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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
20th December 1865.

No. 186. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Public Works Department, dated 9th December 1865, No. 3732.

Approving of the alterations and additions proposed to be made to the Jail under construction at Vizagapatam. } (Vide Proceedings, Public Works Department, dated 9th December 1865, Nos. 199—201.)

No. 187. ORDER THEREON, 20th December 1865, No. 1831.
Communicated to the Inspector General of Jails.

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

To the Inspector General of Jails.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

with iron rails through and under the main wall. The site is a sand ridge with every facility for rapid surface drainage.

8. ADDITIONAL BUILDINGS.—The additional buildings recommended are:—

(1.) HOSPITAL.—A hospital with dispensary, bath-room, and attendants' room attached, and with detached latrine, cooking-shed, and dead-house. For fourteen patients, the maximum number it is intended for, the sick ward (45 feet × 21 feet × 16⅔ feet) will afford 1,125 cubic feet per man, of air space ; 67½ square feet of floor area; and each cot will have 5 feet of wall to itself clear of door-ways: ventilation is amply provided for, by (six iron railed doors) 212 square feet of door-way and 220 square feet of ventilators.

The Hospital inclosure will be separated from the rest of the Jail by a sunken wall, the top of which will not be more than 2 feet above the floor of the sick ward.

(2.) WOMEN'S WARD.—The women's ward and its out-houses. The main building will consist of two rooms, one 38½ feet × 14 feet × 14 feet* the other 14 feet ×10 feet ×14 feet;* the latter for a bad case of sickness, or violence, or insubordination. The large room will have three doors each 7 feet high, and 3½ feet, 4 feet and 3½ feet wide, one window 5 feet × 4 feet, and three ventilators. To the smaller room there will be one door, one window, and one ventilator of the same dimensions as in the large room. It is considered necessary by the Jail authorities that the women should be kept perfectly secluded from the men in the Jail, their inclosure will therefore be surrounded by a 9 feet wall, the average distance of which from the centre will be 100 feet.

* To wall plate.

(3.) SOLITARY CELLS.—Three solitary cells, each 9 feet × 9 feet × 12 feet, of which one will generally be available for a lunatic prisoner if necessary.

(4.) COOKING-SHEDS.—Four cooking-sheds, each 40 feet × 10½ feet resting against two middle walls, 40 feet long midway between these two double sheds will be the Well, which will be surrounded with a wall and counter sloped pavement with catch-water drain at the periphery. The well and cooking-sheds will be separated from the rest of the Jail by palisades.

(5.) Well.

(6.) ENTRANCE AND GUARD, &c.—The entrance gates and guard-room, store-room, and tool-house, these will be arranged as shown in the drawings; an arched entrance with inner and outer gate, with the guard-room opening into one side; access to the flat roof above will be provided by means of a trap door and ladder.

(7.) LATRINES.—Latrines *outside:* these will be located a couple of hundred yards off from the Jail, and are to consist of shallow paved trenches surrounded by a wall, a sufficiency of dry earth to be always at hand for use. There will of course be a separate latrine for the women.

(8.) JAILER'S HOUSE.—And lastly, a comfortable dwelling house with suitable out-houses for the Jailer and his family; this building will be detached from the Jail, but close at hand.

9. The Civil Debtors will be provided with quarters where the women are now imprisoned in the old Jail building. *Vide* Proceedings of Government, Judicial Department, under date 3rd September 1863.

Read the following papers :—

No. 199. From the Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Waltair, 2nd October 1865, No. 1,160.

8 Plans.
1 Estimate.
2 Specifications.

* Will be despatched by banghy.

1. I have the honor to submit herewith plans* and estimates embodying the recommendations of the Committee assembled at Vizagapatam, in accordance with paragraph 5 of the Order of Government in the Judicial Department, No. 877, dated 16th of June last.

2. INCLOSURE.—The Jail inclosure, if carried out according to the Committee's recommendation, will contain nearly four times the space allowed in the original design, that is 27,740 square yards, instead of 7,474. The main wall where nearest to the wards will be 130, instead of 30 feet distant from them.

