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Read the following papers :—

No. 38. From the Superintending Engineer, 6th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department ; dated Tanjore, 5th April 1866, No. 2124.

I have the honor, with reference to G. O., No. 877, dated 16th June 1865, to forward the undermentioned Reports, Plans, and Estimates.

Judicial Department.
Enclosures 8.

2. The Report of the Committee for improving the Jail at Trichinopoly has it appears, been already forwarded to Government by the late Superintendent of the Jail at that Station. The estimates and plans of the alterations and improvements proposed are herewith forwarded, they have been examined in this office.

3. The Report of the Committee on the Tranquebar Jail shews that a Jail garden can be formed by the prisoners, and plans and estimates of the solitary cells proposed by Messrs. Ellis and Rohde, and approved by the Committee, are enclosed, they reached me only yesterday, and hence the delay in the submission of the Reports.

4. The works proposed by the Committee at Tanjore have already been carried out at the cost of the Ranee, to whom the building used as a Jail belongs, the estimate adverted to in the last paragraph of the Report is not therefore forwarded.

5. Dr. Ranking, the Medical Officer, who is a Member of the Committee for the selection of a site for the Central Jail at Trichinopoly not having the means of conducting a satisfactory analysis of the water obtained from a well excavated on the site proposed, six bottles of water have been forwarded to the Chemical Examiner at Madras, and as soon as his Report is received, that on the site proposed for the Central Jail will be submitted.

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Report of the Committee held at Tranquebar, with reference to Orders of Government in paragraph 5 of their Proceedings, dated 16th June 1865, No. 877.

The Committee are required to report how far the suggestions made by the Inspector General of Jails, and the President of the Sanitary Commission, are, in their opinion, sufficient to meet the requirements of the Jail now under consideration, and whether any further improvements, alterations, or additions are necessary.

2. After a thorough inspection of the whole Jail, the Committee, upon mature consideration, are of opinion, that considering the generally healthy state of the prisoners, and the very peculiar position and construction of the Jail buildings, which are situated in the old Dutch Fort, no important alterations or improvements are either practicable or advisable.

3. The suggestion made by Messrs. Rohde and Ellis regarding a Jail garden can be easily carried out, as there is a plot of ground adjacent to the southern wall of the Jail, which formerly afforded a good supply of vegetables; and should more ground be required, the Committee have selected a suitable plot in the garden attached to the Civil Dispensary.

4. The Committee concur with the Commissioners, in their opinion, that two solitary cells are required in the Tranquebar Jail, they have accordingly selected a suitable site for the erection of those buildings, and plans and estimates for the same will be prepared and shortly submitted by the Executive Engineer.

TRANQUEBAR,
7th November 1865.

(Signed) R. G. CLARKE,
Civil and Session Judge, and at date of G. O., in charge of the Jail.
(Signed) J. MURRAY, M. D.,
Medical Officer, at present Superintendent of the Jail.
(Signed) J. CASTED, Captain, R. E.,
Executive Engineer.

Report of the Committee convened at Tanjore under paragraph 5 of G. O., No. 877, dated 16th June 1865.

The Inspector General of Jails and the President of the Sanitary Commission having reported that no alteration is required in the Jail at Tanjore, the Committee are required to state, after an examination of the building, whether they are of the same opinion.

After a thorough inspection of the Jail, and taking into consideration the fact that a new Jail has been sanctioned, and that the present Jail is in a hired building, the Committee are of opinion that only the following works should be carried out.

The drainage of the Jail enclosure : this is necessary owing to the Debtors-room, and the Store-room being about 2' below the level of the ground on which the Jail stands.

The formation of air holes in the roof of the women's Jail which is now badly ventilated.

The supply of batten shutters to the Hospital windows, which are now provided with bars only, and wind and rain cannot be excluded.

The repair of the cook-room, the roof of which is in very bad order.

Raising the walls of the Smith's shop (a temporary building).

Cleaning two wells and raising their parapets, they are now dangerous, particularly to prisoners with chains.

Raising two small portions of the wall where it is very low.

These works are regarded as absolutely necessary, and they are provided for in the enclosed estimate of Rupees 440, from this Rupees 210 may be deducted as the value of convict labor, leaving Rupees 230 to be sanctioned.

(Signed) J. ROSS, M. D.,
Supt. of Jail and Medical Officer.

TANJORE, 11*th December* 1865. (Signed) R. F. OAKES, Captain, R. E.,
Superintending Engineer, 6th Division.

Referred to the Judicial Department.

FORT SAINT GEORGE, (Signed) C. A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
14*th April* 1866. *Secretary to Government.*

Referred to the Inspector General of Jails, for his remarks.

FORT SAINT GEORGE, (Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
10*th April* 1866. *Chief Secretary.*

No. 39. From the Inspector General of Jails, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George ; dated Madras, 23rd April 1866, No. 1058.

I have the honor to return the Reports of the Committees upon the District Jails of Tanjore and Tranquebar, together with a Plan and Estimate for constructing two Solitary Cells at the last mentioned place.

2. The Building at Tanjore, at present used as a Jail, is the property of the Ranee, and the trifling improvements recommended by the Committee having already been carried out by her orders, no futher remark is required.

3. The Committee at Tranquebar concur with Messrs. Rohde and Ellis in the opinion that no important alteration is practicable or advisable. They report that a piece of ground adjacent to the Jail is suitable for a garden, and that they have selected a site for the two Solitary Cells required.

4. The plan of these cells, may, I think, be altered with advantage. The size given is eight feet square ; whereas a superficial area of 100 square feet, and cubical space of 1000, is necessary. The verandah may be dispensed with, and converted into a privy according to the Trichinopoly plan, the entrance into the cell being also altered. The mode of ventilation, as shewn in the Tranquebar plan, appears to be good.

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3rd May 1866.

No. 40. ORDER THEREON, 3rd May 1866, No. 674.

The recommendations made in the foregoing letter from the Inspector General of Jails are approved.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Public Works Department, with a Plan and Estimate.
„ Inspector General of Jails.

Exd. R. H. Lee.

From Insp. Engr 6th Dr. Dated 5 April 1866 No 2124
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Order thereon 3d May 1866 No 674.

The recommendations made in the foregoing letter from the Inspector General of Jails are approved

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