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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
15th August 1866.*

Read the following papers:—

No. 176. From the Inspector General of Jails, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 17th May 1866, No. 12.

I have the honor to forward the Report of the Local Committee upon the District Jail of Bellary, together with a Plan, which have been sent to me by the Superintendent of the Jail, instead of being transmitted to you direct, according to the Order of Government noted in the margin.

Judicial Department, 16th June 1865, No. 877.

2. The Superintendent informs me that the estimates are still with the Superintending Engineer, by whom they will be forwarded to you.

From Major A. S. MOBERLY, Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, Surgeon Major J. PETERKIN, M. D., F. R. C. S., Acting Garrison Surgeon, Bellary, and Captain W. S. MACLEOD, Superintendent of Jail, Bellary, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Fort Saint George; dated Bellary, 9th May 1866.

With reference to the Proceedings of Government in the Judicial Department, No. 877, under date 16th June 1865, forwarded (5th G. O., No. 1855, of 3rd July 1865, in the Public Works Department, we have had in consideration the suggestions made by the Inspector General of Jails and President of the Sanitary Commission, and are of opinion that, though they would meet the requirements of this District Jail in providing the actual accommodation hereafter required, still certain other improvements are requisite; and it also appears to us that the same ends, as proposed by Messrs. Rohde and Ellis, might be obtained without the necessity for building new wards, by merely raising the roof of those now existing (with the exception of Nos. 8 and 9) to 18 feet, and converting several contiguous wards in the larger ones by throwing down the intermediate walls, and we forward a plan of the Jail as it will be on the completion of the alterations suggested by us.

2. Some slight additions would be required, such as adding to the length of wards, Nos. 12 and 13. This and the other alterations we suggest will be easily comprehended by referring to the plan of the Jail, as now existing, and which we also forward together with the proposed plan.

In lieu of two plans, I have prepared one, showing the Jail as at present, the parts to be removed, and the additions proposed.

(Signed) A. S. MOBERLY, Major,
Supg. Engr., 3rd Division.

3. The improvements proposed by us are—

1st.—To raise the walls of all the wards, with the exception of Nos. 8 and 9, to 18 feet, in order to obtain the required accommodation for 275 prisoners.

2nd.—To throw down the wall intermediate between the original Jail gate (now in the centre of the enclosure) and the south-east corner of the Latrine, in order to admit of a more free perfusion of air. The Superintendent of Police raises an objection to this, on the ground of its increasing the area of the Jail, and thereby rendering an increase to the permanent Jail Guard necessary; but, in the event of this objection being considered valid, we would recommend that a palisade be put up in lieu of the wall, and thus, while a freer circulation of air is obtained, the area of the Jail is in no way interfered with.

3rd.—To throw down the wall between Cells Nos. 2 and 4.

4th.—To remove the present Solitary Cells to the site noted in the plan on the left of the old gate.

5th.—To throw down the old Sub-Court, as a building which can hardly be adapted to any useful purpose, and to which the Superintendent of Police has repeatedly objected, on the ground of its obstructing the thorough view of the Jail enclosure.

6th.—To throw down the wall now connecting the old Sub-Court with the store-rooms, as well as that intermediate between them and the Hospital enclosure, in order to admit of a more free circulation of air.

7th.—To enlarge the area of the Hospital enclosure by continuing the front wall on to the outer south wall, and by throwing down the wall running from east to west, in continuation of that mentioned in Clause 6.

8th.—To throw down the small Cells in rear of the Hospital, and to remove the two rooms now at the south-east corner of the enclosure, to occupy the middle of the site of the wall to be thrown down; this is considered requisite to obtain more free circulation of air in the Hospital area.

9th.—To erect a suitable Guard-House at the new entrance to the Jail for one European and 17 Natives. The guard is at present placed in the old gateway, but this place is not suitable by any means, and the reserve occupy a small room in the Sub-Court—this building, as mentioned before, we propose to knock down, so that there will then be no place for the guard beyond the old gateway.

10th.—The building A, is the only one now available for office purposes; but it is wholly unsuitable. It is proposed to erect a suitable one on the site marked on the plan.

