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Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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Rohde is correct, it is the fact that criticisms of estimates and
been repeatedly acted on by Government. In the Order on his letter of the 19th September
1856, reviewing in detail the plans and estimates for the projected Central Prison for the Red
Hills, the Chief Engineer was directed to revise them "in reference to the remarks made by the
Inspector of Prisons and in communication with that Officer." His remarks on the estimates in
question referred, not to the accommodation or arrangement of the building but to the rates of
charge, and as Mr. Rohde observes the estimate was revised in the Chief Engineer's Office under
his personal direction.

4. In the Order dated the 28th January 1861 regarding the Salem Jail, the Chief Engineer
was directed—para. 3—to consider the propriety of the means adopted by Mr. Rohde for remedy-
ing a serious defect in the construction of the Cells. This was clearly a matter of professional
detail.

In another Order dated the 25th July 1861, the Government reviewed at length Mr.
Rohde's remarks on the execution of certain repairs to the Jail at Tranquebar, observing in para.

a Department in the buildings

to them becoming hollow, the use
what is named the Bengal terrace
in verandahs, the practice of finish-
ing off the roof of terraced ver-
andahs 4" with 1" of plaster
and 1" of tiles, the practice of
thus ensuring an exposure of
masonry is not with the
timber the construction of
ing, of dry bricks as a rule
the use of bricks is lower
particularly and morticing them
into wood frames by which
and rain, brick down, cause
for of the bar to rust and corrode
to and split the wood as may
be seen in most any building
in the Port of Madras. These
and many other things which
escape the professional officer
are in my opinion proper sub-
ject to revision by the head of
a department. Such buildings

all important and
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every
importer
demanded that
appointed those of
it is to direct
in this
my instructions
last subject.
P. The same of the
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been studied by me
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and the schools
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1007y - 16 Sept 1861

My dear Percy

I have had an
interview today with
the prof. regarding the dif-
ference of opinion between
himself & the members
of council on Rhode's case.

He desires me to
say that his views on
the subject of reverting
the original order in the
D. R. R. remain unchanged
and they are shared

since 1855
1861
Observations

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By the Chief - ~~the~~
 Laws vests the power
 of decision in the
 Council at Madras
 and if the Members
 think fit to exercise
 this power, the draft
 must stand & be
 issued in the usual
 course as the order
 of Govt.

for being true
 M. R. P. S. are all with me. See to it

ders.

report

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7th August Memorandum

It appears to me that the order
 of Govt. of 25 June 62 is quite
 correct - it expresses clearly the
 distribution of duties and
 responsibilities - ~~the~~ Engineer
 consults Mr. Rohde, or generally
 the head of every department must
 as to the character of the building
 to be erected - he submits the Plan
 to his revision, modifies them
 to suit his views; but when
 the Plans are settled the
 mode of construction - the
 materials to be used - the
 whole of the details of construction
 must be left to the
 Dept^y of Works. The officers

27th 1883
 Observations

of which are answerable for the
construction of the building
and are responsible for the
Estimates - It would be alto-
gether at variance with every
principle of responsibility
to allow Mr. Nohde to any
degree to slip in while the work
is going on and give direction
as to details - It is equally
absurd to imagine that an
Inspector of Jails must neces-
sarily be a practical builder -
It happens in the present
instance that Mr. Nohde has
dabbled in building, and has
got a certain amount of prac-
tical knowledge - but it is only
likely to lead to constant compli-
cations were he, (and if Mr.
Nohde why not the heads of

ders.

Departt

General

Mr. Dep^y allowed to ride his
particular hobby, and to make
experiments at the expense
of the Gov^t - he is in no way
responsible for the Estimates
and I am not disposed to
allow him to saddle others
with the responsibility of
carrying out his views -



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Observations

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Sum for Orders.

