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Read the following papers :—

No. 235. From the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Fort Saint George; dated Bellary, 28th April 1866, No. 278.

With reference to paragraph 6 of G. O. No. 877, of 16th June 1865, I have the honor to submit the Plan of the Jail at Kurnool, with the Report of the Committee assembled there. I have personally inspected the Jail at Kurnool, and find the wards low, some being only 10 and others 12 feet high.

2. If the minimum superficial area of 36 square feet per man be allowed, the accommodation in wards Nos. 1 to 4 would be sufficient for 60 men; but with the minimum cubical space of 648 feet, there is only accommodation for 40 men in these four wards. Again taking wards Nos. 5 to 8, it will be found that by superficial area there is space for 52 men; whereas the cubical space allows of only 28 men.

3. I cannot think that it is a good plan to have so many small wards, and consider that it would be better to raise the walls so as to obtain an average height of 15 feet, and which would admit of accommodation for 96 convicts, a larger number than is proposed to be retained at Kurnool.

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4. The plan I would propose is to raise the middle wall to 18 feet, leaving openings near the top for ventilation, and the outer walls to 12 feet, and thus the average of 15 feet would be obtained. I would adopt the style of roof shown on Section through A. B. of old ward, with the addition of a ridge ventilator.

5. The present female and civil debtors' wards should, in my opinion, be removed, as they are leaning against the outer wall of the Jail, and some of the other wards could, I think, be set apart for them, with working yards attached.

From Major J. FLINT, Executive Engineer in charge of Kurnool Range, and Assistant Surgeon J. KEESS, M. D., Civil Surgeon and Superintendent of Jail, Kurnool, to the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, Bellary; dated Kurnool, 20th November 1865, No. 35.

Agreeably to Government Order, of 16th June 1865, we have the honor to submit our Report upon the Kurnool Jail.

2. Since the publication of the above Order, four additional sleeping wards have been built by the prisoners, at a cost of 500 Rupees. Each ward is 55 feet long, 9 broad, and 10 high. Its front wall is loop-holed along its entire length, and so is one end, as represented in the accompanying plan. There are six roof ventilators in each ward. The four new wards are well ventilated, and afford accommodation for 66 prisoners, at 300 cubic feet per man.

3. On the 20th November 1865, there were in all 337 prisoners, arranged under the following Classes :—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Convicted	238	14	252
Security	4	...	4
Simple	4	...	4
Under trial	55	7	62
Insane	4	...	4
Civil Debtors	11	...	11
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4. Two hundred prisoners are, at present, locked up in the eight sleeping wards; 21 women occupy the female wards; eight civil debtors are lodged in a separate ward; and the hospital has room for only eight sick prisoners—making a total of 237 prisoners provided with suitable accommodation. The remaining 100 prisoners sleep in four tents pitched in the Jail compound.

5. Seeing that four sleeping wards, in two blocks, were built by the prisoners at the small cost of 500 Rupees, this Committee begs to recommend that four other sleeping wards, in two blocks, on the same plan as those recently built, only somewhat higher, be erected on the spot marked A in the plan. There will then be room for 266 convicted prisoners, at 300 cubic feet per man. Should the number of prisoners be reduced, each man can then have increased cubic space.

6. When the Central Jail at Bellary is ready, the number of prisoners in the Kurnool District Jail will be reduced to 100; but as the Central Jail is not likely to be ready for some years, the Committee beg to recommend that additional accommodation, at a cost of 600 Rupees, be provided, in the mean time, for the prisoners who now sleep in tents.

7. The Committee are not able to find a suitable site for a new Jail, within a reasonable distance from the town of Kurnool. There is high ground between the Canal and Race course, but this is open to two objections. It is to windward of the station during the south-west monsoon, and will be unfavorably situated with regard to the town should cholera break out in the Jail; and, during the north-east monsoon, the breeze will blow across the town before it reaches the Jail. Secondly, should water fail in the Irrigation Company's canal, the prisoners will have to go a great distance for water.

8. There is a piece of open ground, on the south side of the Hindry, quite out of the town, and not far from the Collector's Cutcherry, which the Committee would have recommended, had there not been a large tannery at a little distance to the east. During the north-east monsoon, the offensive effluvia from the tannery are carried over this piece of ground by the north-east wind. The tannery is a large building, and it would cost too much to buy up.

9. Under these circumstances, the Committee have no alternative but to recommend that additional accommodation be provided for the prisoners in the present Jail.

Referred to the Judicial Department.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
7th May 1866.

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

Referred to the Inspector General of Jails.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
8th May 1866.

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

No. 236. From Lieutenant Colonel W. J. WILSON, Inspector General of Jails, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 12th May 1866, No. 7.

I have the honor to return the plan of the Jail at Kurnool, together with the Report of the Committee and the covering letter of the Superintending Engineer, which were referred to me on the 8th instant.

2. The Committee confine themselves to a single recommendation, viz., the erection of a new range of wards, similar to those at present existing, except that the walls are to be higher. The Superintending Engineer proposes to raise the walls of the present wards, and to provide Ridge ventilation. He also recommends that the wards occupied by debtors and females should be removed, because they are built against the enclosing wall.

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3. An addition to the accommodation of this Jail is very much required, as it has been crowded for some time past, and relief by transfer is not convenient; the nearest Jails, viz., Guntoor, Bellary, and Cuddapah, being generally too full to be made use of for that purpose. Some 90 or 100 convicts have been in tents for several months, but, as these are nearly worn out, it will soon be necessary either to add to the accommodation of the Jail, or to make a transfer, the effect of which latter measure will only be temporary; and I, therefore, believe that it is expedient to improve the present wards at once, and also to authorize the erection of a new Range. I would not interfere either with the female, or with the debtors' wards, as their removal would entail a diminution of the space available for male convicts which is already too limited.

4. I infer from the Superintending Engineer's letter that he proposes to tile all the wards, but no estimate has been forwarded, and I am therefore unable to form any opinion as to the comparative expense of tiling and terracing at Kurnool; but the four wards recently built, and which are terraced, cost the moderate sum of 500 Rupees, and if the same construction is adhered to after raising the walls, the wood work of the roofing will, I presume, be available.

5. In the new Range, I would recommend four wards of the following dimensions, viz., 60 × 11 × 15, with terraced roofs, as the materials for that construction appear to be procurable on the spot at a cheap rate, and the building may be erected by the convicts, under the supervision of the Public Works Department.

No. 237. ORDER THEREON, 23rd May 1866, No. 798.

The Governor in Council concurs in the opinion of the Inspector General of Jails, that it is expedient to improve the present wards in the Kurnool Jail at once, and to erect a new range.

2. The female and the debtors' wards should not be interfered with, for the reason given by Lieutenant Colonel Wilson.

3. The suggestions in paragraphs 4 and 5 of his letter should be attended to.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

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

Exd. J. H. Burns.

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From the Superintending Engineer III Division (Rec^d enter 28th April 1866 No 278)

Inspector General of Jails (— " — 12th May " No 7)

Order thereon 23rd May 1866 No 798.

The Governor in Council concurs in the opinion of the Inspector General of Jails that it is expedient to improve the present Wards in the Cuppoor Jail at once, and to ~~[illegible]~~ a new Range.

2 The Female and the Debtors' Wards should not be interfered with for the reason given by Lieutenant Colonel Wilson

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3 The suggestions in paragraphs 4 and 5 of his letter should be attended to.

To the Public Works Department
" Inspector Genl. of Jails
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