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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
1st November 1866.*

No. 13. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Public Works Department, dated 24th October 1866, No. 3404.

Forwarding to the Government of India
copy of a Minute by His Excellency
the Governor, recording a rectifica-
tion of a mistake in his Minute of the
10th July last, on the subject of Jail
accommodation. } (Vide Proceedings, Public Works De-
partment, dated 24th October 1866,
Nos. 592 & 593.)

No. 14. ORDER THEREON, 1st November 1866, No. 1731.

To be recorded.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
24th October 1866.*

Read the following :—

No. 592. MINUTE BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

1. In paragraph 27 of a Minute communicated by me to Government, under date of the 10th of July last, I adverted to a letter from the Chief Secretary to this Government to the Secretary to the Government of India, under date of December* 9th, 1865, soliciting a special grant of two lakhs for Jail buildings, and I stated that the letter in question had not received any reply from the Supreme Government.

* Note.—By a clerical error *March* was printed in the Minute instead of *December*.

2. In a letter from the Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated August 31st, the above statement has been corrected, and Lieutenant-Colonel Dickens has recorded that the above-mentioned letter of the Madras Government was duly replied to, first by a telegram of the 12th of January 1866, and, secondly, by letter No. 130 C., dated the 7th of February of the same year.

3. The statement of the Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, being perfectly correct, I have to express my regret that I should have committed the inaccuracy referred to, and that I should have imputed to the Government of India an omission which did not occur.

4. In making the erroneous statement in question, without reference to documents, I had, no doubt, in my mind the letter addressed by the Secretary of the Department of Public Works in Madras, to the Secretary for the same Department in the Government of India, No. 406, under date of February 1st, 1866, accompanying the Madras Budget of Public Works for 1866-67, in which, among other matters, Colonel Orr urged, in paragraph 13, the pressing necessity of an extraordinary appropriation for the improvement and development of Jail accommodation, and in which he suggested, with reference to Mr. Secretary Bayley's letter, dated Simla, June 23rd, 1864, that the Supreme Government should add to the general assignment for the Public Works of this Presidency the sum of at least four lakhs of Rupees, to be exclusively expended in the construction of new Jails.

5. To this letter from the Secretary for the Department of Public Works a reply was received, under date of March 27th, 1866, No. 344 A., containing the orders passed on the Madras Public Works Budget Estimate; but while several of the questions submitted by Colonel Orr were fully commented on, it was merely stated, with reference to paragraphs 11, 12, and 13 of Colonel Orr's letter, that they would be answered separately.

6. The promised reply to paragraphs 11, 12, and 13, subsequently reached the Government of Madras, embodied in a letter under date of May 26th, addressed by the Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, to the Secretary for the same Department in this Presidency; but while paragraphs 11 and 12 were duly noticed, no specific reference was made to paragraph 13 of Colonel Orr's letter, and the whole question of improved and increased Jail accommodation, so earnestly urged by this Government, was passed over in silence.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,

21st October 1866.

7. The silence of the Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, was alluded to, by the desire of this Government, in the letter addressed to that Officer by Colonel Orr, under date of July 12th, 1866, and it was to this incident that I ought to have referred in my Minute prepared about the same time.

8. In recording a rectification of my mistake, it is not in the least my desire to enter upon any controversy, or to impute to the Supreme Government any indifference to the wishes expressed by this Government in regard to the question of prison development and reform. I wish, on the contrary, to avail myself of this occasion to express my gratitude for the additional grant of Rupees 1,20,000, which the Supreme Government have recently made with a view to the prosecution of Jail buildings in this Presidency, and the commencement of a Lunatic Asylum. The amount is not a large one, but in consequence of the prevailing scarcity the calls on the Supreme Government for extraordinary disbursements both for Bengal and Madras have been incessant and irresistible. Under these circumstances, the sum referred to might be ill-afforded; and, in conjunction with other available funds, it can be made highly instrumental in advancing the work which we have at heart, now more than ever urgent on account of the increase of crime caused by famine and high prices.

9. I request that a copy of this Minute may be imparted to the Supreme Government.

Ootacamund,
16th October 1866.

(Signed) NAPIER.

No. 593. ORDER THEREON, 21st October 1866, No. 3,404.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 111.

Ordered that the foregoing Minute be forwarded to the Government of India.

(Here enter No. 3,405, 24th October 1866.)

(True Extract.)

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

(True Copy)

Colonel
Secretary to Govt.

To the Judicial Dept.

Edw. J. Tulloch.

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