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Miner. 11th Sept. 1862. London

Having read over those ~~works~~
papers I see no reason
why Mr. Thorne should
have the privilege of
revising Estimates of the
original instructions
here and this view
is to check accounts
not estimated. Mr. Thorne

may perhaps be a good
man but if I see
it follow that his successor
may be one I imagine
thoroughly arranged the
plans with the Engineer

do not see the use
of his leaving any thing
to do with the estimates

I approve
it will only remain

I concur in Mr. Morehead's remarks
that the "old" system of
the advantage of having Mr. Hollis
in the office of the
highly regarded by his Dept.
The irregularity of the
the Commander in Chief, this is about
from the Commission, will
be, in the future, expected.

It is quite competent to the Gov. to make the opinion
of the members of Council whether a member present
and as the Gov. is not in a position to
the proceedings of Gov. on the 1st of June should
not be ~~reversed~~. I cannot agree to the proposal
of Mr. Morehead's motion that they should be
reversed. They will accordingly remain effective.

Copy to Gov. 22nd Aug 5
R 22nd Sep.

Classed as me
for which the D. J. W. was executed

Memorandum for Orders.

Edwin J. Smith

From the Inspector General of Tails.
dated 11 July 1862. No. 312.

In this letter Mr. Polde
requests the Gov. to reconsider
in Order in.

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H. H.

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of the Central Prison at
the Red Hills the amount
was Rs 4,77,000 to Rs
2,17,200. -

3. As fully bears
out the enclosed statements.
It may have been
the intention of the Govt. in
this

time on his appointment,
it is the fact that his de-
tailed criticisms of estimates
and of work done have
repeatedly acted on the
Govt. In the order on this
letter of the 19th Sept 1886
reviewing in detail
and in the proposed
Central Prison for the
is, the Chief Engineer
was directed to revise them
"in relation to the marks
made by the Inspector of
Prisons and in communi-
cation with that Officer."

His remarks on the estimate
in question referred not to
the accommodation or ar-
rangements, but to the rates
of charge, and as Mr. Thos
observes the estimate was
submitted in the Chief Engineer's
Office under his personal
direction.

4. In the Order of the 28th
January 1881 regarding the
Salem Jail the Chief Engineer
was directed - para 3. to
consider the propriety of
means adopted by Mr. Rolde
for penitentiary. A serious
defect in the construction
of the cells. This was clearly
of professional
detail.

5. In another Order of the
25th July 1881 the Govt. reviewed
at length Mr. Rolde's re-
marks on the execution of
certain repairs to the jail
at Tanjorebar observing
in para 4 that they were
not satisfied with the District
Engineer's opinion, that

Mr. R. is complaining
specific, and directing
the District to report
distinctly on each
subject to be considered
and
letter containing the remarks
in question, and
commenting on
execution of the work, made
certain suggestions on matters
of detail (paras 10 & 11)
which were communicated
to the District for
consideration.

b. I would submit that
it seems very questionable
whether Mr. Rhodes should
be debarred from giving an
opinion on matters of more
professional detail
to the erection or repairs
of Prisons. He is, as he
observes in a very different
position from that of
of departments referred to
in the Order of the Council.
Nothing would be
done for the improvement
of

of prison discipline since
better prisons have
built, and it seems of great
importance in order to
secure efficiency and economy
in the construction of the
buildings that the Inspr.
General who in the present
instance has probably a
far more practical know-
ledge of building than most
of the Officers of
Works Dept., should be
permitted to scrutinize the
plans and estimate
make any suggestions he
may think advisable on
matters of minute
sessional detail.

Mr. Rhodes has not have already
acquired
Mr. Rhodes's qualifications
as a ^{competent} judge of professional
details, in entrusting him
with the erection of the
new Jail at Cotacuman.

d. Should it be well,
under the circumstances, so
far as null the prohibi-
tion in Mr. Rhodes's case
as

as to admit of his addressing
 the Chief Engineer by letter
 on any points of professional
 detail on which he considers
 that his plans or estimates
 might be improved. Discon-
 tinuing the practice of
 according his criticisms on
 the plans themselves.
 a mode of communication
 which, as the remarks
 must necessarily be very
 short and perhaps even
 and abrupt must
 have the appearance of
 discourtesy and is
 calculated to cause offence
 to the professional man
 whose estimate is the sub-
 ject of the criticism.

