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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
7th November 1866.*

No. 55. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Public Works Department, dated 1st November 1866, No. 3478.

Passing orders on certain references made
by the Superintending Engineer, 1st } (Vide Proceedings, Public Works De-
Division, in regard to the plan of the } partment, dated 1st November 1866,
Rajahmundry Central Jail. } Nos. 1 & 2.)

No. 56. ORDER THEREON, 7th November 1866, No. 1752.

To be recorded.

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

Ed. T. Cartledge.

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

No. 1. Read the following letter from the Inspector General of Jails, to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Ootacamund, 20th October 1866, No. 89:—

1. I have the honor to inform you that on the 16th August last, I received a letter from the Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, making certain proposals with respect to the works in progress at the Central Jail, Rajahmundry. In reply I informed him that most of the points raised in his letter had already been decided by Government, and referred him to the orders on the subject. At the same time I stated that as the plan forwarded by him was not that upon which my report to Government had been founded, I had some hesitation in replying to his questions, but I gave a definite answer to most of them.

2. On my return to this place from the south, on the 11th instant, I received another letter from the Superintending Engineer, forwarding both plans, and as I observe that the modifications proposed by Colonel Moberly involve a considerable departure from the plan already sanctioned by Government, and as I am not clear as to the advantage of adopting them, I have thought it best to send you the plans together with Colonel Moberly's original letters (to be returned) and copies of my replies. You will observe that the plan signed by Captain Ryves is the same which we went over so carefully together before I submitted my report.

3. The only alterations which I have to suggest are with respect to the guard and cook-rooms. In my letter regarding the new Jail at Cannanore, I stated the reasons which induced me to request that the standard plan of guard-room might be altered as regards the entrances, and the dimensions of the building. The Inspector General of Police informs me that considering the unsupported position of the Jail at Rajahmundry, he is of opinion that a guard of eighty men will be required. About fourteen of these may be accommodated in the central tower.

4. I have also set forth in my letter above quoted my reasons for preferring to have the cook-rooms in one spot; and if the ends of the workshops have not already been shut off for the purpose of being converted into cook-rooms, as intended, I would recommend the erection of two ranges of sheds as shown in pencil on the plan signed by Colonel Moberly. A rough sketch of the guard-rooms is also shown on the same plan.

5. Cisterns are provided for in the 8th paragraph of Captain Ryves' letter, printed with the Proceedings of the 13th June, but no specifications are given. I annex copy of the third paragraph of my letter regarding the Cannanore Jail upon this point.

Extract from a letter from the Inspector General of Jails, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 3rd September 1866, No. 70.

Paragraph 3. In order to preserve as much as possible the arrangement by which the prisoners in each compartment will be kept separate, and to avoid the great loss of time which would be incurred were the Convicts to be limited to the use of one or two cisterns at one spot, I recommend that two bathing cisterns, of moderate dimensions, say twelve feet by four, and three and a half

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feet high, should be provided for each barrack or radial block. One cistern will be required for the women; and one of a smaller size for the boys. These cisterns should be well raised, to facilitate the letting off of the water, and they should be surrounded by a platform of stone or asphalt.

(True Extract.)

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

From the Acting Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, to the Inspector General of Jails, Madras, dated Camp, Dowlaishweram, 9th August 1866, No. 96.

* Despatched by banghy.

1. I have the honor to enclose a plan* of the Central Jail at Rajahmundry, showing a method of turning to account the buildings already constructed to carry out your requisition for accommodation.

2. The range formerly intended for females is so far completed that it can be easily converted into solitary cells. A part of the adjacent work shed, already built, can be turned into a juvenile ward, by changing the roof, and a further portion utilized as a cook-room and work shed by building a wall along the middle, and removing the other half of the building.

3. The work commenced as a solitary cell and work shed, under Barrack I., must be removed. I will, according to your instructions, resemble H.

4. I believe that the new work sheds K. L., and cook-rooms M. N., are placed in the most convenient positions, but nothing has been done regarding them, and if you can point out any other arrangement I shall be glad to carry it out.

5. The plan which I find in this Office proposes to put a range of stores and office on each side of the entrance road. There is no Standard Plan here; but writing from memory, I think there is space for it between the road and the female ward.

6. The plan of hospital is only for a single building. This has been since modified, I believe, so as to allow of a range for contagious cases, for which provision is made in the female ward. I have left the space to be occupied blank, and request that you will favor me with instructions on this and the above points.

7. At present, the work people are employed on the enclosure wall, which I propose to push on with as rapidly as possible.

8. In conclusion, I would observe that I have personally consulted the Superintendent of the Jail, and that he approves of the arrangement.

From the Inspector General of Jails, to the Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, dated Ootacamund, 4th September 1866, No. 608.

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th ultimo, No. 96, and to return the plan which was received by banghy some days afterwards.

2. I beg to refer you to the Orders of Government noted in the margin, from which you will perceive that most of the points raised in your letter have already been decided. Indeed, I am not aware that any thing was left open with the exception of the question regarding boys' quarters, and the latrine. If the plans upon which I reported to Government were now before me, I could reply without hesitation; but as it is, there are one or two points regarding which I am not quite clear.

3. The building of the two new barracks of five wards each has been disposed of, *vide* the last part of the 2nd paragraph, and the whole of the 3rd paragraph of Captain Ryves' letter of the 26th April; and clause II, paragraph 3 of my letter published with the Order first above quoted.

