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Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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No. 113. Read the following letter from the Honorable R. S. ELLIS, C. B., Sanitary Commissioner, Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 4th June 1866, No. 59.

I have the honor to report that I, this day, inspected the prison known as the Grand Jail.

2. This prison is now used only as a Civil Jail for the confinement of debtors—Europeans, East Indians, and Natives. The criminal prisoners have been removed, and that portion of the Jail is being converted into Commissariat stores.

3. The Government have resolved on building a small Jail for Civil debtors, and the whole of the Grand Jail will eventually be given up to the Commissariat Department. Some considerable time must, however, elapse before the new Civil Jail is erected, and, in the meantime, the Civil debtors must remain, as at present, in the Grand Jail.

4. I would, therefore, solicit that the Government should direct the Department of Public Works to carry out the improvements in the ventilation, drainage, and privies of this part of the Jail, which were recommended by me in my Report to Government,* dated 13th August 1864, No. 269, paragraphs 50 to 56, both inclusive, and which were in part approved by Government—*vide* Proceedings of Government, Judicial Department, 13th September 1864, page 16.

* Judicial Department.

5. These improvements will not involve much expense, and are very urgently required.

6. The Order of Government quoted above only refers to the drainage and privies. Increased ventilation and light are most necessary in the cells occupied by Europeans and East Indians, and I trust my application† for plain furniture for the debtors' rooms will also be sanctioned.

† Vide paragraph 53 of the Report.

No. 114. ORDER THEREON, 11th June 1866, No. 922.

Ordered to be communicated to the Public Works Department, where the necessary orders will be issued for carrying out the improvements in the ventilation, drainage, and privies of the Grand Jail suggested by Mr. Ellis.

2. The Barrack Master will visit the debtors' rooms, and report on the expense of providing the plain furniture applied for.

(True Extract).

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Public Works Department.
" Barrack Master.
" Sanitary Commissioner.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
18th June 1866.

No. 364. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Judicial Department:—

Communicating, &c., a letter from the Sanitary Commissioner, Madras, relative to the improvements required in the ventilation, drainage, and privies of the Grand Jail at the Presidency. } (Here enter 11th June 1866, No. 922.)

No. 365. ORDER THEREON, 18th June 1866, No. 1,898.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 60.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineer of the 4th Division, who will be requested with reference to the orders contained in the Proceedings of Government No. 2,728, dated the 19th September 1864, to expedite the submission of estimates for the proposed improvements of the ventilation, drainage, and privies of the portion of the Grand Jail which is occupied by Civil Debtors.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division.
" ~~President~~ Sanitary Commissioner.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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