11th.—Lunatics, criminal and others, have been hitherto confined in the Cells in rear of the Hospital; but, as already shown by us, these have been recommended to be removed, in consequence of their so greatly impeding the free access of air into the Hospital; and as we consider it requisite that Lunatics should still be kept within the Hospital area, we would suggest the erection of three cells on the site of the wall now to be thrown down on the south side of the present Hospital enclosure. The Cells Nos. 8 and 9 would answer for the purpose of confining those suffering from leprosy, and other such contagious diseases, which do not require special hospital treatment.

4. The foregoing alterations we consider absolutely necessary; but, till a Central Jail should be erected and the surplus prisoners withdrawn from this Jail, it is necessary to find a place of security for the State Prisoners. These heretofore have been confined in one of the wards now forming Block 12; but one of the rooms, No. 14 or 15, which at present contain old records, could be given up to them, though in this case it would be necessary to pierce the walls with windows for light and ventilation.

5. We would bring to notice the desirability of the following changes, none of which would cost much in carrying out, though they would, in our opinion, add to the well-being of the Jail.

1st.—To move the cooking shed from its present position to the east end of the enclosure, in the site indicated in the plan, and that the wards should thereby derive the full benefit of a free perfusion of air, from the removal of wall parallel to the cook-room, as suggested by us in paragraph 3.

2nd.—It is also desirable that ridge ventilation should be effected for the hospital, which is otherwise insufficiently ventilated.

3rd.—There has hitherto been no provision made for a working shed for female convicts, and, though some will be transferred to the Central Jail, we consider it objectionable to have them working during the day in the same wards that they are kept in during the night, and suggest an open shed, somewhat similar to the cooking range, be constructed in rear of the working sheds used for the men, and between them and the south corner, as shown in the plan.

6. We have made no provision for the separation of females under trial from those undergoing sentences of imprisonment, nor have we provided separate sleeping accommodation for each juvenile, as is prescribed in the rules recently issued for the management of Jails. We consider those rules to apply in this point rather to Jails which may be hereafter built, though we quite agree with the advisability of having the separate accommodation as laid down; but in this Jail the only way to provide the same will be to build extra wards of the recommendations already made by us.

7. In making the foregoing recommendations, we have had in view that this Jail is merely a District Jail, and would urge the advisability of reducing the prisoners to a comfortable number as soon as possible.

Forwarded to the Superintending Engineer of the 3rd Division, with the remark that the Plan submitted, bearing his signature, has been very imperfectly prepared, and entirely fails to elucidate, in any degree, the report of the Committee. The undersigned accordingly requests Major Moberly to be good enough, in re-submitting the accompanying papers, to forward a detailed and carefully prepared plan, fully illustrative of the Committee's remarks and recommendations.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
21st May 1866.

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

No. 177. From Major A. S. MOBERLY, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Fort Saint George; dated Bellary, 16th June 1866, No. 526.

In re-transmitting the Report of the Committee on the Jail at this Station, returned with your Memorandum, dated the 21st ultimo, I have the honor to submit a Plan,* which will, I think, show clearly all the changes and additions proposed. I have not yet prepared the estimate, as the Estimators in my office are fully employed, and I would like to know if the alterations, &c., proposed, meet with the approval of Government.

* By banghy.

Referred to the Judicial Department.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
22nd June 1866.

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

Referred to the Inspector General of Jails for his remarks.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
6th July 1866.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Acting Chief Secretary.

No. 177 A. From the Inspector General of Jails, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Ootacamund, 31st July 1866, No. 51.

I have the honor to return the Report of the Committee on the Jail at Bellary, together with the plan, referred to me for remark on the 6th instant.

2. It was calculated by Messrs. Rohde and Ellis that, on the completion of the Central Jail, about 275 prisoners would remain to be provided for in the District Jail, and they proposed to afford the necessary accommodation by building two new wards within the Jail enclosure, each to contain 35 prisoners. The Bellary Committee propose to attain the same result by removing certain partition walls, by adding to the length of some wards, and by raising the walls of the whole to the height of 18 feet, with the exception of those of the buildings marked 8 and 9 in the plan.

