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Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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No. 206. Read the following letter from the Committee appointed to select a site for the Trichinopoly Central Jail, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Trichinopoly, 28th September 1866.

We have the honor, in accordance with the Order of Government, dated 24th ultimo, No. 1502A, to state that the Committee appointed to report on the site of the Trichinopoly Central Jail met on the morning of the 27th September 1866.

2. The Committee had before them the plan and a copy of the report which had been prepared by the Local Committee, who had, under the orders of Government, examined the various sites which might be considered suitable for a Central Jail.

3. The Committee visited and carefully examined the site which was selected by the Local Committee, and are unanimous in recommending it for the approval of Government.

4. It is situated on a large open plain, about $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles from the Fort, and from the centre of the Cantonment, one mile from the present Railway Station, and $\frac{1}{4}$ of a mile from the road to Poodoccottah.

5. The conformation of the surface is favorable for drainage. The soil is the same as prevails for a considerable distance in the neighbourhood of Trichinopoly, red ferruginous earth mixed with sand from 6" to 2" thick, over a layer of from 4' to 5' of gravel mixed with quartz and red earth, under which is a stratum of decayed felspathic granite from 1' to $2\frac{1}{2}$ ' in thickness, covering granite rock.

6. Water is found 24' from the surface, and Chemical analysis pronounces it wholesome for drinking after filtration. The well that was excavated on the proposed site remained available for the use of the neighbouring village during the whole of the last remarkably dry season.

7. The Committee after due inquiry are satisfied that of the sites available for a Central Jail at Trichinopoly, that above described should be preferred.

8. The prevailing winds at Trichinopoly are N. E. and S. W., and the position of the Jail will secure it from being either to leeward or windward of the large Native Town and Cantonment.

9. Having in view the great heat which prevails at Trichinopoly during some months of the year, the Committee are of opinion that special care is required in the construction of the Jail, to secure as complete perfilation in the wards as possible.

10. It has occurred to the Committee that, to ensure this, it may perhaps be matter for further consideration, whether the plan might not be modified in this peculiar locality with advantage by placing the several blocks in echelon rather than radiating from a central tower.

11. According to the standard plan, all the wards are not equally accessible to the prevailing winds, whereas the location of the wards in echelon will secure each ward being equally favored in this respect.

12. The proposed alteration, if approved by the Government, need not delay the immediate commencement of the work. This will consist, under the instructions of the Government, in the construction of huts for the accommodation of the

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17th October 1866.

Police guard and the convicts, who will build the Jail and of the outer wall of the Jail Hospital.

(Signed) E. ARMSTRONG, Major General,
President.

(„) R. S. ELLIS,

(„) W. J. WILSON,

(„) Æ. R. McDONELL,

(„) J. A. REYNOLDS,

Dy. Insp. Genl. of Hospitals, S. D.

(„) T. GREENAWAY, Lieut.-Colonel.

I concur with the Members of the Committee as to the eligibility of the site selected; but bearing in mind the object for which the Committee was convened, and the fact that a standard plan for a Central Jail has recently been approved of by this Government, and has also received the sanction of the Government of India, I abstain from offering any opinion at present regarding the advantage of adopting the modification suggested, more especially as it will not only necessitate a change in the position of the Barracks, but the arrangement of the compartments, and of all the other buildings, the Hospital and Barrack for females alone excepted, must be altered. I could not, therefore, come to any satisfactory conclusion without more time and consideration than the transmission of this Report will admit of.

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

No. 207. ORDER THEREON, 17th October 1866, No. 1643.

The Governor in Council sanctions the adoption of the site proposed in the foregoing letter for the projected Central Jail at Trichinopoly.

2. The Government do not think it advisable to depart in this instance from the standard plan recently sanctioned for Central Jails. The heat at Trichinopoly is not greater than at Vellore where a Central Jail is about to be built on the radiating plan. The adoption of a new plan would involve considerable delay, and probably a considerable increase in the cost of guarding.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Inspector General of Jails.

„ Public Works Department.

„ Sanitary Commissioner.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

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28 September 1866

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We have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servants.

John Smith General
President

R. J. M. S.

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J. Wilson
Inft of Jails

Walsingham

6th October 1868

T. P. H. 141

Dear Sir

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter of the 1st inst
informing me that the Rt. Honorable the
Governor in Council has been pleased to

the High Ct. during the absence of the
Honble Sir C. H. Scotland - and am
Thank you.

I have the honor to be

Yours Most Obedt

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Judicial Department.

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Order 17 Oct. 1866 No. 1643.

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From
The Committee appointed
to select a site for the
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Dated 18th Sept. 1866
No. 10th Oct. 1866.

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For Orders

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To the Chief of Staff
- J. W. Department }
- Sanitary Com. } *depts 23/40*

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