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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,

25th October 1864.

No. 191. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Public Works Department, dated 19th October 1864, No. 3007.

Approving of certain modifications suggested in the original plan for a Subsidiary Jail at Palmanair, with the exception of the proposal to substitute attic ventilators for iron-barred windows. } (Vide Proceedings, Public Works Department, dated 19th October 1864, Nos. 341—343.)

No. 192. ORDER THEREON, 25th October 1864, No. 1539.

Communicated to the Magistrate of North Arcot.

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

To the Magistrate of North Arcot.

Exd. T. Cartledge.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 19th October 1864.

Read the following papers :—

No. 341. From Colonel A. J. M. BOILEAU, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR., R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 4th October 1864, No. 3,292.

1 Letter No. 312, dated 9th July 1864.
1 Estimate, Rupees 1,170.
1 Comparative Statement.
2 Plans.

SIR,

1. In G. O. No. 1,359, dated 11th May 1864, funds were allotted for the execution of the estimate, Rupees 970, sanctioned in the Proceedings of Government No. 993, dated 8th April 1864, for the construction of two lock-up rooms for short sentenced prisoners confined at the Tahsildar's Cutcherry at Palmanair, in the North Arcot District.

2. Since then the Executive Engineer has submitted two revised estimates in connection with the work :—

One of Rupees 1,240 for carrying it out according to the sanctioned plan, and

One of Rupees 1,170 prepared at the requisition of the Collector for its execution according to a modified plan.

3. With reference to the first estimate Rupees 1,240, Captain Chrystie explains that the increase is attributable to the high rates which have now to be given for labor above the Ghâts, and the difficulty of obtaining burnt stone in chunam and other material at the same price as prevails in the plains.

4. The second estimate, Rupees 1,170, which also allows for increased rates has been prepared because,

1st.—The Collector objects to the new lock-ups being entirely detached from those in the main building, on the ground that by such an arrangement the maintenance of two sentries would be necessitated instead of one.

2nd.—The sanctioned cells for remand and short sentenced prisoners are larger than is necessary.

3rd.—If the sanctioned plan is carried out, the prisoners will be able to communicate through the windows by signals with their friends in the street.

5. These objections have all been met in the second estimate, Rupees 1,170, as illustrated in the plan forwarded herewith, and its execution is approved of by the present Acting Collector in preference to the original estimate.

6. Under these circumstances I must consent to its adoption, although I consider that iron-barred windows should, as at first intended, and approved of by the Collector, be fixed, instead of attic ventilators; the latter may certainly be placed in the end wall of the male prisoners' lock-up, but their substitution for windows in front will render the room less airy and healthy than would otherwise be the case. The difficulty complained of with reference to the prisoners signalling to their friends may be prevented by careful watchfulness on the part of the sentry. There is, moreover, no *street* in the front of the proposed building.

7. The cubical space allowed for each prisoner, in the sanctioned plan, is 600 for males and 500 for females, but in the revised plan that for the former is reduced to the same as is allowed for the latter.

8. As it is very desirable that this work should be carried out this year, I have instructed the Range Officer to go on with it in anticipation of the approval of Government, according to the revised plan and estimate, Rupees 1,170, herewith submitted. The excess, Rupees 200, over the original sanctioned estimate of Rupees 970, I recommend may be met from the sum Rupees 500, allowed for Minor New Works under the head "Civil Buildings" in North Arcot.

Referred to the Judicial Department.

CHEPAUK,
6th October 1864.

(Signed) C. A. ORR, Colonel R. E.,
Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 19th October 1864.

No. 342. From the Secretary to Government, Judicial Department :—
(Here enter 10th October 1864, No. 527.)

No. 343. ORDER THEREON, 19th October 1864, No. 3,007.

1. The Governor in Council approves of the modifications suggested in the original plan for a subsidiary Jail at Palmanair, with the exception of the proposal to substitute attic ventilators for iron-barred windows.

2. The additional funds* required for the work will be provided from the source mentioned in the last paragraph of the Superintending Engineer's letter recorded above.

* Rupees 200.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division.
" Accountant General.
" Controller of Public Works Accounts.
" Judicial Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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The Magistrate of North Arcot. 26/10