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Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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3rd May 1866.

Read the following papers:—

No. 50. From the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works; dated Coimbatore, 10th January 1866, No. 231.

In reporting, after personal examination, on the subject of the Tellicherry Jail, I commence by noting the following Extracts of the Report printed with G. O., No. 877, of 16th June, relating to the same:—

“All but the wards on the sea face are unfit for the use of prisoners, but when the long sentenced prisoners are removed, sufficient and proper accommodation can be provided for prisoners under short sentence.

“Number of prisoners the Jail is capable of containing according to minimum standard of 648 cubic feet and 36 superficial feet per man, 134.

“Number hereafter to be accommodated, including those under trial and civil debtors, 85.”

2. The Judge, (then in charge of the Jail,) the Civil Surgeon, and the Assistant Executive Engineer in charge of Cannanore Range, appear to have met in Committee on the 15th July; but kept no formal record of their proceedings, intending to report when their plans for the new Jail were drawn up. But all that they had projected was to no purpose, owing to their having provided for 85 prisoners *besides* instead of *including* those under trial and civil debtors, which oversight had led them to contemplate alterations and additions involving very unnecessary expense.

3. Whereas it appears that 36 men can be accommodated in the existing Cells, Nos. 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, and 13, at 6 men to each, and 10 men in Cell No. 10, without alterations, Nos. 5 and 6 will hold 13 men each; and Nos. 2 and 3 knocked into one, or only separated by gratings, and with grated openings for ventilation in front and rear, will accommodate 40 more; making a total of 99, or 14 in excess of the stipulated number. The demolition of Cells Nos. 1 and 4, and the digging out of the earthen rampart on their north side, being all the work required.

4. In fact little but demolition, shewn by yellow colors in the plan, will provide all the necessary wards, the Police Guard-house, and the Jailor's office; the existing Guard-house and office being converted into a Hospital, with an extra room for Surgery, and extra verandahs. Latrine accommodation, both general and for the sick, to be provided as marked in the plan. As much of the work can be done by convict labor, and much old material will be made available from the demolitions, these alterations, which have all been discussed and agreed upon with the Civil Surgeon in charge of the Jail, should not cost much. Exact estimate will be made after receipt of the orders of Government on the subject.

Referred to the Judicial Department.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
16th January 1866.

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

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Referred to the Inspector General of Jails, for his remarks.
FORT SAINT GEORGE, (Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
31st March 1866. Chief Secretary.

No. 51. From the Inspector General of Jails, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 17th April 1866, No. 1032.

I have the honor to return the Report of the Superintending Engineer on the Jail at Tellicherry, together with the plan referred to me on the 3rd instant.

2. It is stated in the Report that accommodation has been provided for 99 persons; but the correct number appears to be 112, distributed as follows, viz.,

Six Wards, each to contain	6 persons.....	36
One " "	10 "	10
Two " "	13 "	26
Two " one for 22 and one for 18	"	40
Total...		112

It has been calculated that the number of prisoners likely to be confined in this Jail, after the erection of the Central prisons, will not exceed 85; but I would not diminish the accommodation above specified, as it is already in existence.

3. Solitary Cells have not been provided; two of these are required and may be placed on the Flag-Staff Bastion.

4. The space between the General and Special Hospital assigned for a privy is rather confined, and the Medical Officer concurs with me in thinking that this building should be further removed from the Hospital. I would place it on the site of the present workshop, which is to come down.

5. The construction of the Jail does not admit of the effectual separation of the different classes of prisoners, and as it is not proposed to erect any new buildings, this defect will not be remedied by the alterations proposed. On the 1st March last, there were only three women in the Jail, and the number seldom exceeds eight. They are at present confined in the room intended for the office, and the debtors occupy the ward to the south; these two classes are, therefore, separated from the others to a greater extent than they will be, if the alterations are carried out according to the plan. If a small Hospital for special cases is erected on the Flag-Staff Bastion, neither the office nor female ward need be interfered with, and the debtors and prisoners under trial may be placed in wards Nos. 1 and 2, leaving nine for the accommodation of convicts.

6. If, on consideration of the very small number of females, it should be thought unnecessary to incur any extra expense on their account, they may be confined in Cell No. 13, at the southern end of the line, and immediately under the observation of the guard.

No. 52. ORDER THEREON, 3rd May 1866, No. 682.

The Governor in Council concurs in the opinion of the Inspector General of Jails that the accommodation actually available in the District Jail at Tellicherry should not be diminished.

2. Provision should be made for the erection of two Solitary Cells which, as Colonel Wilson suggests, may be placed on the Flag-Staff Bastion.

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3. The suggestion made by the Inspector General in the 4th paragraph of his letter, that the privy which it is proposed to erect between the General and Special Hospital should be placed on the site of the present workshop, is approved.

4. The female prisoners can, as a general rule, be confined in Cell No. 13, as suggested in the last paragraph of Colonel Wilson's letter.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Public Works Department, with a plan.
,, Inspector General of Jails.

Exd. J. Wright.

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From the Sup^g Engineer's Office
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