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Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 20th April 1858.

No. 56. Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Public Works Department, dated 9th April 1858, No. 615.

With reference to Extract Minutes of Consultation, Judicial Department. No. 365, dated 19th Ultimo, stating that the extension of the outer wall of the Madras Penitentiary was, with certain other improvements to the building, sanctioned in Extract Minutes of Consultation 26th Ultimo, No. 555, a copy of which is now communicated. (Vide Public Works Consultation, 9th April 1858, Nos. 52 and 53.)

No. 57.

ORDER THEREON, No. 513 ; dated 20th April 1858.

To be recorded.

(Signed) H. FORBES,
Acting Secretary to Govt.

No. 555.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 26th March 1858.

Read the following letter from the Chief Engineer.

Submits an estimate with correspondence for constructing the outer wall round the South and West sides of the Penitentiary, and extending the Guard room at the entrance, &c., &c., and requests early sanction for the disbursement of the sum of Rupees 29,967, the amount still remaining to complete the works connected therewith. (Here enter 18th February 1858, No. 7473.)

Under date the 10th July 1857, the Government of India granted sanction to an estimate of Rupees 41,100, for various additions and alterations to the Penitentiary buildings at Madras, and on the 23rd October following, this Government submitted another set of estimates, amounting in the aggregate to Rupees 36,820 for the following further improvements to the same buildings.

Verandah in front of the Prisoners' Ward on the south side, in addition to Rs.	
the portion under construction...	4,270
Verandah on the east and west sides in the lower story of the Jailor's Quarters.....	1,230
Do. on the do. in the upper ... do.	1,400
Alterations in the ground-floor of the two ranges of European Wards for the erection of additional Cells in the upper story.....	1,280
Erecting new Cells for Europeans in the upper story...	6,550
Do. 4 night Guard rooms in rear of the buildings...	298
Providing iron gratings in the compound walls in rear of the buildings	177
Contingencies.....	5
Constructing a Flanking Tower with upper and lower story.....	4,370
Do. ... 3 do.	13,110
Sinking, &c., 50 Wells for sub foundation to the south-east and south-west Flanking Towers near the river... ..	1,400
Constructing 2 Guard rooms at the outer gateway 18 x 15 feet...	18,880
	2,730
Grand Total...	36,820

2. In reply to the application above referred to, the Government of India observed that the total proposed expenditure on the Penitentiary was very large, and requested that the outlay might be reduced to within the narrowest possible limits, by abandoning, or postponing, all work not urgently required. The Chief Engineer was accordingly desired, in an order, dated 5th January last, No. 4, to report what works, of those provided for in the estimates of Rupees 36,820, he considered absolutely necessary to render the buildings fit for use.

3. Colonel Faber now forwards a report on the subject from the Superintending Engineer in charge of the Central Circle. Major Lawford observes that the bastioned towers at the angles of the boundary wall will have the effect of diminishing internal security, and recommends that they be not proceeded with. He suggests on the other hand, the extension of the outer wall all around the Jail, the enlargement of the front Guard room and the improvement of the drainage of the Prison. The other works provided for in the estimates in question are considered by that Officer to be necessary, except the long interior Verandah, which he observes might be postponed. The Chief Engineer expresses his full concurrence in the several suggestions made by Major Lawford, and submits an estimate of the cost of the works proposed by that Officer.

No. 615.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 9th April 1858.

Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Judicial Department, dated 19th March 1858, No. 365.

Read the following letter from Colonel J. C. BOULDERSON, Commissioner of Police; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated 8th March 1858, No. 26.

SIR,

1. In accordance with the orders of Government, marginally noted, I have the honor to submit the following observations with reference to paras. 2, 5 and 11 of the Presentment of the Grand Jury regarding the Madras Penitentiary.

2. By a communication received from the Department of Public Works, on the 2nd Instant, I learn that Colonel Faber has recommended that the 18 feet wall, which is now under construction on the north and east faces of the Penitentiary, beyond the old outer wall, be carried round the south and west faces also. To this desirable measure, I have no objection; and if adopted, the object contemplated by the Grand Jury will be accomplished, because the four buildings alluded to by them will not then join the outer wall.

3. When I assumed charge of the Penitentiary in April 1856, I found Mr. Owen, a Constable of the Madras Police Force, on a pay of 60 Rupees per month, in charge of the Penitentiary, performing the duties of Jailor and Superintendent, and Mr. Kirk, a pensioned Soldier for whom 35 Rupees per month was drawn, as Superintendent of the Penitentiary, was performing Mr. Owen's duty as a Constable of Police in one of the Police Divisions. Mr. Owen was selected for that responsible duty by the late Chief Magistrate and Superintendent of Police, Mr. E. F. Elliot, on account of his particular fitness for it; and since that period for the same reason, I have continued him therein, the only difference is Mr. Owen having been promoted to the rank of Inspector of Police on a pay of 120 Rupees per month. So long as the Penitentiary remains under the controul of the Commissioner of Police, the present arrangement may be continued without any great injury to the Public service, but if the Penitentiary is placed under the direction of any other Department, it will be necessary to change it for another.

4. Mr. Owen has until recently been the only European Officer employed in that Jail, and has been there now one year, 11 months and 10 days in the constant execution of his duty without any respite therefrom. By a late order of Government, (as a temporary measure,) the House of Industry, with its European Superintendent, (a Pensioned Soldier), on a salary of 35 Rupees per month, has been there located; and he could be made available to take charge of the Jail, in the event of the present Superintendent becoming unable from sickness or any other temporary cause, to perform his duty. The present strength of the Madras Police Force, employed in the Jail, is noted in the margin, and so also the number of prisoners under confinement on the day the Grand Jury visited the building.

