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Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
4th May 1866.*

Read the following papers:—

No. 63. From the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department; dated Cuddapah, 11th January 1866, No. 190.

With reference to G. O., No. 3760 of the 13th ultimo, desiring me to submit the report on the site selected for the Central Jail at Bellary, I have the honor to in-

* Copy herewith forwarded and marked A. form you that the Committee submitted this Report* to the Acting Inspector

General of Jails, on the 17th August last. The Acting Inspector General of Jails considered the distance of the wells from the site recommended as a serious objection; but after careful consideration, the Committee were of opinion that

Marked B.

no better site could be found, and I again transmitted the Survey of the ground showing on it the levels of the different parts, with a letter, a copy of which I herewith submit.

2. The site that we selected is on a water-shed between two nullahs, and the ground near these nullahs is covered with date-palm trees. The wells there are at a little distance, and the presence of the date-palm trees in great numbers, showing that there is moisture in the soil, led the Committee to consider that water would be procurable if wells were sunk to a good depth.

3. The Committee had no other method of forming an opinion on the matter, which can only be conclusively settled by going to the expense of sinking a well.

A

Report on the ground proposed as a site for a Central Jail at Bellary.

The ground selected by us, and which we consider the most suitable in the neighbourhood for a central Jail, lies in the west side of the road from Bellary to Bangalore, and between the 2nd and 3rd mile stones. The soil is a light loam, for about 1 foot in depth, superimposed on what we believe is called, pegmatitic veins of quartz and felspar, with rock of a granitic formation below; the site is well raised with a good slope towards both north and south.

2. The spot marked A we consider to be the most eligible site; but more ground of the same nature is available to the west; as no information is given of the quantity of ground required we have not marked out the site.

3. The only difficulty that may be anticipated is a deficiency in the supply of water; but, as may be seen on a reference to the plan, there is a well at B, and there are several wells about a mile off, along the course of the nullah lying to the north. The line of canal proposed by the Irrigation and Canal Company passes near the site we have selected, and when constructed would remove all fear of any deficiency of water.

4. The prevailing winds are west and north-west from March to November, and east and south-east during the remaining months.

(Signed) A. HATHAWAY.

(„) J. PETERKIN.

(„) A. S. MOBERLY.

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From the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, to the Inspector General of Jails; dated Bellary, 17th October 1865, No. 1409.

With reference to the last paragraph of your letter, dated 21st August last, I have the honor to return the Survey of the ground which we consider the most eligible for the Central Jail, and have marked thereon the space that will be required, as stated in paragraph 1 of your letter.

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2. The levels are all calculated with reference to the bed of the nullah which passes under the bridge in the 2nd mile of the road from Bellary to Bangalore.
3. I feel sure that water is to be found along the nullah near L, and could be easily conveyed within the Jail walls.
4. The road to the west passes direct to the Cowl Bazaar and Cavalry Lines, and it is seldom, if ever, that the nullahs are impassable on these occasions, the carts could easily pass to the trunk road and then round to the bazaar.
5. After a careful examination of the country round Bellary, I feel satisfied that the site we have chosen is the most eligible.

Referred to the Judicial Department.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
16th January 1866.

(Signed) C. A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secy. to Govt., P. W. D.

Referred to the Inspector General of Jails, who will submit his remarks on this letter and its enclosures at an early date.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
22nd January 1866.

(Signed) C. G. WALKER,
Under Secretary

No. 64. From the Inspector General of Jails, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 29th March 1866, No. 954.

I have the honor to return the Report of the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, on the site selected for the Central Jail at Bellary, together with the enclosures, which were referred to this Department on the 22nd January 1866.

2. On the 11th August 1865, I called the attention of the Superintending Engineer to the Order of Government, noted in the margin, and on the 21st idem, I received the original of the Re-

Judicial Department, 16th June 1865, No. 877.

port marked A; but as it appeared from paragraph 3 that a deficiency in the supply of water might be anticipated, I called for further information on this point on the 21st August, and on the 22nd I again wrote requesting that unless water could be procured on the site marked A. on the plan, or close to it, some other site should be sought for.

3. The next communication was the original of the enclosure B, in which the Superintending Engineer states that he feels sure that water is to be found along the Nullah near L; that it could easily be conveyed into the Jail; and that he was satisfied that the site chosen was the most eligible. This letter was received by the late Inspector General by whom I had been relieved, and who on the 23rd October wrote to the Collector of Bellary calling for specific information upon the under-mentioned points:—

1. The quality of the water procurable from the well at B.
2. Whether the sub-soil, said to be felspar, was in a state of disintegration or otherwise.
3. Whether the neighbouring villages similarly situated were salubrious.
4. What advantages the site possessed over that to the east of the present Jail in the direction of Kurnool.

