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to prepare plans & estimates
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W. Rodger's plan is I think a
very good one -

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transfer of the Egyptian loan for
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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Dated 24th June 1857.

Read the following letter from
the Inspector of Prisons

(Here enter 2^d June 1857 No 186).

1. In the above letter the In-
-spector of Prisons requests that
instructions may be issued for
the preparation of plans and
estimates for a new prison at
Vijayapattam as the Chief Engineer
has informed him that the
present Jail is to be converted
into a hospital. He recom-
-mends that the building should
be suited for the accommoda-
-tion ultimately of 500 prisoners
as Govt. have considered it desir-
-able to transfer to Central Prison
all whose sentence exceeds 6
months' imprisonment, but
that, at present, first class cells

be provided for 100 persons only,
and the rest accommodated in
second class cells in blocks
radiating from the centre.

2. It is observed that in
G. O. No. 7th Feb last para 12, the
Govt. remarked that it would
"eventually be found desirable
to transfer to the Central Jail
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of imprisonment is above 2
years," and not 6 months as
stated by the Inspector. The
Govt. therefore consider it un-
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Vijayapatnam of the dimensions
proposed by that officer; but
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very good, and the District
Engineer will be instructed to
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plan and estimate.

3. It appears to Govt.
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on financial and other grounds
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4. Referring to paras 2 and
3 of the Inspector's letter, the
Govt. are of opinion that the
plan of separate cells arranged
in segments of circles having
a common centre may be
still adhered to, as it appears
to admit of being ultimately
adopted, if necessary, to any
of the systems of imprison-
ment alluded to in Mr
Rohde's general report.

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This will be attended to.
Copy to Inspector of Prisons } Dispd 29th
" P. W. Dept }
" with copy of letter? }

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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 30th June 1857.

No. 10. Read the following letter from J. ROHDE, Esq., Inspector of Prisons; to E. MALTBY, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George, dated 2nd June 1857, No. 186.

SIR,

Colonel Faber having intimated to me that the Government have directed that the present Jail at Vizagapatam should be converted into a hospital, I have the honor to request that the Government will be pleased to order the preparations of plans and estimates for a new Prison at Vizagapatam, as recommended in my report, and approved by Government.

Extract Minutes Consultation, 168, para. 12, 7th February 1857.

2. It will be desirable that the Government should in their instructions state, with reference to their remark "that it may be well to be prepared to try each system," whether the form of building already approved (that of separate cells arranged in segments of circles having a common centre) shall be adhered to in whole or in part.

Extract Minutes Consultation, No. 168, 7th February 1857, para. 14.

3. In my opinion that form should be adhered to for all 1st class cells on the plains, it allows of any modification of system that may be ultimately preferred; it affords the means of enforcing, what I believe to be, the more perfect system, with the inferior means that in this country will be available. It is true that double the space will be needed for wards; at the same time it is to be expected that the strict and equal discipline of the separate system will in most instances justify a considerable reduction in the period of close confinement and thus more than meet any increase of first expense.

Vide Extract Minutes Consultation, 168, para. 11.

4. It would greatly relieve me if the Government would at once decide on the erection of the 4 Division Central Prisons, at Vizagapatam, Bellary, Tellicherry or Cannanore and Trichinopoly.

5. Under the opinion expressed by Government that it will be desirable to transfer to Central Prisons all whose sentence exceeds 6 months, I would propose suiting the Vizagapatam Jail ultimately for 500 prisoners, but I would suggest that at present 1st class cells in segments of circles should be provided for 100 only, others being accommodated in 2nd class cells of smaller size, in blocks radiating from the centre, an upper story would increase the accommodation in segments of circles to 200 cells.

6. There is stone in abundance at Vizagapatam which might be worked advantageously by convicts, this is also the case at Bellary, Tellicherry and the Red Hills, and gangs might be employed with advantage at any of those stations in the work.

(Signed) J. ROHDE,
Inspector of Prisons.

No. 11. ORDER THEREON, No. 719; dated 24th June 1857.

1. In the above letter the Inspector of Prisons requests that instructions may be issued for the preparation of plans and estimates for a new Prison at Vizagapatam, as the Chief Engineer has informed him that the present Jail is to be converted into a hospital. He recommends that the building should be suited for the accommodation ultimately of 500 prisoners as Government have considered it desirable to transfer to Central Prisons all whose sentence exceeds 6 months' imprisonment, but that, at present, first class cells be provided for 100 persons only, and the rest accommodated in second class cells in blocks radiating from the centre.

2. It is observed that in Extract Minutes Consultation 7th February last, para 12, the Government remarked that it would "eventually be found desirable to transfer to the Central Jails all prisoners whose sentence of imprisonment is above 2 years," and not 6 months as stated by the Inspector. The Government therefore consider it unnecessary to erect a Prison at Vizagapatam of the dimensions proposed by that officer; but the design of the building is very good, and the District Engineer will be instructed to prepare, in communication with Mr. Rohde, the necessary plan and estimate.

Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 30th June 1857.

3. It appears to Government desirable that plans and estimates for the other Central Jails should also be prepared, leaving it to be decided hereafter on financial and other grounds whether they should be commenced at once or at what intervals.

4. Referring to paras. 2 and 3 of the Inspector's letter, the Government are of opinion that the plan of separate cells arranged in segments of circles having a common centre may be still adhered to, as it appears to admit of being ultimately adapted if necessary, to any of the systems of imprisonment alluded to in Mr. Rohde's general report.

(Signed) E. MALTBY,
Acting Chief Secretary.

Judicial Department

Order of the day 2nd July 1857

From the Inspector of Prisons

Dated 2nd June 1857

For the consideration of the

Board of Directors

of the Prison Department

Mr. Rohde is requested to

submit a plan for the

imprisonment of all

prisoners sentenced for more

than 6 months in the central

prison - and to state

if the same can be

carried out by the

present system

or if it is necessary

to make alterations