3. WALL.—To facilitate guarding this greater circuit of wall, it is proposed to construct it with a foot-way on the top, with five towers at the angles : and it is thought that with this means of ensuring strict guard on the whole circuit of the Jail, a lower wall will be safe enough : the wall is therefore intended to be only 9 feet above the ground, with a 6 feet ditch inside : the bottom of which will be gravelled quite hard, and will have a brick lined cunette along its centre line : additional security may be obtained by coating the bottom of the ditch with broken glass.

4. WARDS' PLAN.—The radial arrangement of the six blocks of wards with their central warder has not been altered, because these buildings were more than half finished when the Order of Government, quoted at the head of this report, was received, but it is proposed to omit the upper story of the central building: it would obstruct the free movement of air inside the Jail, and the Stores and Dispensary are better placed at the Jail entrance and attached to the Hospital respectively.

5. Do. VENTILATION.—It is proposed to add three ventilators to each ward, one in the gable and two in the back wall, and to open a window in the end wall of each of the outer wards, the inner wards are already provided with a corresponding window in the inner wall, and to protect the prisoners from rain and wind it is proposed to make the door-ways open into the verandah, and provide each with a movable shutter to be hung on the horizontal bars of the railed doors.

6. INTERIOR DIVISIONS.—The several yards of the Jail will be separated by palisades not solid walls, except the women's ward, which will be separated from the rest of the Jail by a wall 9 feet high, and the Hospital inclosure around which will be a sunken wall rising 4½ feet above the ground with a 4½ feet ditch on the Jail side; this low wall will interfere less with the movement of the air than a palisade 8 or 10 feet high.

7. YARDS' SURFACE AND DRAINAGE.—The whole of the Jail area will be levelled and sloped with a well consolidated gravelled surface towards paved drains laid on the radii between every couple of blocks, a catch-water paved drain will be carried all round the star of blocks, and into this minor paved drains round the basements of the blocks will have their outfalls. There will be proper outfalls guarded

10. I append a comparative abstract showing the constituent parts of the Jail, and their cost, as sanctioned, and as recommended by the Committee, and provided for in the plans and estimates now submitted.

11. The cost will be 60,324 Rupees instead of 23,372: of the difference Rupees 1,500 has already been sanctioned (for the well) in G. O. No. 2,586 of 5th ultimo, and sanction is now solicited for Rupees 35,452. The additional cost might be reduced by Rupees 4,777 : the difference of cost between the proposed wall with foot-way at top and an ordinary wall.

Referred to the Judicial Department.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
18*th November* 1865.

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

No. 200. Memorandum from the Chief Secretary to Government, Judicial Department :—

(Here enter 30th November 1865, No. 463.)

No. 201. ORDER THEREON, 9th December 1865, No. 3,732.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 33.

1. The Governor in Council approves of the alterations and additions proposed to be made to the Jail under construction at Vizagapatam, to carry out the recommendations of the Committee which assembled to report upon the building in pursuance of the orders contained in the Proceedings of the Judicial Department, No. 877; dated 16th June 1865.

2. These alterations and additions raise the estimate for the work from Rupees 24,872* to Rupees 60,324, the increase being Rupees 35,452.

* See G. O. No. 2,586, 5th September 1865.

3. It is desirable that the outer wall should be built with a foot-way at the top, as provided for in the plan.

4. The cost of the building may possibly be reduced by the use of Convict labor. The Superintending Engineer will give his attention to this matter, and he will see that the work is carried out with due regard to economy.

5. The Government are unable at present to allot funds for the additional works now sanctioned ; but they will endeavour to make full provision for them in the out-going Budget. Should funds be available before the close of the year, they will be placed at the disposal of the Superintending Engineer.

(True Extract)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 1st Division.
" Accountant General.
" Controller of Public Works Accounts.
" Judicial Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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