No answer having been received, Mr. Rohde wrote again on the 15th December calling attention to his former letter, and requesting an early reply; but I

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cannot find that any was sent; the next paper upon the subject being the Superintending Engineer's letter of the 11th January, No. 190, now under reference, and which leaves the question of the supply of water pretty much where it was in August last.

4. It has been recently ascertained by analysis at Madras that the water in the New Central Jail at Coimbatore is not fit for drinking purposes. It is thought that by sinking the well deeper there may be a chance of coming upon purer water, and it is therefore now being deepened under Colonel Walker's directions; but the success of this measure is uncertain. Such being our experience at Coimbatore, I deprecate the commencement of a costly building, so long as the plentiful and continuous supply of drinking water, either upon, or close to the selected site, remains a matter of doubt. The scantiness of water in the Cantonment of Bellary has, I have understood, upon more than one occasion, been the source of anxiety, and I believe that the character of the soil in the neighbourhood is much of the same kind as that in the Cantonment.

5. The enclosures received with the Order under reply are herewith returned, and copies of Mr. Rohde's letters of the 23rd October, and 15th December last are also forwarded.

From the Inspector General of Jails, to the Collector of Bellary: dated Ootacamund, 23rd October 1865, No. 419.

I have the honor to request that you will report on the quantity and quality of the water procurable from the well at B (marked on the Plan of ground proposed for the Central Jail), the Report should refer to the state of the water at the dry as well as at the present season.

2. I have further to request information as to the sub-soil stated to be felspar, whether it is in a state of disintegration, or otherwise; also as to the reputed salubrity of villages in the neighbourhood similarly situated, and what are the advantages of this locality over that to the east of the present Jail in the direction of Kurnool, which seems in many respects more convenient.

From the Inspector General of Jails, to the Collector of Bellary: dated Ootacamund, 15th December 1865, No. 641.

I have the honor to call your attention to my letter of the 23rd October last, No. 419, and to request an early reply thereto. The Government, in approving of the Plans submitted for Central Jails, require further information regarding the site selected for Bellary, and of the supply of water; and as my letter above referred to bears on this subject, I request you will be good enough to favor me with the information solicited.

Vide Proceedings of the 9th instant, No. 1761.

No. 65. ORDER THEREON, 4th May 1866, No. 687.

The Governor in Council concurs in the opinion of the Inspector General of Jails that it is by no means clear, from the papers above recorded, that there will be a plentiful and continuous supply of good water on the site proposed for the projected Central Jail at Bellary; and adverting to the greater expensiveness of building at Bellary, owing to the difficulty of procuring timber, His Excellency in Council is disposed to revert to the original project of building a Central Jail at Vellore, where there is a good site, with a plentiful supply of water, and where the cost of building will be considerably less than at Bellary. Vellore is already connected

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by Rail with Cuddapah, and by the time the Jail is built it is probable that the Railway will be completed to Bellary, or if not to Bellary, certainly to Ghooty.

2. Under these circumstances, the Governor in Council resolves that the project of building a Central Jail at Bellary shall be abandoned, at all events for the present, and that estimates shall be at once prepared for the erection of such a Jail at Vellore, on the site marked *a a a* on the Plan B, recommended by Lieutenant Colonel Wilson in his letter of the 16th August last, recorded in the Proceedings of Government of the 8th September 1865, No. 1276. In preparing the estimates the Superintending Engineer will adopt the standard plan which has been already approved by Government.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

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

Exd. R. H. Lee.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department.
3th May 1866.*

No. 248. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Judicial Department :—

Directing the abandonment of the project of building a Central Jail at Bellary, for the present, and calling for estimates for the construction of one at Vellore. } Here enter 4th May 1866, No. 687.)

No. 249. ORDER THEREON, 8th May 1866, No. 1,496.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 27.

1. Communicated to the Superintending Engineers of the 3rd and 4th Divisions for information and guidance.

2. Colonel Boileau's particular attention will be called to the orders in paragraph 2.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division.
,, Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, with five plans,
with G. O. No. 3,760 of 1865, and Judicial Proceedings No. 1,761 of 1865. *all*

P.W. No. 1411 of 1866

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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thru Public Works Deptt 2/11 January 1866 No 190

From the Inspector Genl of Sails. 2/29 March - " - " 951.

Order thereon 4th May 1866 No 687.

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Report of the Secretary of the
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