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Judicial Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

I have read Mr. Rhodes letter and I do read the following letter
 not see that he has shown any valid
 reasons why the Inspector Genl of from the Inspector General
 Prisons should have such a personal
 acquaintance with the details of
 details of ordinary operations as to
 qualify him to reverse estimates
 and superintend the construction
 of works - to require from an
 Inspector Genl such an amount of
 information in addition to that
 acquaintance with the general
 system of Prison discipline &
 management of men which
 his office does demand, would
 be necessarily hamper the
 Govt in the selection of a proper
 man for the app't -
 and therefore approve of
 the proposed reversal of the
 decision of the Govt which
 otherwise appears to be
 based altogether upon
 an supposed personal
 qualifications of
 Mr Rhodes as detailed
 himself in his
 letter, the tone of which display
 an undue
 amount of
 self appreciation

order 4th July 1862 No 312.)

order 24 Sept 1862 No 1589

In this letter Mr. Rhodes
 requests the Govt to reconsider
 their order in the matter
 of the under state the
 issue last
 relative to the
 facing estimates submitted
 to him by the Public
 all the above matters of
 professional detail. Mr. Rhodes
 submits that these orders are
 opposed to the instructions fur-
 -nished to him on his appoint-
 -ment in which he was di-
 -rected to check all accounts
 of

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I am satisfied that
 the amount of discri-
 -tion we have here

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of the means adopted by
Mr. P. L. to remedy
a serious defect in the
construction of the Cells. This
was clearly a matter of
professional detail.

5. A "Order"
dated the 25th Nov 1869 the
Court reviewed
Mr. P. L.'s
the execution of certain
repairs to the Jail at Man-
gachar, obs.

in para
fied with District
Engineers explanation that
Mr. P. L.'s complaints
were specific.

Each Engineer to re-
port distinctly on each
item objected to by Mr. P. L.
and the Court.

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in matters of detail (see
10 & 11) which were commu-
nicated to the Chief Engineer
for his consideration.

b. Any considera-
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reason to question the pro-
priety of debaring the
Inspector General of Prisons
from giving his opinion
in matters of professional
detail in regard to
prisons.

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any difference of position
between the two
referred to in the order of
25th June last
ing make
can be done for the improve-
ment of prison discipline
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been built, and it seems
of great importance in
order to secure efficiency and
economy in the construction
of the buildings that the
Inspector

Inspe Gen. I am in
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knowledge of building than
most of the
men should
be permitted to scrutinize
the plans and estimates
and to make any suggestion
he may think desirable
even on matters of minute
professional detail

The Govt. has
qualifications as a com-
petent Judge of professional details
in entrusting him with
the erection of the new Sail
at Botacamund.

8. The Govern-
ment accordingly resolves so
far to modify the orders con-
veyed in the proceedings of
Govt. in the Public

Sept. under date the 26th 1881
as to admit permit
of the Inspector General of
Sails to accompany the Chief
Engineer

Engineer or any other officers
of the Department with
whom he may have occasion
to correspond on any points
of professional detail on
which he may consider his
plans & estimates submitted
for his approval are suscepti-
ble of improvement. Mr.
Rohde however will be
requested to discontinue the
practice of recording his
criticisms on the plans
and estimates themselves.
Remarks so recorded must
if of necessity be very
short and perhaps curt
and abrupt and may ~~often~~
have the appearance of
discourtesy although nothing
of the sort may have been
intended.

To the P. H. Depart^t
" Insp Gen of Sails & dep. 15th

Y^{rs}

1862, Department.

No. 1589.

PROCEEDINGS OF GOVERNMENT.

Dated 24th Sept^r 1862

Allowing the Inspector
General of the Ordnance to give his opinion
in matters of a technical nature
in regard to the construction of
of the Ordnance. Requesting him
to examine and to report his
on the plan and estimate
thereof.

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