaper than laterite.

15. The data on which the estimate has been framed, have been carefully considered, and I beg to recommend the revised plan for the favorable consideration of Government.

Ordered to be communicated to the Judicial Department.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) H. FORBES,

Acting Secretary to Government.

Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 20th October 1857.

No. 4.

ORDER THEREON, No. 1345; dated 15th October 1857.

1. In Extract Minutes Consultation 27th September 1855, Government approved the recommendation of the Inspector of Prisons for the construction of a Central Prison at the Red Hills, on the plan of segments of circles having a common centre, with Offices, Work yards, &c. in the rear, and suited to the system of separate confinement. That Officer was understood then to contemplate the erection of a building capable of holding 4 or 500 prisoners, but, in the first instance to construct only so much of it as would suffice for 250. The estimate originally submitted for this Jail amounted, exclusive of drains, to Rs. 4,77,600. Government objected to this outlay, and desired (Extract Minutes Consultation 15th October 1856) the Chief Engineer to revise the estimate and plan in communication with the Inspector of Prisons.

2. In obedience to these orders, that Officer now submits revised plans and estimate. The order of the building is that described in Appendix B of the General Report of the Inspector for 1855-56, the cells being arranged as described above. The three inner segments are to contain each 84 cells and the outer 90, or altogether 540 cells. The circular guard-building, in the centre, is to be 24 feet in diameter; the two Hospitals and Store-room ranges are to form 21 cells each, and the Apothecary's and Warders' quarters three rooms each. All the buildings are to be terraced and constructed with brick in chunam. The estimate now forwarded amounts to Rupees 2,60,400, or Rupees 2,17,200 less than the former one.

3. In his general report for 1855-56, the Inspector proposed, and the Government approved, Extract Minutes Consultation 7th February 1857, that the number of Convicts to be confined in this Jail should be 1148. This appears to have been overlooked in the preparation of the present plan, which provides apparently for the accommodation of only 540 prisoners; nor is it stated whether it is intended, as originally contemplated, to erect portions of the Jail at a time or to construct the whole building at once; and in the event of the former being the case, what number of Convicts it is proposed to accommodate at first. Before passing orders on the foregoing communication, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council therefore resolves to call upon the Inspector to report on these points and to offer any remarks he may have to make on the plan and estimate submitted by the Chief Engineer.

(Signed) E. MALTBY,
Acting Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

Judicial Department.

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Dated 15th October, 1857.

Read the following Extract Minutes

Cons. Public Works Sept.

(Here enter 24th Sept/57 or 1857.)

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3. In his General
report for 1855-56, the Inspector
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proved, - G. M. C. 7 Feb/57, -
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to be confined in this Jail
should be 1,148. This appears

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J. M.

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" Inspector of Prisons
with 6 orig. Enclosures - 1 to be ret.
4 copy of S.M.C. recorded above

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No 13 of 1858.
P. 51.

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