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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,

6th June 1866.

No. 81. Read the following letter from the Inspector General of Jails, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 17th May 1866, No. 10.

With reference to letter, No. 130 C., to your address, from the Secretary to Government of India, in the Department of Public Works, in which that Officer makes certain remarks on the plans of Central Jails, for the consideration of this Government, I have the honor to recapitulate these remarks *seriatim*, and to request you will favor me with the decision of Government upon each of the points raised.

2. It was intended to reserve a small space at the end of each Barrack as a night latrine and receptacle for dry earth. This idea was taken from the Central Jail at Bangalore, where the plan had been found perfectly successful. I have recently had an opportunity of conversing on this subject with Dr. Mackenzie, Deputy Inspector General of Hospitals, who informed me that, after careful observation, extended over a considerable period, he had come to the conclusion that the system was excellent and worthy of adoption. It appears to me to be preferable to the grating shown in the sketch herewith forwarded, and the success of which is not distinctly affirmed.

3. It is suggested that the Work-sheds should be placed outside the Barrack enclosures, in order that these may have a better opportunity of being purified, and it is mentioned that this method has been adopted by the Inspector General of Prisons, North-Western Provinces, in his last plans of Jails; but the size of these Jails is not stated. I herewith forward a plan of a Jail in the North-Western Provinces, intended for 500 prisoners, in which case the advantage of placing the Workshops beyond the inner enclosure is apparent, as the Barracks are not far from each other—the distances between the inner, central, and outer points of contiguous blocks being only 50, 100, and 150 feet respectively; but in the Madras plan the yards are more spacious, and the distances between the Barracks considerably greater, viz., 95, 220, and 330 feet at the points above specified, and the Barracks and Workshops are 90 feet apart at the nearest, and 200 feet at the farthest point. I have mentioned these particulars as the change in the position of the Workshops will involve additional expense to a certain extent.

4. The Barrack for females at Bangalore has a broad verandah in front, in which the women are employed in spinning, and other sedentary occupation. The same construction was adopted by the Committee on Central Jails, as being less expensive than a separate Workshop, for which there was scarcely sufficient room within the enclosure. However, if the outer enclosure of the Jail, is enlarged from 1200 feet square to 1280 feet square, in accordance with the Order of Government noted in the margin, a separate workshop may be built for the women, if considered necessary.

Judicial Department, 9th December 1865, No. 1761.

5. *Solitary Cells*.—The dimensions of these may be enlarged to 100 superficial, and 1000 cubic feet, according to the standard recommended by the Indian Jail Committee.

6. *Cells for Lunatics*.—It is stated that the provision of accommodation in Jails for Lunatics has been prohibited by the Government of India.

7. For juvenile offenders, I am decidedly in favor of a Barrack. To confine Native lads in separate cells all night would, in many cases, be a serious additional punishment.

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8. *Solitary Work Sheds.*—No remark required.

9. The plan of the Privy recommended by the Sanitary Commission for Bengal is enclosed. It is 98 feet long, and is meant for 36 persons. A Privy of this description has been in use at Bangalore for some time, and I am informed that a number of sweepers are required to keep it clean. The number of earthenware vessels which would be necessary in a large Jail is also an objection. The plan recently furnished by the Committee at Chittoor, and which accompanied my Report, dated 13th April, upon the Jail at that Station, appeared to me very good. It is simple and easily cleaned, consisting of two long parallel trenches, the bottoms of which are on a level with the surface of the ground, and the ends open, so that the filth can easily be removed. I would suggest that estimates of the cost of each description of Privy be prepared, and unless there is a material difference of expense in favor of the Bengal plan, that the other should be adopted. For a Central Jail the Privy ought not to be less than 200 feet in length.

10. I have no remark to make regarding the Hospital, the plan of which was approved of by the Medical member of the Committee.

11. *The Jailer's House.*—This is considered too large. Application shall be made to the Department of Public Works for a plan of quarters on a more limited scale.

12. The Madras plan of Central Jail is enclosed.

No. 82. ORDER THEREON, 6th June 1866, No. 906.

The Governor in Council does not think it advisable to depart from the plan of night latrine which has been adopted for the Central Jails in this Presidency, and which has been found to work admirably at Bangalore.

2. His Excellency in Council concurs in the opinion of the Inspector General, that, considering the ample space allowed for the yards in the Madras Central Jails, the erection of the Workshops between the Barracks is unobjectionable.

3. A separate Workshop for the female prisoners does not seem to be requisite. A broad verandah, similar to that in front of the Barrack for females at Bangalore, is all that is needed.

4. The dimensions of the Solitary Cells should be enlarged, as proposed in paragraph 5.

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6. His Lordship in Council entirely concurs in Colonel Wilson's objection to the confinement of juvenile offenders in separate cells.

7. The suggestions made in paragraphs 9 and 11 of the Inspector General's letter are approved.

(True Extract).

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Inspector General of Jails, with three Plans and
one Report, returned.

„ Public Works Department.

Erd. J. H. Burns.

Judicial Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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Recd letter 17th May 1866 No. 10.

Order thereon 6th June 1866 No. 906.

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To the Inspr Genl. of Jails. with 3 Papers & one Report.
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