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No. 19. Read the following letter from Colonel A. J. M. BOILEAU, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 23rd November 1866, No. 3284.

I have the honor to forward correspondence as per margin, and to request that the Government will be pleased to authorize the demolition of such portions of the Hospital attached to the old Barracks in the Fort of Vellore as are not occupied by Pensioners, as the materials will be very useful in enabling the Assistant Engineer to hut in the convicts at the site of the new Central Jail.

Enclosures 3.
1 Letter, No 2709, dated 22nd October 1866, from the Superintending Engineer, to the Officer Commanding Vellore.
1 Do. No. 507, dated 20th November 1866, from the Officer Commanding Vellore, to the Superintending Engineer, with enclosure.
1 Do. No. 162, dated 16th November 1866, from the Assistant Engineer, Vellore Range, to the Superintending Engineer.

2. It is the old Barrack, not the Hospital, that is required by the Inspector General of Jails to be handed over to him, to be converted into a Jail.

From the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, to the Officer Commanding Vellore; dated 22nd October 1866, No. 2709.

As the Executive Engineer reports that many of the materials of the old Hospital attached to the old Barracks in the Fort of Vellore will be useful to aid in the construction of the Central Jail at that station, I have the honor to request you will be good enough to give me permission to remove such portions of the Hospital as are not occupied by Pensioners, or that you will kindly forward this letter to the Quarter Master General of the Army, with a view to obtaining his sanction to the removal of the materials.

From the Officer Commanding Vellore, to the Superintending Engineer, 4th Divison; dated Vellore, 20th November 1866, No. 507.

With reference to your letter, No. 2709, dated 22nd October 1866, I have the honor to forward, for your information, the enclosed copy of letter, as per margin, from the Deputy Quarter Master General, Fort Saint George, to my address.

No. 8915, dated 14th November 1866.

From the Deputy Quarter Master General, to the Officer Commanding Vellore; dated Fort Saint George, 14th November 1866, No. 8915.

In reply to your letter, No. 494, of the 12th instant, I have the honor to inform you that His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief has sanctioned Colonel Boileau's requisition (as received with your letter, No. 459, dated 26th October), "to remove such portions of the old Hospital as "are not occupied by Pensioners, to aid in the construction of a Central Jail at Vellore;" but as the Inspector General of Jails now applies for the buildings for other purposes, I am directed to request you will inform the Joint Magistrate and the Superintending Engineer that such portions of the Hospital as are not occupied by Pensioners can be handed over, not being required for any Military purpose, but it will remain with Government to decide in what manner they shall be disposed of.

From the Assistant Engineer, Vellore Range, to the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division; dated Arcot, 16th November 1866, No. 162.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your Memorandum, enclosing, in original, Orders of Government, No. 3581, dated 8th instant, relative to pushing on with the Hutting for Convicts on the Vellore Central Jail site, and the furnishing of estimate for converting old Barracks in Vellore Fort into a Jail. I had a demi-official note from Colonel Wilson, dated 9th instant, in-

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quiring when the Hutting would be ready to receive drafts from Chittoor and Nellore Jails. Up to the present, the whole available thatching material to be obtained in Vellore and neighbourhood, consisting of "manjam" grass, I have bought up ; but this only suffices for thatching huts for 100 men ;—about this thatching material alone is there any difficulty. My requisition to the Vellore Tahsildar for cadjan leaves only resulted in a supply of about 1000, brought three weeks ago, whereas the amount I require is near 50,000, so that I have given up all idea of thatching with palmyra leaves. If Government gave sanction to demolish or de-roof the old Hospital in the Fort, I might—in fact, could—use the tiles for my huts. I venture to doubt whether it would be a wise proceeding at present, even supposing the huts ready, to locate the convicts on the ground. The first rain of the North East Monsoon fell yesterday, and has continued falling steadily without a moment's intermission up to this evening. Colonel Wilson requires, in addition to the mere Convicts and Policemen's huts, an Hospital, Huts for Warders, Jailer, Stores, Apothecary. In my reply to his note before referred to, I inquired whether, if Hutting alone for 100 men and Policemen be ready, a Hospital, Store, and Apothecary's Huts would be necessary. I have not yet received his answer. My difficulties hitherto, owing to the inclement weather since end of September, regarding the Hutting question, have been great, and I thus write to have the same placed on record. My Assistant, Syed Esoof, is at Vellore, doing his utmost in the matter of obtaining materials for huts, and has begun upon the walls, which by this time must be nearly complete for a hundred men ; but, apart from the materials of the old Hospital, my prospects of obtaining others are not very bright. I would, accordingly, beg that permission for obtaining the said materials may be obtained from Government with all speed.

Referred to the Judicial Department, with reference to the Orders in that Department, No. 1746, dated the 5th November 1866.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
27*th November* 1866.

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

No. 20. ORDER THEREON, 5th December 1866, No. 1903.

The Governor in Council authorizes the demolition of such portions of the Hospital attached to the old Barracks in the Vellore Fort as are not occupied by Pensioners, in view to the materials being used towards the construction of temporary Hutting for prisoners on the site of the projected Central Jail ; but the Superintending Engineer should first satisfy himself, in communication with the Inspector General of Jails, that the buildings are not wanted for any other purpose.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

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

Exd. J. H. Burns.

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