Police Officers.	Inspector or Superintendent...	1
	Duffadars	2
	Nalgues	3
	Peons	36
	Total....	42
Prisoners sentenced by the Supreme Court.		
Europeans...	2	
East Indians...	1	
Natives	32	
Females...	1	36
Sentenced by the Magistrates.		
Europeans...	10	
East Indians...	1	
Natives	149	
Females...	4	164
Total....		200

5. Until the year 1854, the situation of Jailor was always held by a Native, and the salary appears to have been fixed for a person of that class. On the death of Rungiah, the last Native incumbent, Mr. Elliot introduced the present arrangement; whether it shall be continued or not must now be determined by Government, considering the responsibility of the post, and that there are always several Europeans undergoing confinement, I consider it necessary that the post of Jailor should always be held by

4. The amount already expended on the Penitentiary is reported to be Rupees 47,498, to which being added Rupees 29,967, the further sum now required to carry out the suggestions of the Superintending Engineer, the total proposed expenditure will amount to Rupees 77,465 or Rupees 455 less than the aggregate amount of the several estimates* referred to above. The Government of India having already declared† their willingness to sanction an expenditure on these buildings to such extent as will render them fit for use, and as the necessity of the works now recommended and proposed by Major Lawford is affirmed, in strong terms, both by that Officer as well as by the Chief Engineer, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council authorizes, agreeably to Colonel Faber's recommendation, an outlay of Rupees (29,967) twenty-nine thousand, nine hundred and sixty-seven in addition to Rupees 47,498 already expended, on the express understanding that this limit must on no account be exceeded.

* Rupees 41,100
" 36,820
" 77,920

† Letter dated 4th December 1857, communicated with Extract Minutes of Consultation, dated 5th January 1858, No. 4.

(A true Extract.)

B. Boulton

Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Chief Engineer.

an able bodied, intelligent, respectable and educated European. I need scarcely say, for the Government must be well aware of the fact, that the services of a person of that description cannot be obtained at the present day for so small a salary as 35 Rupees. The demand for Europeans is now much greater than formerly, and in the Railway, and in other situations, Pensioned Soldiers, whose character is good, can procure better paid situations than the one now under discussion.

6. At present there is only one light in each ward, and none in the Penitentiary yard. The Superintendent has frequently complained of the insufficiency of the lighting, and being of the same opinion, I recommend that one extra light be allowed for each ward, one at each angle of the inner wall, one in the centre of each face of the inner wall, two lights for the new guard room, and 8 lights in the Prison yard.

Annexed is a Memorandum which gives the number and disposal of the lights now in use at the Penitentiary, and the quantity of oil and cotton now supplied, and also the proposed increase, distribution, and supply. If approved, will you do me the favor to obtain the sanction of Government for the same.

Memorandum showing the number of lights now lighted every night in the Penitentiary and the proposed increase and distribution.

<i>present.</i>		<i>proposed.</i>	
9 Wards...	9 lights.	9 Wards two lights each...	18 lights.
Gateway and Guard room...	1 do	Guard room and Gateways...	2 do
Hospital yard.....	1 do	Prison yard...	8 do
Stairs leading to Jailor's Quarters	1 do	Hospital...	2 do
Cook rooms...	3 do	Cook rooms...	3 do
Total..... 15 lights.		Between outer and inner walls	
Oil supplied per month...	30 Measures.	Each face 1 light...	4 do
Cotton do do ...	14 Pollums.	Each angle 1 do ...	4 do
		41 lights.	
		Oil at 2½ Pollums per night... 2 mrs. 22½ pols.	
		do per month 76 do 5 do	
		Cotton do 76 Pollums.	

(Signed) J. C. BOULDERSON,
Commissioner of Police.

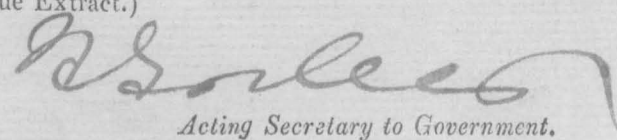
1. In the foregoing letter the Commissioner of Police offers observations on the Presentment of the Grand Jury respecting the Madras Penitentiary.
2. It is observed that the proposal of the Chief Engineer referred to in para. 1 of the above letter respecting the extension of the outer wall now under construction, to the south and west faces of this building is under consideration in the Public works Department of the Secretariat and orders will be there passed on it.
3. Under the explanation given by the Commissioner, no orders seem necessary relative to the recommendation of the Grand Jury respecting the increase of the salary of the Jailor.
4. The Government sanction the augmentation of the number of lights in the Penitentiary to the extent proposed by the Commissioner in para. 6 of his letter.

(True Extract and Copies.)

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

It is observed that the extension of the outer wall of the Madras Penitentiary referred to in para. 2 of the above Extract was, with certain other improvements to the buildings, sanctioned in Extract Minutes Consultation of the 26th Ultimo, No. 555. A copy of this order will now be communicated to the Judicial Department.

(A true Extract.)


Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Judicial Department,
with C. M. C. H. 555.

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With reference to the
last Sept. 1858 365 of 19 also
stating that the extension
of the main part of the
road was finished any
way, with certain other
improvements to the
building, and one
in the 176 also 1858
a copy of which is
now communicated.

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Ernest Muntz

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5th April
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