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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department, 21st January 1863.

No. 108. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Public Works Department, dated 16th January 1863, No. 123.

Communicating letter from the Acting Deputy Chief Engineer, Central Circle, forwarding explanation from the District Engineer concerning the complaint from the Inspector General of Jails that the repair of the Jail at Chingleput has been stopped and the work done was bad.

(Vide Proceedings Public Works Department, dated 16th January 1863, Nos. 241 & 242.)

No. 109. ORDER THEREON, 21st January 1863, No. 81.

Communicated to the Inspector General of Jails.

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

Exd. T. O'Connor.

Madras

Madras District Engineer's Office
Guindy 19th December 1862

No. 1537

From-

Captain F J Moberly RE
Ag District Engineer Madras

To

Captain C Wilkinson RE
Ag Deputy Chief Engineer Circle

Sir

In reply to your No. 279 of 18th instant I have the honor to repeat that I have followed the estimate & the plan shews a continuous roof ventilator but the estimate has them only at intervals - but this is not Mr Rohde's Complaint -

2d It is very clear to me that the natives who prepared the estimates did not know the destination between gables and gable ends - they have provided for air holes in the former between the wards &c. they were clearly not what Mr Rohde intended, he should have pointed out the mistake when the papers were before him -

3 At the same time I shall be glad to learn from Mr Rohde how the roof of a Quadrangle is to be arranged with gable ends there being a veranda all round -

I have &c

F J Moberly

Ag District Engineer
Madras

Govt Public Works
Dept
No 2224 & 2225

G. No 1571
Dated 13 Dec 1862

Rec'd 15th Dec 1862

Subject
Chingleput Jail
Remarks on

Submitted
for the Orders of
His Excellency the
Governor in Council

Dated 17th
December 1862

Rec'd 19th Dec 1862
No 1537.

Report Public Works
Dept & Govt Orders
thereon with
the Estimate

Rec'd 3 Feb 1863
Encl 4 January 1863
Dept Nos 123

Pa 1571.

Madras Distt Engr Office
Guindy 13th December 1862.

From
Captain F. J. Roberts R.E.
Actg Distt Engr of Madras

To
Captain C. V. Wilkinson R.E.
Actg Dy Chief Engr C.C.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your No 264 of the 10th instant forwarding Mr Rohde's remarks on the Chingleput Jail and the Government orders No 1942 and 2941.-

2. In reply I beg to observe that the work was stopped by me during the rains with the consent of the Actg Sessions Judge for the following reasons.

3. As it was necessary to raise the walls and remove the roof we could only work at some considerable portion at a time; if I unroofed this, and was caught by the rain, the interior of the building would be so wet that it would be impossible to occupy it for at least a month after the end of the Monsoon - it was quite possible that during this time extra accommodation might be required for a few days, and it was more advisable to leave a portion of the old building as it was, than to run the risk of being short of room during the rains.

4. The making up of iron doors which is new to my workpeople delayed the completion of the work, but as the weather is now more settled and the Sessions Judge has lately informed

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me that he does not agree with his predecessor. I have ordered the resumption of the work.

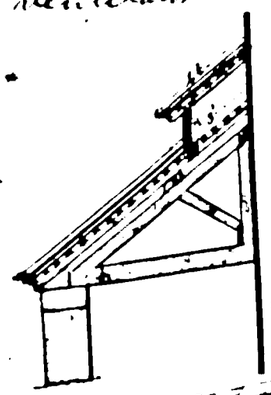
5 Mr Rohde remarks on the disregard of his instructions of 10th March 1859. I find that plans and Estimates were drawn up on the 20th May 1859 and submitted to him. That he retained them until 14th February 1860 that they were returned by the Chief Engineer on the 24th February 1860 with orders that the rates should be revised.

6 The Estimates were resubmitted on the 11th July 1860 but were not sanctioned until the 13th May 1861, and consequently a further revision was required and sanction was accorded on the 23d August 1862.

7 I cannot find that Mr Rohde disapproved of the plans and Estimates, which I respectfully submit he should have done when they were laid before him, and previous to their being submitted to Government.

8 Being sanctioned I had only to carry them out - Mr Rohde does not point out any deviation from the plan - and for only one am I responsible.

