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Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 19th January 1858.

No. 16. Read the following Extract Minutes Consultation in the Public Works Department, dated 24th November 1857, No. 2161.

Referring for consideration copy of a letter from the Chief Engineer, submitting and recommending for sanction an estimate for certain improvements to the Chicacole Jail, amounting to Rupees 4,080. (Vide Public Works Consultation, 24th November 1857, Nos. 141 and 142.)

No. 17. ORDER THEREON, No. 67; dated 14th January 1858.

The Chief Engineer submits an estimate prepared by Lieutenant Palmer, Executive Engineer for improvements to the Jail buildings at Chicacole. The estimate is for a new Hospital, and a wall for the prisoners' Work-yard and amounts to Rupees (4,080) four thousand and eighty. As this is supported by the District Engineer and considered both by the Civil and Session Judge and by the present Zillah Surgeon to be preferable to the plan proposed by the Inspector of Prisons at a cost of Rupees 6,130, Colonel Faber recommends it for sanction and for inclusion in the Budget of 1858-59.

2. There has been much correspondence regarding these Jail premises and the Governor in Council thinks that the accounts given by the local authorities of the Hospital and of the ground around the Jail, have been a good deal exaggerated. On the whole, however, he is induced to prefer Lieutenant Palmer's plan, both as it does not involve the necessity of turning the road which is certainly objectionable, and as costing less money, it being in the opinion of Government clearly undesirable to incur greater expense than can be avoided in patching up old Jail buildings which could by no means be adapted to any effective system of Prison discipline and would have to be abandoned wholly or in great part on central Jails being constructed. Lieutenant Palmer's estimates will consequently be referred to the Department of Public Works for consideration in that Department, but it is now too late to include the work in the Budget of 1858-59. It must lie over until next year.

3. The present Hospital should, as stated by the Chief Engineer, be repaired at once in view to its becoming the residence of the Jailor and Dresser, and the surrounding land be drained. The labor of the Convicts should, as far as possible, be made available for these works. It does not appear that any allowance has been made for the labor by Lieutenant Palmer in his estimates for the new Hospital and wall, for what reason the Government are not aware.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

A copy of the foregoing order was

Judicial Dept

No

E.M.C. 2/26/07

Rec'd by following E.M.C.

in the Public Works Dept (Judicial)

here enter

26th May/07

No 2161

In E.M.C. No 621 & 26th May

that it appears to be the intention of the Inspector of Prisons on the sub. that the Jail at Chicago, Illinois, should be decided that the proper measures to be carried out were, the putting of the building in efficient repair, enclosing it and the adjacent Prison Hospital within one compound and adding separate lodges for the use of the Jailor & Deacons. They called for the necessary estimates through the P.W. D., intimating that care should be taken to allow for the due accommodation of European Prisoners, stated to have increased in number of late years, consequent on the development of the shipping trade at Calcutta.

The officer in charge of the Chicago Jail is Mr. G. G. G. the Prisoner Judge. No copy of the foregoing order was

From the Prison Judge
of Chicago. 27th June/87
No 188.

furnished him, but one reached
his hands, probably through the
-cative Engineer, and he deemed it
advisable to put Gov^t in possession
of the facts, before a sum of \$5000
is expended on buildings which
never be of any advantage, or
even use, for the intended purpose.

These alleged facts were that the
hospital was unsound from its
foundation, and that the ground
lying between it and the Jail
(which the Inspector of Prisons

was desirous of having enclosed)
became every rainy season an
inclaimable swamp. He proposed
that the Hospital be given up for
lodgings to the Jailor & Deputies,
that a new Hospital be built
for the Jail, the expense of con-
structing which plus that for
enclosing a space for a "Prisoners"

work yard" would, he showed
from a letter of the Executive En-
gineer, come to 1,590 W. Reps
than the outlay required to carry
out Mr Rhodes' suggestions.

