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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
26th August 1867.*

No. 329. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Public Works Department, dated 19th August 1867, No. 2533.

Returning to the Superintending Engineer }
for revision, with reference to certain } (Vide Proceedings, Public Works De-
suggestions made, the plans and esti- } partment, dated 19th August 1867,
mates of the alterations and improve- } Nos. 445—447.)
ments proposed to the Cuddalore Jail.

No. 330. ORDER THEREON, 26th August 1867, No. 1390.

Communicated to the Inspector General of Jails.

(Signed) R. S. ELLIS,
Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Inspector General of Jails.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
19th August 1867.*

Read the following papers:—

No. 445. From the Superintending Engineer, 5th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Cuddalore, 21st May 1867, No. 34.

1. I have the honor to forward, for the sanction of Government, an estimate of Rupees 17,000, accompanied by plans and specification, for additions and improvements proposed to be made to the Cuddalore Jail.
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1 Abstract Estimate.
1 Specification Report.

2. The new buildings consist of a weaving-room, female hospital ward, solitary cells, shed for convalescents, dead-house, and latrines. The standard plans have been adopted for all except the weaving-room, the standard plan of work-shed not being suited to the situation, or for the work of weaving.

3. The improvements comprise enlargement of the Jail office, which is at present small and inconvenient, increased ventilations of the cells, conversion of the present weaving-room into cells, extension of the drain further into the back-water and subsoil drainage. It is proposed to obtain space for some of the additional buildings, by taking in a piece of ground between the Jail and the back-water.

4. The plans and estimate were called for in G. O. No. 1,855, of the 3rd July 1865, and after they had been prepared, the standard plans were received and fresh estimates had to be prepared, hence the delay in submitting them.

5. The sum of Rupees 3,000, sanctioned in the past official year, has been expended in collecting materials; and as a further sum of Rupees 6,562 has been sanctioned for the Cuddalore Jail in the current year's Budget, the work can be commenced as soon as the estimate has been sanctioned.

6. The Inspector General of Jails, to whom I forwarded the plans and estimate, has returned them to me, stating that he is unable to come to any satisfactory conclusion, with regard to the contemplated improvements in the Jail at Cuddalore, in the absence of the report containing the recommendations of the Committee.

Referred to the Judicial Department.

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

25th May 1867.

No. 446. Memorandum from the Acting Chief Secretary to Government,
Judicial Department.

(Here enter No. 241, dated 10th August 1867.)

Referred to the Inspector General of Jails for his remarks.

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

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
10th June 1867.

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From the Inspector General of Jails, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government,
Fort Saint George, dated Ootacamund, 31st July 1867, No. 74.

1. I have the honor to return the letter of the Superintending Engineer, 5th Division, regarding the additions and improvements proposed to be made to the Jail at Cuddalore, together with three plans, an estimate, and a specification report which were referred to me on the 10th ultimo for remark. I also forward a copy of the Proceedings of the Committee assembled at Cuddalore, agreeably to the Order of Government, dated 16th June 1865.

2. The new buildings proposed consist of a small hospital for women, a shed for the shelter of convalescents during the day, a weaving-room, two solitary cells, a dead-house, and latrines for males and females. The proposed alterations are:—The extension of the Jail enclosure at the back, the enlargement of the office, the conversion of the present weaving-room into a ward, and the improvement of the ventilation and drainage. I will notice these proposals *seriatim* in the order observed in the estimate, as some are not mentioned in the specification.

Judicial Department, 6th June 1866, No. 936.

3. *Dead-house*.—This building is required.

4. *Solitary Cells*.—The dimensions of each cell ought to be 10 × 10 × 10, so as to contain 100 superficial and 1,000 cubic feet, according to the regulated standard.

5. *Improving the ventilation of the Wards, and converting the Weaving-Room into a Ward*.—These improvements appear to be advisable. The bars of the new iron doors ought to be perpendicular and not horizontal.

6. *Weaving-room*.—The proposed weaving-room is a terraced building, measuring 100 × 30 feet inside, and fitted with eight windows in front and two at one end, besides ventilators. The estimated cost is Rupees 4,820, a building of the same length, 12½ or 13 feet wide inside measurement, with a sloping verandah 7 feet wide, will afford ample room for fifteen looms, the number now in use. Such a building being so much narrower than that shown in the plan, and the front being open, a considerable saving would be made in the items of timber, masonry, windows, and ventilators.

7. *Shed for Convalescents*.—No such provision has been made in any other Jail. When the population is reduced on the completion of the Central Jails, some ward will be available for this purpose, if required. Should it be decided that a shed is to be built, I recommend that the flooring should be of clay and brick jelly well rammed. Such a floor can be kept in repair by the convicts themselves at no expense, whereas brick-floors soon become uneven and wear away.

