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5th February 1861.*

No. 17. Read the following letter from R. G. CLARKE, Esq., Civil and Session Judge of Negapatam, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Tranquebar, 22nd January 1861, No. 42.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Extract from Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated 15th January 1861, No. 60, requesting me, with reference to the Orders of Government, 15th September and 3rd October last, Nos. 1,191 and 1,274, to report what progress has been made in adapting the buildings in the Citadel of Tranquebar for the reception of Prisoners—what Prisoners are now confined in them—and whether any, and if so, how many have been received from Combaconum.

2. The readiest mode of placing the Government in possession of all the information called for will probably be, to enumerate, in the first place, the items of alteration and repair which were found necessary to adapt the Citadel buildings to Jail purposes and then to state what work has been actually done by the Department Public Works up to date.

3. As the only approach to the Court rooms in the upper story of the Citadel lay through the Jail entrance gate, the first measure indispensable to the security of the Prisoners was to contrive another way of access to those buildings, and this it was proposed to effect, by the erection of a flight of steps on the Southern side which should lead directly to the Courts. Communication with the Jail square below was further to be prevented by slips thrown across the Eastern and North Western ramps, and by a door to close the opening to the Southern ramp. The other works required for the accommodation of the Prisoners and for the internal economy of the Jail consisted in raising the floors of some, and in whitewashing the walls of all the Prison and Hospital store cells, repairing the roof of the Western cells; securing windows and doors with iron bars and bolts wherever needed; building a strong inner Jail gate and laying down a stone flooring for pounding paddy as well as a platform and cistern for steeping and drying the grain.

4. The Western cells were entirely unroofed, and after repairs, were made over to me by the Overseer in charge of the works as fit for the reception of Prisoners. In obedience to the Orders of Government, dated 3rd October 1860, I duly communicated to the Inspector General of Jails, the fact that the rooms were ready for occupation, and on the 9th November, 40 Prisoners arrived from Combaconum. I regret to observe that the tiling of the roof of this portion of the Jail building is in many places already insecure and falling down.

5. The flooring of the North corner cell on the Eastern side of the Jail square, and of the Hospital rooms have been laid with brick, but require to be again taken up and repaired. The cells have been all whitewashed. The Hospital was completed and made over for use on the 14th instant.

6. The slip on the North Western ramp, 12 feet by 11½, has been built but yet wants a door to complete the work. The slip on the Eastern ramp, 12 feet by 21½, is in progress. No door has been fixed to close the opening to the Southern ramp.

7. The flight of steps on the Southern rampart is nearly completed.

8. The stone flooring for pounding paddy has not been commenced; the platform and cistern are in course of construction.

9. The Inspector General of Jails recently visited this station and finding the inner Jail gateway and the iron grating to the well in the cook-room not yet commenced, he directed that these important works should not be longer delayed and that an inner gate and grating should be furnished from Madras. An official intimation of Mr. Rohde's wishes in this matter has been made by me to the Officer in charge of the Jail works.

10. The number of Prisoners at present in confinement in the Jail at Tranquebar is 77, and owing to the insecure state of the roofing of the Western rooms these convicts are nearly all secured in a large cell on the Eastern side of the Jail square.

11. The unsatisfactory style of the repairs, as well as the very great inconvenience caused by the delay in completing them have been repeatedly brought by me to the notice of the

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District Engineer, and of the Overseer in charge of the works, and they have been urged in the strongest terms to expedite the work.

No. 18. ORDER THEREON, 5th February 1861, No. 148.

Resolved that the above letter be referred to the Department Public Works in view to orders being there passed in regard to the great delay which has occurred in the fitting up of the Jail buildings at Tranquebar, and on the unsatisfactory nature of the repairs which have been executed.

2. Resolved, also, that inquiry be made in the same Department in regard to the progress in the other Judicial buildings, besides those for Jail purposes, on which orders were issued in the Proceedings of Government, 15th September 1860, Judicial Department, No. 1,191.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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[Signature]

To the Civil Session Judge of Negapatnam
" Public Works Dept. } Sept 6-2-61

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Referring to the 14th of March
in view to orders being issued
in regard to the delay which has
occurred in the fitting up of the
Jail buildings at Bangalore
and for the enquiry being
made to the proprietors in that
other Judicial buildings division
Notes for Jail authorities.