3. It is not probable that the Central Jail will be ready for occupation under two years at the earliest, and in the meantime the accommodation at Bellary is far short of our requirements. The Jail has been much over-crowded for some time past, and there are no means of relieving it by transfer at present. The Central Jail at Rajahmundry will no more than suffice for the Northern Circars, and that at Coimbatore for the Western and Southern Districts. The Jail at Salem is full. Such being the case, I would recommend that a new Barrack of four wards, each

ward to contain 32 prisoners, be erected within the Jail enclosure, at the spot marked M in the plan; the cook-room to be knocked down, and replaced by another of similar dimensions, to be built at the spot marked N. The old Sub-Court-house cannot possibly be spared at present. It may be easily adapted for the reception of prisoners, and I would advise that this be done at once. If, after the occupation of the Central Jail, it should be found that the accommodation at Bellary is in excess, it is sure to be useful in the way of relieving the Jail at Kurnool, which is frequently crowded, and which cannot be enlarged to any extent owing to its situation within the Town. Shortly before the recent out-break of Cholera at the last named place, I transferred 100 convicts therefrom to the Central Jail at Coimbatore, as I had no other means of disposing of them; but such a mode of relief is manifestly inconvenient.

4. It seems to me that to remove the roofs and to heighten the walls of the existing wards, while the Jail is inhabited, would be both a tedious and inconvenient operation, besides which, I am given to understand that the walls generally are fragile, being composed of unburnt bricks, and unlikely to stand the weight of the additional height proposed. Should it appear to Government that this method of improving the accommodation is worthy of adoption, it may be advisable, in the first instance, to instruct the Superintending Engineer to examine the walls carefully, and to report thereon. It is true that an Engineer Officer was a member of the Committee, but I have recently received a report from Nellore to the effect that certain alterations recommended by the Committee at that station cannot be carried out, owing to the weakness of the timbers and roof; and I have, therefore, thought it prudent to suggest the precaution above mentioned.

5. It is proposed to convert the buildings marked 8 and 9 into wards for the reception of prisoners suffering from leprosy or other contagious diseases, but I doubt the expediency of placing these persons in such proximity to the general wards, or of removing them so far from the Hospital. I would therefore allow the range of Cells behind the Hospital to stand for the present. They were built at the recommendation of the then Medical Officer, and sanctioned by the late Inspector General of Jails.

6. The undermentioned are the additions and alterations which I submit for favorable consideration:—

I. The construction of a new Barrack of four wards to contain 128 prisoners. The Barrack to be built of the rough stone of the country laid in mud, and pointed with chunam, to be tiled or terraced as may be found least expensive. Each ward to be 64×18 feet, and the arrangement of doors to be according to the lower of the two plans lithographed for the Public Works Department in August 1865.

II. The adaptation of the Sub-Court-house for the reception of prisoners.

III. The construction of one Guard-room at the outer gate, for the party of Police at present located in the Sub-Court-house.

IV. The erection of a cooking shed, in lieu of that at present in use.

V. The erection of an office, in lieu of the building marked A.

VI. The piercing of the walls of one of the rooms marked 14 or 15, in order to fit it for the reception of State Prisoners.

VII. The substitution of palisading for the wall between the guard-room and the south east corner of the latrine.

7. If a new barrack is built, there ought to be no difficulty in finding separate accommodation for females under trial, and for juveniles, in some of the old wards; and I would not remove the partition walls which now provide the means of separating, not only those two, but also other classes of prisoners from each other.

8. As the spot indicated for the site of a workshop for women does not appear well suited for that purpose, I will communicate further with the Superintendent regarding the point.

9. In conclusion, I beg to report that, while engaged in considering the proposals of this Committee, I received a letter from the Superintendent, informing me of the crowded state of the Jail, and requesting me to relieve it by transfer, which I was unable to do, but I suggested that he should immediately commence to build a temporary Barrack upon the spot recommended by the Committee as the site for a new cook-shed. This will not interfere with any of the arrangements now submitted for consideration.

No. 178. ORDER THEREON, 15th August 1866, No. 1269.