8. *Hospital for Women*.—This building will contain six persons with 64 superficial and 992 cubic feet to each. The accommodation thus provided is ample.

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The average number of women in Jail for each month of the year ending 31st March 1867 was ten, and the greatest number nineteen. The only admissions into hospital were, as noted in the margin. If a separate building, for the reception of female patients suffering from

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contagious diseases is required, it may be erected in the south-eastern corner of the new enclosure.

9. *Office*.—This room is too small, being only 8 feet broad. It is proposed to widen it to the extent of 16 feet.

10. *Subsoil Drainage Cisterns*.—Three of these are required.

11. *Extension of Drain*.—This is recommended, as the stench at low water is said to be intolerable at times. The drain now terminates at a point 165 feet from the Jail wall. It is proposed to extend it to a further distance of 920 feet.

12. *Removing the landing*.—This should be done.

13. *Urinals with pipes*.—I do not know that these are actually necessary. An extract from a Report, furnished by the Superintendent in May last, on the subject of night conservancy is annexed.

14. *Extending the Jail enclosure, providing iron railings, and an iron grated door*.—The Superintending Engineer recommends the extension of the Jail towards the east by enclosing a space 75 feet in width. The ground belongs to Government. It is also suggested that, in order further to improve the ventilation, the central portion of the new eastern wall should be only 8 feet high, surmounted by an iron railing 10 feet high, and that the gate should be iron-grated. I think that the external enclosure of a Prison ought to be a wall, and that a gate of open bars in such a situation would be especially objectionable.

15. *Covered drain from Dresser's room*.—This appears necessary.

16. *Latrine for Females and room for dry earth*.—These are entirely divided from each other by a cross wall. An opening should be left at the end of the wall to allow of communication between the latrine and the earth store.

17. *Latrine for Males*.—The troughs ought to be of stone laid in mud, but if it should be necessary to use brick, the troughs ought to be covered with a thick coating of asphalt.

Extract of a letter from the Superintendent of the Jail, Cuddalore, to the Inspector General of Jails, dated 31st May 1867, No. 90.

Night Conservancy.—The wicker baskets placed in the cells at night are used in the same manner as those mentioned in the first paragraph of this Report. A few of the cells are furnished with English-made iron urinals with enamelled pans, the urine, directly it is voided into the pans, is conveyed at once by pipes, which run through the cell walls, into well tarred tubs placed outside. It has been recommended that all the cells should be supplied with such urinals. On the score of cleanliness and health, no arrangement can be more perfect. In most of the cells the urine is received into large earthen pots, well tarred both inside and out, and three-fourths filled with red earth when ready for use.

No. 447. ORDER THEREON, 19th August 1867, No. 2,533.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 57.

1. In compliance with the Orders of Government of the 3rd July 1865, No. 1,855, the Superintending Engineer of the 5th Division submits plans and estimates amounting to Rupees 17,000 for certain additions and improvements to the Jail at Cuddalore.

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2. The Government approve generally of the plans, but there are a few points to which they desire to call the attention of the Superintending Engineer.

3. The dimensions of the solitary cells and of the Office-room should be increased in accordance with the recommendation of the Inspector General of Jails, whose suggestions in paragraphs 5, 6, 14, 16 and 17 of his report above recorded will be communicated to the Superintending Engineer for guidance.

4. The shed for convalescents may be dispensed with, but provision should be made for a well ventilated ward for females suffering from contagious diseases. It will be sufficient if space be provided for two patients.

5. With regard to the drainage, the Government observe that the estimate includes a sum of Rupees 135 for three open reservoirs, the use of which is not clearly indicated on the plans. If these reservoirs are intended to hold water for the flushing of the drains, it may be necessary to provide them, but further information on this point should be afforded.

6. The Government doubt the utility of urinals with pipes, as, owing to the difficulty of keeping the pipes thoroughly clean, they are liable to become offensive.

7. With these remarks, the plans and estimates will be returned to the Superintending Engineer for revision, and as it is of importance that no time should be lost in commencing the works, the Government direct that they be put in hand at once, and the outlay upon them charged to the Budget provision of Rupees 6,562 referred to in paragraph 5 of Colonel Foord's letter.

(True Extract.)

R. E. Muntz

Major, R. E.,

Under Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 5th Division,

With three Plans, one Estimate, and one Specification.

- .. Accountant General.
- .. Controller of Public Works Accounts.
- .. Judicial Department.

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