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8th November 1866.

No. 90. Read the following letter from the Inspector General of Jails, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Ootacamund, 31st October 1866, No. 92.

With reference to the 2nd paragraph of the Order of Government noted in the margin, I have the honor to report that, as I found I could not proceed to Cannanore before the middle of next month, without serious inconvenience, owing to the amount of office work in hand, I placed myself in communication with Colonel Walker on the subject of the temporary Jail at that place, and I annex a copy of his reply, from which it will be seen that the postponement of my visit will not cause any delay in proceeding with the work.

2. With regard to the advantage of substituting palisading for partition walls in the Jails, which is suggested in paragraph 10 of the Order above quoted, I am of opinion that palisading would not constitute a sufficiently effective separation of the compartments, and I would prefer a wall of $7\frac{1}{2}$, or even of 7, feet to any palisades. I may here mention that I think it advisable that the inner circle of palisading round the Warder Tower should not be lower than 10 feet, as recommended by the Committee on the plan of Central Jail. The Central Jail at Coimbatore is defective in this respect, for, whereas the radial walls are needlessly high, the central ring of palisading is only $6\frac{1}{2}$ feet high, and the wall at the outer ends of the compartments very little, if at all, higher, so that the extra height of the radial walls may be said to be thrown away.

3. I regret that in my observations concerning the Guard-rooms I should not have been sufficiently explicit. I did not mean to recommend verandahs for those buildings, unless the climate required such additions, as in the case of the Wards where they were considered essential by Colonel Walker (vide paragraph 2 of his letter, published with the Proceedings of Government, dated 5th October 1866.) My reason for suggesting that the verandahs, or, in their absence, the windows of the Guard-room should be grated, was the following:—If these apertures are not secured, there will be a means of entering the Jail through the Guard-room, as well as through the outer gate. It is true that the room in question will be in the occupation of the guard, and that the passage of unauthorized persons through it, either into or out of the Jail, is not a very likely contingency, but it would be as well to guard against the possibility. If no verandahs are needed, the expense of grating the windows will be trifling, and even that of putting iron bars to the verandahs would be inconsiderable, with reference to the advantage which would be gained thereby in case of need.

From Lieutenant Colonel G. W. WALKER, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, to the Inspector General of Jails; dated Coimbatore, 27th October 1866, No. 130.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 786, of 26th October, giving cover to a Memorandum of temporary accommodation required at the Central Jail site at Cannanore, &c. My arrangements are perfected for proceeding to Calicut on the 29th instant, and from thence to Cannanore about the 5th proximo, but I shall probably be able to meet you at

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Cannanore any time within a fortnight after the latter date; if not, the Range Officer will be instructed to meet you. Meanwhile, I have made every arrangement with him for construction of the temporary Jail, and will supplement the same in conformity with your Memorandum of accommodation required.

2. I agree with you in preferring stone walls 7 or 7½ feet high between compartments to any palisading.

No. 91. ORDER THEREON, 8th November 1866, No. 1765.

Under the explanation afforded, the Governor in Council will not object to the construction of partition walls of the height proposed, instead of palisading, for separating the compartments. The grating of the windows of the Guard-rooms is also sanctioned.

(True Extract).

Secretary to Government.

To the Inspector General of Jails,
„ Public Works Department.

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To the Insp. Genl. of Jails,
" P. W. Department