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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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Read the following papers:—

No. 194. Proceedings of Government in the Public Works Department,

Communicating report on the progress made in the construction of the upper story of the Salem Jail during the quarter ending 31st January 1864, in view to the attention of the Inspector General of Jails being directed to the Executive Engineer's remarks regarding the slow progress of the work owing to the want of convict labor; and forwarding two notes by the Honorable T. Pycroft on the report. (Dated 29th February 1864, No. 585.)

No. 116.

MEMORANDUM.

The Chief Secretary has the honor to request that the Session Judge of Salem will be so good as to inform him how many convicts there are in the Jail, and how many of them are available for employment on the works in the upper story.

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

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
7th March 1864.

To the Session Judge of Salem.

No. 195. OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM.

In reply to the Chief Secretary's Memorandum of the 7th March, the undersigned has the honor to state that there are 205 able bodied male convicts in the Jail, and, excluding those in hospital, and employed on other necessary duties, 160 are now available and are being employed on the works in the upper story.

(Signed) J. W. CHERRY,
Session Judge.

SALEM, SESSION COURT,
9th March 1864.

To the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George.

No. 196. Proceedings of Government in the Public Works Department.

Communicating a letter from the Executive Engineer in charge of 5th Division stating, with reference to paragraph 3 of G. O., No. 585, dated 29th ultimo, Revenue Department, that the block in question of the upper story of the Salem Jail will be finished by the 10th April, and ready for occupation on the 1st May. (Dted 11th March 1864, No. 742.)

No. 197. ORDER THEREON, 15th March 1864, No. 379.

As one block of the upper story of the Salem Jail capable of holding 54 convicts is already available, and another will be made available on the 1st May, while the number of convicts now in the Jail is only 205, the Inspector General of Jails should take steps at an early date for transferring convicts to Salem from some of the over-crowded Jails.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Inspector General of Jails,
with Proceedings, Public Works Department,
Nos. 585 and 742.

„ Public Works Department.

„ Sessions Judge of Salem.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

Notes by the Honorable T. Pycroft.
on the report submitted by the Superintending
Engineer of the Division of the progress made
in the construction of the Upper Story
of the Salem Jail, dated 13th February
1864 No. 1942.

On para 1 — Have the prisoners been put
Do — 6 — How many convicts are there
now in the Salem Jail and
how employed. Inquiry should
be made in Judicial Depart-
ment.

Signed T. P.

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

Judicial Department,
with two notes by the Honorable T. Pycroft.
Superintending Engineer, 5th Division.

T. Augustin.

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Jails

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 29th February 1864.

No. 569. Read the following :—

FIFTH DIVISION, D. P. W.

SALEM DISTRICT, SALEM RANGE.

Report for the quarter ending January 31st 1864 *of progress made with the upper story of the Salem Jail, called for in G. O. No. 2,519 of the 1st September* 1863.

Estimate Rupees 40,500, sanctioned in G. O. No. 380 of the 12th March 1863.

	Rs.	A.	P.
Work commenced in January 1863, expenditure during the quarter*	8,676	14	1
Do. from commencement of work up to date	16,011	4	0

* About 2,000 Rupees more are due for work and materials.

Particulars of work done up to date.

1. One large block, to accommodate 54 prisoners, completed and handed over to the Prison authorities.

2. Walls of one small block, to accommodate 42 prisoners, raised to the average height of 7 feet; iron revolving doors and lower grated windows fixed; upper grated windows ready for fixing; materials for completing the block all ready with the exception of half a lac of bricks.

3. Basement of another small block and staircase, completed.

4. Iron revolving doors ready for two more large blocks, and half another small block.

5. Corrugated iron ready for two more large blocks, and another small block. Also a considerable quantity of seasoned Vengay-wood, half wrought.