4. The position of the new workshops and cook-rooms, as shown in Captain Ryves' plan, has also been settled, *vide* paragraph 3, clause IV. of my said letter.

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5. I have entered in pencil on your plan the dimensions and position of the store-rooms and offices, as in plan for Central Jails. If you are not already in possession of the detailed plans, you can no doubt procure them from the Office of the Secretary to Government, in the Department of Public Works.

6. With regard to the hospital, the plan which was recommended by the Committee on Central Jails is to be adopted. The special and ordinary wards are all under the same roof, but separated from each other by a wall. The plan of this building is also obtainable at Madras.

7. It has been decided that the boys are to be placed in a barrack, and not in cells. As accommodation for 20 boys only is required at Rajahmundry a room measuring 48 by 18 by 16 and a half ought to be quite sufficient. Very likely your plan of utilizing the work-shed already built may be a good one, but I cannot give any opinion without seeing the former plan upon which I based my report, and in which, unless I am mistaken, the position of the boys' quarters was laid down, and also that of workshops for the inmates of the solitary cells.

8. It has been found necessary to modify the plan of guard-rooms, as the entrance into these from the front was found to be objectionable. I therefore request you will be good enough to postpone doing any thing with respect to these buildings, until you hear further from me, as I am in correspondence with the Inspector General of Police as to the number of Police men who are to be stationed at the Jail when it is completed. In the meantime, I have entered a rough sketch in pencil on your plan, showing the principle of the distribution of the Police and Warders, and also the entrances into the guard-rooms.

9. I have recently had occasion to believe that, instead of having a cook-room for each compartment, it would be a more convenient arrangement to have a general cook-room at one spot, as shown in pencil. I presume that the cook-rooms for E and F Barracks are already built, and that the ends of the two terraced workshops have been walled off, but if not I should be prepared to recommend one set of cook-rooms, especially as there seems to be reason for supposing that the work sheds will be scarcely large enough when shortened.

10. You will observe from paragraph 6 of my letter of the 21st June last, to the address of Colonel Orr, that I consider two wards for females will be sufficient.

From the Acting Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, to the Inspector General of Jails, Madras, dated Camp, Rajahmundry, 10th September 1866, No. 147.

1. Referring to your No. 608, of the 4th instant, I have the honor to forward the plan* prepared by Captain Ryves, to which you allude, and the modifications* which I propose to utilize the existing buildings.

* Despatched by banghy.

2. The work on guard room has been stopped, and I will also stop the walling off terraced workshops if they have not been already completed.

From the Inspector General of Jails, to the Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, dated Ootacamund, 20th October 1866, No. 738.

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt, on my return from Madura to this place, of your letter No. 147, dated 10th ultimo, and of two plans of the Central Jail at Rajahmundry, one signed by Captain Ryves, and the other by yourself.

2. As the modifications proposed by you involve a considerable departure from the arrangement proposed by Captain Ryves, and which has already received the sanction of Government, I do not feel myself at liberty to authorize them, more especially as I do not understand the advantage of the change.

3. As it is necessary that any alterations to be made regarding the guard and cook-rooms should receive the sanction of Government, I have forwarded both plans to the Secretary to Government, in the Department of Public Works, with copies of the correspondence.

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No. 2. ORDER THEREON, 1st November 1866, No. 3,478.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 1.

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1. The Orders of Government marginally noted, to which the Acting Superintending Engineer does not appear to have referred when writing to Colonel Wilson on the 9th August 1866 regarding the Rajahmundry Jail,

finally dispose of several of the questions mooted in Colonel Moberly's letter. That Officer will observe that the building of two new barracks of five wards each in Sections A and C on the plan signed by Captain Ryves, and the position which the new work-sheds and cook-rooms are to occupy, have been definitively settled. The meaning of paragraph 5 of the Acting Superintending Engineer's letter is not clear, inasmuch as the position and dimensions of the office and stores are distinctly indicated on Captain Ryves' plan, and are now also shown in pencil on that which bears Colonel Moberly's signature. As regards the hospital, Colonel Moberly should have seen that in placing the special and ordinary wards for males under the same roof, but separated from each other by a wall, Captain Ryves was guided by the Standard Plan proposed by the Committee on Central Jails, and approved and circulated by the Government. He should have further perceived that Captain Ryves' plan provided a barrack to accommodate boys.

2. The Government approve of the arrangements which Colonel Wilson suggests in paragraph 3 in connection with the plan of the guard-rooms; and as the erection of two general ranges of cook-rooms in lieu of separate kitchens appears advisable, they authorize the Superintending Engineer to execute the work if the original intention of appropriating a portion of the work-sheds to the purpose has not already been carried out. The attention of that Officer will be drawn to paragraph 5 of Colonel Wilson's letter regarding cisterns.

3. The Government cannot refrain from pointing out that had Colonel Moberly made himself acquainted with the several orders of Government relating to the Jail at Rajahmundry, he would have spared himself the trouble of making suggestions on points which had been already definitively disposed of, and would have avoided occasioning the delay in the prosecution of the work which references on such points entail.

(True Extract.)



Colonel, R. E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, with two Plans and one Sketch.

" Judicial Department.

" Inspector General of Jails, with two original letters.

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