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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
27th November 1865.

No. 218. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Public Works Department, dated 18th November 1865, No. 3187.

Communicating a Resolution of the Government of India regarding the space to be allowed for each prisoner in Jails. } (Vide Proceedings, Public Works Department, dated 18th November 1865, Nos. 423 & 424.)

No. 219. ORDER THEREON, 27th November 1865, No. 1690.

Communicated to the Inspector General of Jails, and to the President of the Sanitary Commission, in continuation of the Order of the 24th February 1865, No. 307

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

To the Inspector General of Jails.
„ President, Sanitary Commission.

Ed. J. H. Burns.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 18th November 1865.

No. 423. Read the following Proceedings of the Governor General of India in Council, Public Works Department, (Civil Works—Buildings), to the Secretary to Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Simla, 19th October 1865, Circular No. 103 :—

Space to be allowed to each Prisoner in Jails.

Read the following :—

Extract from a letter from the Secretary to Government of India, Home Department, to the Chief Commissioner of British Burmah,—No. 2,623, dated 9th October 1865.

Paragraph 3. The only point which I am desired to notice specially is the question of *space*. It was not the intention of Government to lay down 36 feet of superficial area as a *maximum*. The Government does not dispute the conclusion of the Prison Committee that it would be desirable to give a larger space, even up to 54 feet, when practicable. But having regard to the great cost of providing that amount of accommodation throughout India, and also to the time that it must necessarily take to provide it, even were the cost no obstacle, the Governor General in Council acceded to the suggestion of the Inspector General of Prisons in the North Western Provinces, concurred in by the Government of those Provinces, that 36 feet should be considered sufficient as *a minimum superficial* area, provided that, in no case, the total cubic space per prisoner should be less than the minimum recommended by the Prison Committee, viz., 648 feet. In Oudh and the Central Provinces, 40 superficial feet has been adopted as the average space per man, and this the Governor General in Council considers an improvement upon 36 feet.

ORDER.—Ordered, that the above be forwarded to the Local Governments and Administrations marginally noted, for information and guidance, in continuation of Public Works Department Circular No. 4, dated 18th January 1865.

Govts. of Madras, Bombay, Bengal, N. W. P. and Punjab.
Chief Commissioners Oudh, British Burmah, and Central Provinces.
Commissioners of Mysore and Coorg.
Resident at Hyderabad.
Agents, Governor General, Central India, and Rajpootana.

(Signed) C. H. DICKENS, Lieut-Col., R. A.,
Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 424. ORDER THEREON, 18th November 1865, No. 3,487.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 65.

Communicated to the Judicial Department, and to the Superintending Engineers, with reference to the Orders of Government, No. 464, dated 16th February 1865.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Judicial Department.
Superintending Engineers.
Erd. S. T. Augustin.

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No 3489

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No 2798

Communicating a resolution of the Govt of India regarding the Grade allowed for each prisoner in Jails.

27th November 1865 — No. 1690.

Communicated to the Accountant General of Bengal and to the President of the Boarding Commissioner in continuation of the Order of the 21st Feby 1865 No 217.

By the Most Secl of Govt
President Boarding Comm } dated 28th

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