3. On the above letter & its enclosures

being referred to the Inspector
of Prisons, that officer observed that
the information contained was
entirely new to him. The hospital

had been built by a competent En-
gineer only three years ago, and (the
Inspector) had recently seen over the
whole of the premises with the Judge,
Executive Eng^r & Surgeon, & nothing
was said to him as to the dampness
of the building or the annual over-
flow of water in the land adjoining.
If the premises were so insalubri-
ous, it was surprising to find

Mr Glass recommending them as
fit locations for the Jailor &
Deputies. He thought too little had
been allowed, in the estimate of the
expense of his plans, for convict
labour and too much for the
Jailor's lodges. He very much
regretted that the ground between the
hospital & Jail was pronounced
inclaimable, as he wanted a
large space to work the convicts
within the Prison compound, & that
assigned for that purpose in Mr
Glass' proposal was altogether in-
adequate.
As it now appeared necessary to

devise some other plan to meet
the improvements required; Molybale
was requested to consider what should be
done. He appears, about this time,
to have fallen in, at Ortacamund,
with St. Rogers, who for nine years
had filled the post of Surgeon at the
Cherokee Gilliam & Fair, and who,
after seven years' acquaintance with
the locality had, in conjunction not
only with the Col. & St. Eugene
but Molybale himself (as proved by
a private letter to his address from
that gentleman) selected the site
for the Hospital. To Molybale in par-
ticular the land must have been very
familiar. It lies on his way to
Court and he has been Judge at Chi-
chole for a long period.

The port desires to have
as soon as practicable
a full report upon the
condition of the build-
-ing with an estimate
for the repairs if any
are really needed. The
estimates for the work
recommended by the
Inspector must also
be revised in reference
to that officer's remarks
on the insufficient
allowance made for
convict labor and
the high charge for
the residence of the
Sailor and Master.
Indeed the port do not
understand how these
estimates have been
prepared. That given

J.P.

for 24 to 26 hours 19 to 24 days
Medicine 1858 - 1860

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Richard. Munn Corri:

Dated 14 January/58

of 1838 p. 59. The present
Hospital when at the
apex at once in
view is its bearing the
evidence of the paper
and this is the only
one for is that bearing
evidence in it to
make a very different
form and is a copy.

Will refer to the Report
Public Works for con-
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 estimate prepared
 by the Department of in-
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 said Department & the
 Finance Commission
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 otherwise there is no
 for the to include the
 work in the Budget.

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
 Dated 11 January 1858.

Read Extract Minutes of Con-
 sultation in the P. W. Report

Memo under 24th Nov. 1857.
 No. 2161.

The Chief Engineer submits
 an Estimate prepared by Lieut.
 enant Palmer Esq. for im-
 provements to the
 Sail Buildings at Chiswick.
 The Estimate is for a new Hos-
 pital, and a wall for the Pri-
 soners' work yard and amount
 to Rupees 4000/ four thousand
 and eight, as this is supported
 by the District Engineer and
 considered both by the Civil
 and Session Judge and by the
 present Zillah Surgeons to be
 preferable to the plan propos-
 ed by the Inspector of Prisons
 at a cost of Rs. 6130, Col. Faber
 recommends it for sanction
 and

and for inclusion in the Budget of 1858/59.

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or in great part on Central Sails being constructed. Lieutenant Palmer's estimates will consequently be referred to the Department of Public Works for consideration in that Department - but it is now ~~to late~~ to include the work in the Budget of 1858/9. It must lie over until next year.

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with 19 nightmors:
Inspector of Prisons
with Capt. Munt. conor

Dispt. 21st

J. P.

Judicial Letter to Eng^d
1st Feb^r 1858
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Eng^d & Eng^d 19th Augst
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Extracts Minutes of Board

27th January 1858.

1858/59

not aware for actual action
of value omitted to make
any allowance for
actual labour.

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Will refer to the report of
Public Works for consideration
the estimate prepared by
the Surveyor for improvement
to the rail of Quinsig at
Quinsig amounting to \$1000
\$1080 - but the same that it
is now too late to include the
cost of the Quinsig of 1858/59
the present Quinsig of 1858/59
be repaired at once in view
of the increasing the value of
the Quinsig and the Quinsig
will