9 I found that by omitting the flat tiles for 3ft on either side the ridge, drift rain was freely admitted - the outlet of the ventilator being little more than 1ft in depth there was not in my opinion any object in having the opening below so much larger and I ordered the insertion of flat tiles after I found the building leaking - they can be



Sketch shewing the Roof with Ridge Ventilator
Drawn in the Scale of 3 Feet to an Inch
&c.

very easily removed if wished - but some thing must be done to keep out the rain and this seems to me the cheapest plan and interferes least with the ventilation.

10 As regards para 6 of Mr Rohde's letter, I can but repeat my former remark that he had the Estimates, and the opportunity then of pointing out any deficiencies - nothing has been brought to my notice by any of the authorities at Chingleput.

11 Finally I would observe that Mr Rohde did not in any way notify his intention of visiting the Jail, to any of my Subordinates or myself; nor to this instant do I know when he was there.

12 I do not object to any gentleman inspecting any work that I have to do with; but before doing so in an official capacity, as Mr Rohde has done, I think that in common courtesy I was entitled to be informed that I might have the option of either attending myself, or desiring the presence of a Member of the Department. I have a Sub Engineer - a Jr Salings, and a Sub Overseer for the Chingleput Taluq; he cannot be always present at the Jail, and the Executive or Commissariat has worked the Estimate to my satisfaction - that the estimate itself is not according to Mr Rohde's wishes is not I would

would submit my fault.

I have &c.

F. Theobarty. Captain R.E.

To Dist. Engr. of Madras

Captain R.E.
Dist Engr
Chingleput
Dated 19th Dec 1862
Rec'd 22nd Dec 1862
Ans. 23rd Dec

Dist. Engr. of Madras
Dated 13th Dec 1862
Rec'd 15th Dec 1862
No. 1571.

Sir,
I have the honor to forward
for the Superintending
Engineer's
Report &c.
I have &c.
F. Theobarty
Captain R.E.

Ans. 21st January 1863 Rec'd 31st

Called for in Rs 264 7th
Recd 15. regarding the
Plans of the Jail &
Sanctioned Estimate

Read 5th Feb 1863

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
Public.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from Captain C. V. WILKIESON, R. E., Acting Deputy Chief Engineer, Central Circle, to Colonel W. I. BIRDWOOD, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Chepauk, 22nd December 1862, No. 282:—

SIR,

1. With reference to your Order No. 2,941 of 8th December 1862, I have the honor to forward the explanation from the District Engineer concerning the complaint from the Inspector General of Jails that the repair of the Jail at Chingleput has been stopped and the work done was bad.

1 Letter from the Acting District Engineer, Madras, No. 1,511, dated 13th December 1862.
1 Do. No. 1,551, dated 19th December 1862.

2. On the 5th August 1862, Colonel Ouchterlony reported that the work was actively proceeded with, and requested sanction for a further grant of Rupees 4,200, which was sanctioned 23rd of August.

3. The District Engineer reports that he ordered the work to be stopped during the rains with the consent of the Acting Session Judge, the repairs consisting of taking off the roofs and he was afraid of the rain getting into the interior. He was also delayed by making up of iron doors which was a work that his work people were unacquainted with.

4. The roof ventilators appear to be made exactly in accordance with the plans and estimates which were approved of by Mr. Rohde, with the exception of omitting the flat tiles for 3 feet on either side of the ridge at the openings of the ridge ventilators. The District Engineer found that the rain drifted in so he ordered the insertion of the flat tiles. As flat tiles would not keep out rain alone and certainly would prevent free ventilation he has been ordered to remove thm and carry up the roof further inside than in the plan in order to keep out the rain.

ORDER THEREON, 16th January 1863, No. 123.

Communicated to the Judicial Department, with reference to the Proceedings of Government in that Department dated 1st December 1862, No. 1,942.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Acting Deputy Chief Engineer, Central Circle.
" Judicial Department with enclosures, 2.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

From 1st Dec. 1862 No. 545.

Rec'd 1863 Dec. 31

No. 81 — 21st January 1863.

Communicated to the Inspector Genl. of Sails.

Rec'd 1863 Dec. 31

From Inspr Genl Sails

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Rec'd 1863 Jan. 2

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Rec'd 123

Copy Letter from the Chief Engr C.C. forwarding explanation from the Engr Concerning the complaint from the Inspector Genl of Sails that the repairs by the Civil Engr at Chatham Dockyard of the Boat Crane were bad —

Inspector Genl. of Sails — with 2 enclosures.

Letter and Order

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