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No. 55. From the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Coimbatore, 9th January 1866, No. 225.

I have the honor to submit, for approval, a plan* of a new Jail at Calicut, designed by Mr. Sub-Engineer Bailey and myself to suit the site approved in G. O., No. 1269 of 8th September, or rather to suit an extension of that site; for I found on inspection that the Committee had not allowed for quite enough ground, and I recommend that all within the sunk fence, shown at the back of the Jail plan, be taken up.

* By Bangby.

2. The design comprises—

1. Six main wards, each 48×18, to hold 24 prisoners, and opening into six separate yards, in double blocks radiating from a central court, with verandahs all round, to be used by the guard as work-sheds, and for cooking according to position. Privy and well in each yard.
2. Accommodation for the sick: for Females, for Juveniles, for Europeans and East Indians, in four separate yards, with out-offices complete.
3. Four solitary cells opening into two separate yards.
4. A guard house, with Jailer's office above.
5. Quarters for Jailer, Dressers, and Warders, with Store-rooms on the lower plateau in front of and outside the Jail itself.

3. Although the design has been made out before receipt of the standard plans received with G. O., No. 3760 of 13th December, I am hopeful that it will meet with approval, as being suitable to the site and climate of Calicut, in which case it should be returned to be estimated from. Every tree and hut existing on the ground is shown in the Survey whereon the Jail plan is laid out, and the amount to be paid for compensation will be entered in the estimate when known.

Referred to the Judicial Department.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
16*th January* 1866.

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

Referred to the Inspector General of Jails for his remarks.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
31*st March* 1866.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

No. 56. From the Inspector General of Jails, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 6th April 1866, No. 985.

I have the honor to return the plan of the proposed new District Jail at Calicut, together with the letter from the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, referred to me on the 3rd instant, and I herewith forward a Memorandum containing remarks thereon.

2. Colonel Walker suggests the purchase of an additional piece of ground, and I certainly think it desirable that Government should possess the means of preventing the erection of huts or other buildings close to the Jail walls.

Remarks upon the Plan of a New District Jail for Calicut, to contain 120 *Prisoners.*

Accommodation provided.

6 Wards, each to contain 24 Male convicts, at 36 feet of superficial area, and 648 feet of cubical space per man	144
1 Ward for Europeans or East Indians at the same rate	11
3 Do. for Females, 2 in each	6
3 Do. for Juveniles, 2 in each...	6
Total..	167

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,

3rd *May* 1866.

Hospital.—One ward for 12 and another for 6 patients at 54 feet superficial area, and 972 of cubical space each. Besides this there is a separate building of two wards, each 12 feet square for special cases.

On the 1st March 1866, 33 debtors and 12 prisoners under trial were confined in the Jail at this station. The number of debtors is unusually large, that of prisoners under trial is about the average. For the accommodation of these two classes I would recommend a barrack of three wards, each to contain 15 persons. This barrack to be in lieu of that shown in the northern compartment.

The Female and Juvenile wards measure 12 × 8 × 15, by which dimensions something appears to be lost. Wards 12 × 10 × 15 would accommodate three persons at 40 feet superficial area, and 600 feet of cubical space to each.

Solitary Cells.—These appear to be 12 × 8 × 15, which would give 96 feet of superficial area, and 1440 feet of cubical space ; 100 superficial and 1000 cubic are the dimensions recommended by the Indian Jail Committee. If there is no building difficulty in the way, I would adhere to these latter dimensions.

Work-sheds.—It is proposed that labor should be carried on in the verandahs built to protect the sides of the barracks. This arrangement would not, under ordinary circumstances, meet with the approval of the Government of India, judging from the remarks upon the plan for Central Jails in this Presidency, but in a Jail built on an elevated site close to the Coast, and open to the sea-breeze, the objection loses much force. Under any circumstances, the verandahs are necessary, and should it turn out that they cannot be used as work-sheds, other buildings may then be erected.

Cook-rooms.—No sections of these are given. The present situation is, I think, objectionable. No doubt in a place where it rains for months together there would be a certain advantage in having cook-rooms under the same roof with the barracks, but I should prefer separate cook-sheds in each yard.

Privies.—These ought to be of the plan forwarded by the Government of India along with letter No. 130C, dated 7th February 1866.

Roadways to Hospital and European Barrack.—One end, if not both ends of these ought to be secured by a gate.

The Female and Juvenile barracks are separated by palisading. I would prefer a wall—outer wall and bastions. I do not understand these. No section is given. It would seem that the bastions are accessible by steps leading from the yards, from which they are not fenced off in any way. This would never do.

Quarters for Dresser and Warders.—I must make further inquiry before expressing any opinion regarding these buildings, but as they are quite of a subsidiary nature, I have not thought it necessary to delay the submission of this report.

No. 57. ORDER THEREON, 3rd May 1866, No. 684.

The Governor in Council concurs in the remarks of the Inspector General, on the plan of the Jail referred to in the foregoing letters. The necessary orders will be issued in the Department of Public Works.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

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

Exd. J. Tulloch,

Read letter from the Supdt Engineer, 3d Division - Mars Pub Works Deptt. 29 January 1866 No 225.
From the Inspector General of Jails. 26 April 1866. No 985.

Order thereon. 3d May 1866 No 684.

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To the Inspr Genl of Jails.
— Pub. Wor. Deptt } dated 9/5