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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
1st December 1862.*

No. 5. Read the following letter from J. ROHDE, Esq., Inspector General of Jails; to A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq., Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated Ootacamund, 17th November 1862, No. 598.

I have the honor to state that the repair of the Jail at Chingleput is reported by the Sessions Judge to be stopped for the monsoon. I know no reason why the work should not have been completed long ago, the crowded state of the Jail, and the extreme inconvenience to which I was myself a witness while lately visiting that station demand the immediate completion of the work.

2. I would further beg that the Government will be pleased to take notice of the slow progress of the work.

3. Had I not desired to avoid all cause of delay, I should have brought to notice some serious defects in the construction heavy brick on chunam walls built on exceedingly bad brick, and mud dwarf walls which had courses of bricks laid diagonally

hip roofs of a bad description substituted for gables, objectionable roof ventilators substituted for gable ventilators, &c.

Proceedings, Madras Government, 13th May 1861, Colonel Horsley's letter, para. 2.

plaining the character of the improvements and repairs I wished carried out; this letter of

P. 1. "In reply to your letter of the 14th instant, I have the honor to state that instead of merely renewing the roof of the Chingleput Jail, I think it desirable that additional space should be gained by raising the walls 3 feet which may be done at comparatively small cost, the roof will then be constructed with *gable ends fitted with ventilators*, with trussed beams, purlins and ridge beams, *the flat tile should be omitted for 3 feet on either side the ridge* and generally the precautions proposed in the enclosed Circular should be attended to, the outer verandah being raised will be a continuation of the slope of the roof of the wards. The whole building should at the same time be put in repair, the verandahs which have been blocked up to form solitary cells in the lesser quadrangle should be restored as open verandahs by removing the walls."

4. It will be seen that Colonel Horsley prominently alludes to my letter to the District Engineer of the 10th March 1857, as fully explaining the character of the improvements and repairs I wished carried out; this letter of Colonel Horsley's is embodied in the Government Order marginally quoted, sanctioning the repairs, and I now, for the information of His Excellency the Governor in Council, quote the paragraph to which Colonel Horsley refers, and which has been disregarded by the District Engineer.

5. One block of building was in too advanced a state to allow of my correcting the defects, a Goomashta who stood by while boys brought bricks on their heads, and standing

upright literally threw them inside an enclosure of dry bricks, was the only available representation of the D. P. W. present, when I was inquiring about the departure from my plans. The material being all prepared, I saw that any change would occasion still further delay.

6. In my letter quoted it will be seen that I laid stress on the opportunity being taken for a thorough repair of the whole building, I must say that this has not been done.

7. My report on this Jail was delayed till I had time to review the loom accounts received since my visit, or I should, before this, have brought the unauthorized departure from the specification to the notice of Government.

No. 6. ORDER THEREON, 1st December 1862, No. 1,942.

This letter will be referred to the Public Works Department in view to the District Engineer being called upon for explanation on the several points therein adverted to.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. T. McMootry.

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