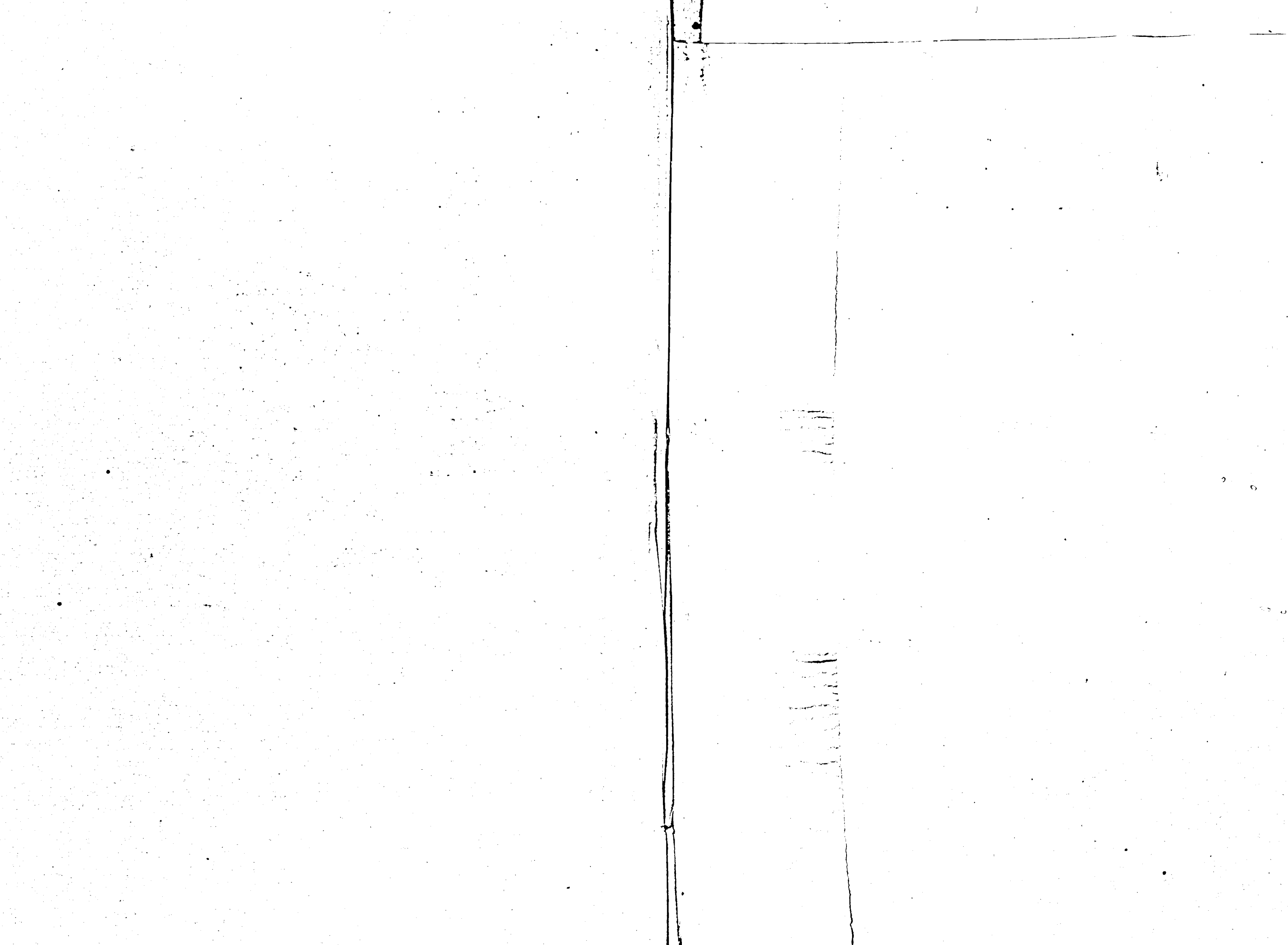
The Governor in Council approves of the additions and alterations proposed by the Inspector General of Jails in the foregoing letter, to adapt the existing Jail buildings in Bellary to the present requirements of the District in respect to Jail accommodation, pending the construction of the projected Central Jail at Vellore. Orders will accordingly be issued in the Public Works Department for the early execution of the improvements in question.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Inspector General of Jails.