6. The progress of the work has been seriously delayed during the quarter under notice for want of Convict labour.* There are at present only 100 Convicts, two gangs of 50, available for the work. One gang of 50 is employed inside the Jail walls, and the other gang in the brick-field where there ought to be always at least 100 men (or two gangs) considering that every thing† is done there by the Convicts.

* Digging, tempering, moulding, stacking, burning and carting to the Jail.

7. At present the work is actually at a stand still for want of bricks, owing to the single gang having been unable to keep pace with the Contractor's Bricklayers. This is not as it should be, instead of being in want of bricks to go on with, we ought now to be storing them for work in the rainy season. I believe that last night in the Jail there were not less than 40 empty cells.

Salem Range Office,
9th February 1864.

(Signed) T. E. GAHAGAN, Captain, R. E.,
Executive Engineer, Salem Range.

No. 1,942.

Submitted to Government with reference to paragraph 2 of their Order No. 2,519, dated 1st September 1863.

Salem, Suptg. Engr's. Office,
13th February 1864.

(Signed) T. E. GAHAGAN, Captain, R. E.,
In charge of the Suptg. Engr's. Office, 5th Division.

No. 570. ORDER THEREON, 29th February 1864, No. 585.

1. The foregoing report on the progress made in the construction of the upper story of the Salem Jail, during the quarter ended 31st January 1864, will be communicated to the Judicial Department, with reference to Proceedings in that Department, No. 181, dated 12th instant, and with a view to the attention of the Inspector General of Jails being directed to the Executive Engineer's remarks regarding the slow progress of the work owing to the want of Convict labor.

2. In the event of a sufficient number of Convicts not being obtainable, arrangements should be made for the employment of ordinary labor in the manufacture of bricks as the speedy completion of the building is an object of importance.

3. The Superintending Engineer is requested to state when the block referred to in paragraph 2 of the Executive Engineer's report is likely to be finished and ready for occupation.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Judicial Department,
with two notes by the Honorable T. Pycroft.
„ Superintending Engineer, 5th Division.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 11th March 1864.

No. 272. Read the following letter from Captain T. E. GAHAGAN, R. E., Executive Engineer, in charge of 5th Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Salem, 4th March 1864, No. 2,122:—

SIR,

With reference to paragraph 3 of G. O. No. 585* of the 29th ultimo, I have the honor to state that the block in question will be finished by the 10th proximo and ready for occupation on the 1st May.

* Commenting on the special report of progress made with the upper story of the Salem Jail, for the quarter ending January 31st 1864.

No. 273. ORDER THEREON, 11th March 1864, No. 742.

Communicated to the Judicial Department.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Judicial Department.
„ Superintending Engineer, 5th Division.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Judicial Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following Papers

Proceedings of Govt. P.W. Dept.	Yesterday	29th February 1864 No. 585
Mem: from the Sessions judge Salem	"	9th March 1864
Proceedings of Govt. P.W. Dept.	"	11th March 1864 No. 742

Order thereon 15th March 1864 No. 379.

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Proceedings of Govt. P.W. Dept. dated 15th March 1864 No. 379

To Inspr. Genl. of Hospitals

Do. 11th Do. No. 5 March

To Spare extra.

Extract

Communication

A letter from the Ex. Chairman of Salem Municipality, under date 9th Instant, and the Endorsement No. 9 dated 20th Instant, that the block of Cells, 25 in number, on the upper story of the Salem Jail will be made available by the 10th Instant, and ready for occupation on the 1st May.

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Jails should take steps at an
early date for transferring
convicts to Salem from some of
the surrounded jails.

To
The Inspectors Gen.l of Jails
Public Works Depart.t
Sessions Judge of Salem

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Judicial 1864. Department.

No. 379

PROCEEDINGS of GOVERNMENT.

Fol. 1257.

Dated 15th March 1864.

As two blocks of the upper story will be completed by the 1st May the Inspector General desired to take steps for transferring Convicts to Salem from some of the overcrowded Jails.

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