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No. 171. Read the following letter from the Central Jail Committee, Bangalore, to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Bangalore, 15th August 1865, No. 8.

Judicial Department, 26th July 1865, No. 1664.

With reference to the Order of Government noted in the margin, we have the honor to annex copy of a letter received, on the 13 instant, from the Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, with the following observations.

2. The three Blocks of Radial Cells now finished at the Central Jail, Rajahmundry, will, at the rate of four men per cell, accommodate 384 convicts. This will give each man 48 feet of superficial area, and 510 feet of cubical space—the former allowance being greater, and the latter less, than the standard; but the accommodation thus provided will be far superior to that afforded in most other Jails, and bearing in mind the necessity which exists for the speedy relief of the prisons at Cuddapah, Nellore, and Guntoor, we have no hesitation in recommending that four convicts be lodged in each cell.

3. We annex a Statement exhibiting the number of prisoners at present confined in the Jails at the three stations above mentioned, and propose that 200 be removed from Cuddapah, 80 from Nellore, and 104 from Guntoor. The last named prison will be further relieved by the transfer of 40 men to Masulipatam, under the instructions of the Acting Inspector General of Jails; and it is proposed in communication with the Officiating Commissioner of Police to send the convicts under sentence of transportation to the Madras Penitentiary, as soon as the present visitation of cholera has ceased,—indeed, arrangements were in progress for that purpose before the disease appeared.

4. As the finished work-shed can be made available for the reception of the Guard at a trifling expense, we should prefer to lodge it there, rather than in the end cells, which cannot well be spared; and we, therefore, recommend that instructions be issued for the provision, on emergency, of Bamboo mats, for enclosing the work-shed, and also of tatties for protecting the doors of the cells. As these ought to be completed in a very few days, the Officers in charge of the Jails at Cuddapah and Nellore might be instructed to send off their men as soon as the necessary arrangements can be made for escorts; and the Officer in charge at Guntoor might put himself in communication with the Executive Officer at Rajahmundry, and regulate the despatch of his gang accordingly.

(Signed) W. J. WILSON,
Acting Inspector General of Jails.

(„) W. MACKENZIE,
Acting Inspector General of Hospitals.

(„) J. C. ANDERSON, Lieut.-Colonel, R. E.,
Consulting Engineer for Railways

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From Captain J. G. RYVES, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, to Lieutenant Colonel W. J. WILSON, Acting Inspector General of Jails, President of Committee on Central Jails; dated Rajahmundry, 7th August 1865.

In reply to your No. 2, dated 25th ultimo, I have the honor to state, for the information of your Committee, that the three blocks of cells in the Rajahmundry Central Jail, already reported to Government finished, are completed according to the sanctioned plan and estimate. It will be necessary to provide tatties, to protect the prisoners from wind and rain, which would otherwise beat in on them through the open door-ways; in all other respects the cells are in a fit state for the reception of convicts.

2. The guard could be accommodated in the work-shed (which is quite open), by putting up screens of bamboo from pillar to pillar, to keep out sun, wind, and rain. If not more than 300 convicts be sent, the guard could* be lodged in the end cells of the two outer blocks.

* Moreover the Central Ward will be completed (and part of it available for the guard) in about a fortnight.

(True Copy).

(Signed) W. J. WILSON,
Acting Inspector General of Jails.

Statement showing the number of Prisoners in the Jails at Cuddapah, Nellore and Guntoor, with other particulars.

Jails.	Number the Jail can accommodate at the regulated standard.	Number at 50 per cent. in excess of the regulated standard.	Number in Jail.	Number to be transferred to Masulipatam by Acting Inspector General.	Number proposed to be sent to Rajahmundry.	Number under sentence of transportation.	Number which will remain after relief, and after despatch of transportation convicts.
Cuddapah..... ...	175	262	532	.....	200	56	276
Nellore.....	100	240	406	.....	80	70	256
Guntoor.....	117	175	315	40	101	8	193

BANGALORE, 15*th August* 1865.

(Signed) W. J. WILSON,
Ag. Inspector General of Jails.

No. 172. ORDER THEREON, 23rd August 1865, No. 1165.

The Governor in Council sanctions the transfer to the Central Jail of Rajahmundry of the number of convicts specified in the margin, from the Zillah Jails of Cuddapah, Nellore, and Guntoor, respectively.

From Cuddapah...	200
,, Nellore...	80
,, Guntoor	101
	381

2. The Zillah Judges of Cuddapah and Nellore will proceed at once, in communication with the District Superintendents of Police, to give effect to these orders. The convicts at Guntoor will not be moved until the cells and work-sheds in the Rajahmundry Jail are reported ready for occupation by the prisoners and guards.

3. The Governor in Council approves of the suggestion to enclose the finished work-shed with matting, to fit it for the reception of the guard, and to protect the doors of the cells with tatties. Orders will be issued in the Public Works Department for the immediate execution of these temporary works, and the officer in executive charge of the construction of the Jail will report their completion to the Session Judge of Guntoor.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Central Jail Committee, Bangalore.
,, Inspector General of Jails.
,, Session Judge of Cuddapah.
,, ,, Nellore.
,, ,, Guntoor.
,, Public Works Department.
,, Accountant General.
,, Inspector General of Police.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

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The Central Jail Committee Bangalore.
Inspector Genl of Jails.
Session Judge of Cuddapah
——— Nellore
——— Guntoor.
~~Collector of the Godavery district.~~
~~Public Works Department Secretary.~~
~~Secretary Board of Revenue~~
Accountant General
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