„ Public Works Department, with Plan.



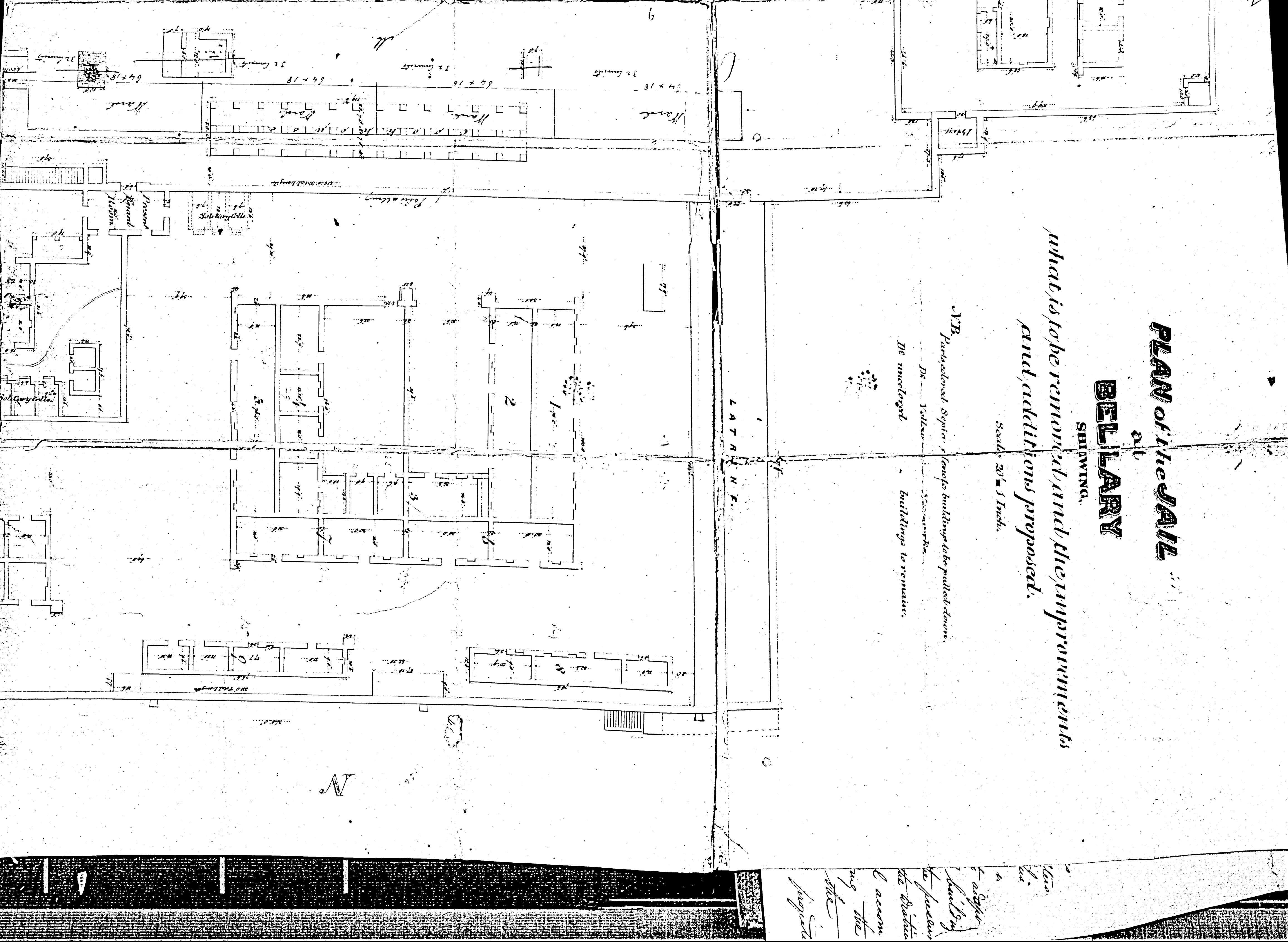
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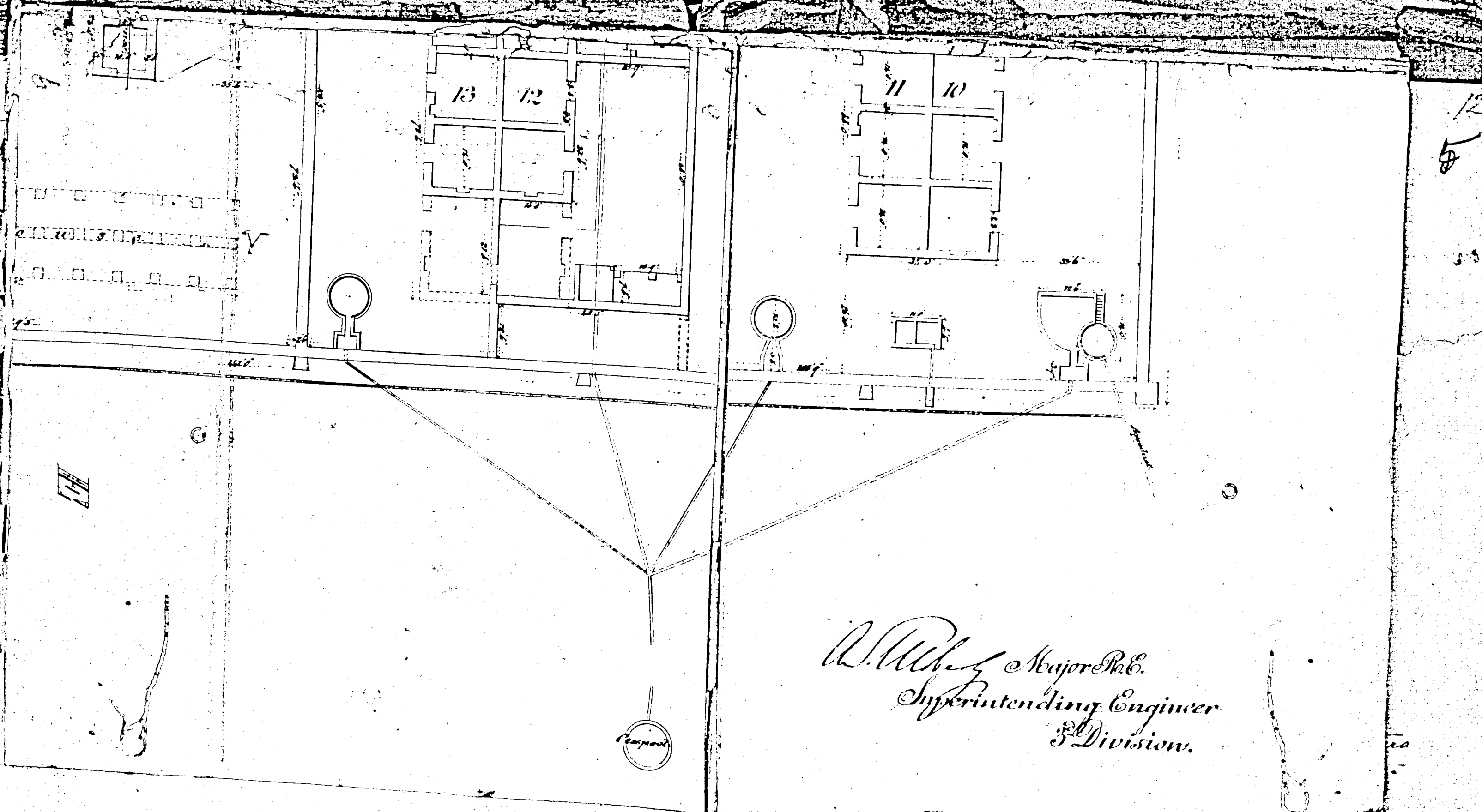
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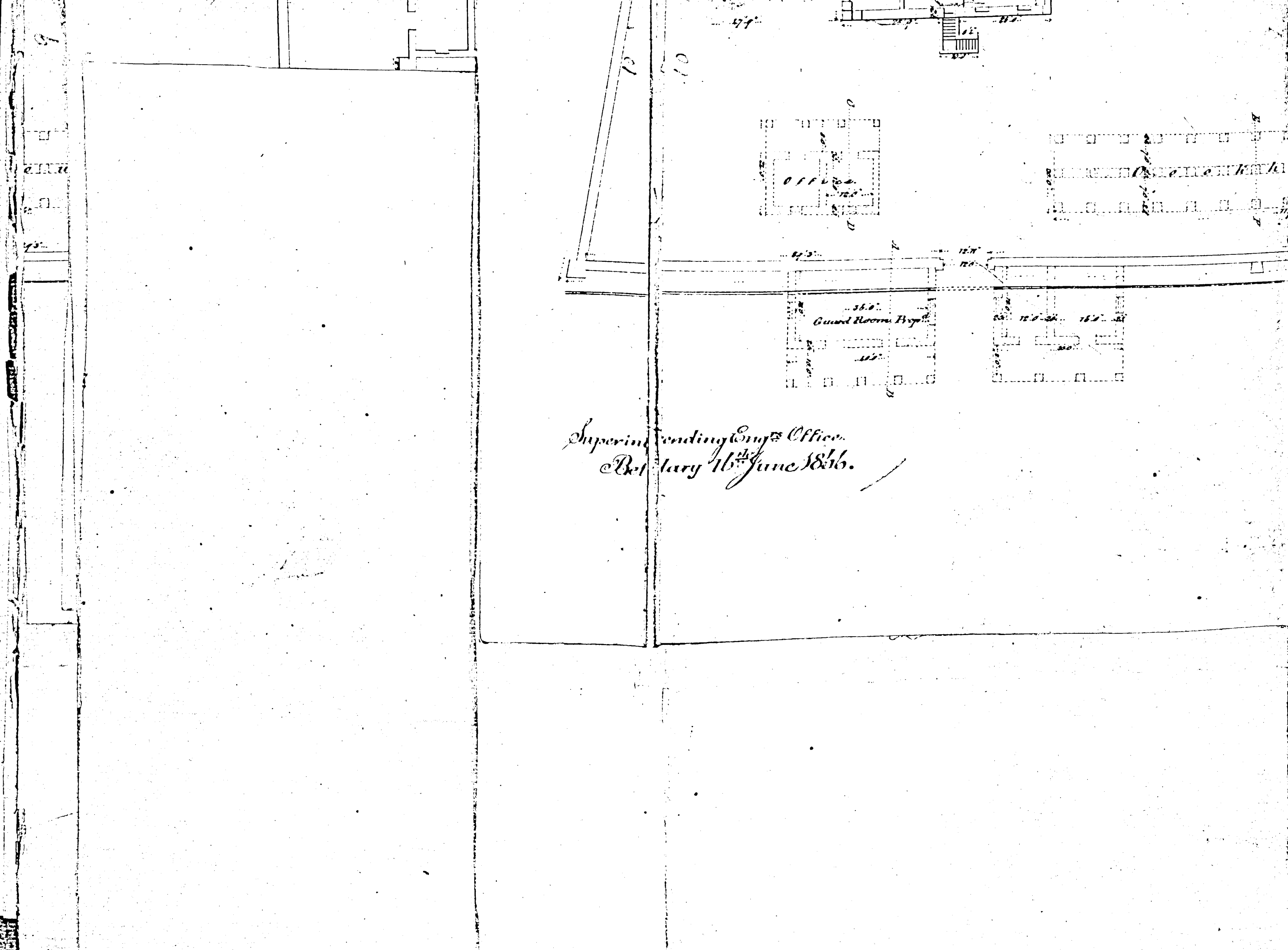
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Superintending Engineer
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Superintendent's Office.
16th June 1846.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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From the Supt Engineer 3rd Div. Here enters 16th June 1880.
— Supt General of Jails — 31 July —

Order thereon 15 August 1880.

The Gov.
Council approves
additions and alterations
proposed by the Supt
General of Jails in
foregoing letter, to adapt
the existing Jail building
in Bellary to the present
requirements of the District
in respect to Jail accom-
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proposed Central Jail. at V. M. M.

The various Orders will

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To the Super General of Jail
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PROCEEDINGS OF GOVERNMENT.

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Dated 18th August 1866.

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