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Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
28th November 1867.*

Read the following papers :—

No. 299. From Lieutenant Colonel J. BEAN, R. E., Acting Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department ; dated Madras, 17th September 1867, No. 2968.

Agreeably to instructions conveyed in Order, No. 1863, dated 22nd June 1867, I have the honor to enclose plan and estimate, amounting to Rupees 11,960, for constructing permanent hutting for 47 Constables at the Central Jail, Vellore. The

THREE ENCLOSURES.
1 Plan.
1 Estimate.
1 Specification.

plan for the huts for the three Head Constables has not been received as yet, so the estimates for them have not been framed. The work provided for in these buildings is to be of an inexpensive nature, the walls being of brick in clay, and the doors and windows of country wood.

2. As quarters for 350 convicts have lately been erected at a cost of Rupees 825-8-9, affording accomodation for the guard and subsidiary buildings as per margin, under G. O., No. 3060, dated 24th September 1866, there is no immediate necessity for the erection of these quarters.

50 Police men.
1 Head Constable.
1 Jailer.
1 Warders' shed.
1 Hospital shed, with accommodation for a Dresser, Surgery &c.
2 Cooking sheds, &c.

3. I take this opportunity of pointing out that the Assistant Engineer is engaged in the erection, solely, of the outer compound wall of the Jail, under the orders issued by Government; No. 1728, of the 1st November 1866, Judicial Department. It was originally intended that one compartment of the Jail should be first completed, but as it was subsequently determined that the convicts should be located in huts, this intention was abandoned, and the outer wall was considered the first work to be put in hand.

Public Works Department, No. 2613, dated 14th November 1866.

4. It think it probable that, by erecting one section of the Jail in the first instance, ultimate loss in the erection of quarters may be avoided. A considerable expenditure has already been incurred on these temporary buildings, which are of a sufficiently permanent nature, I believe, to secure the safe custody of the prisoners. The cost of a sector of the circle of prison buildings, which comprises a male ward, a cross radiating wall, and wooden enclosure of palisades, may be taken, exclusive of work-shed, at Rupees 8800, and this could soon be erected, as the materials are prepared, so as to accommodate more convicts or Policemen temporarily if they are required at the Jail.

5. The outer enclosing wall is a costly work, amounting to 16,000 Rupees, and will take considerable time to complete, containing as it does 139,000 cubic feet of stone in clay.

Referred to the Judicial Department.

18th September 1867.

(Signed) J. SHAW STEWART, Major, R. E.,
Under Secy. to Govt., P. W. D.

Forwarded to the Inspector General of Jails for his remarks.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
21st September 1867.

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

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

No. 300. From the Inspector General of Jails, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Ootacamund, 27th September 1867, No. 105.

I have the honor to return the letter of the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, dated 17th instant, No. 2968, together with three enclosures, referred to me for remark on the 21st idem.

2. In the first part of his letter, Colonel Bean states there is no immediate necessity for building permanent quarters for the Police at the Vellore Central Jail, as sufficient temporary guard-room accommodation has already been provided. Although such is the case, I believe that Mr. Robinson wishes the huts to be commenced at once, in order that the men may have their families with them, but I will communicate with that Officer, and report his reply.

3. In the 3rd, 4th, and 5th paragraphs, the Superintending Engineer states that the outer wall of the Jail alone is being proceeded with agreeably to the orders of Government, but he suggests that, if it is intended to locate more convicts on the site, he should be authorized to commence building one of the permanent Barracks with radial walls and palisading, which could soon be finished, as the materials are all ready, whereas it will take a considerable time to complete the wall.

4. The huts can contain 350 convicts, and the Mahal and old Jail together about 240, so that a considerable body of men may be assembled for labor on the site, and this body will be more easily guarded and looked after if working within an enclosure. The same may be said regarding the change proposed by Colonel Bean, but I do not see any objection to his carrying the wall all round to a certain height, say seven feet, and then proceeding to build the Hospital and one compartment as originally intended, leaving the remaining nine feet of wall to be added afterwards.

Judicial Department, 1st November 1866, No. 1728.

No. 301. OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM.

The undersigned has the honor to state that the information called for in the Memorandum noted in the margin shall be furnished at an early date. The site selected for the Police Lines at Vellore being within 200 yards of the Jail wall, the Superintendent has been requested to procure one at a greater distance, say 350 to 400 yards from the Jail wall.

(Signed) W. J. WILSON,
Inspector General of Jails.

OOTACAMUND,
5th November 1867.

To the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George.

No. 302. ORDER THEREON, 26th November 1867, No. 1913.

The Government approve the suggestion made by the Inspector General of Jails for raising the wall round the Vellore Central Jail to the uniform height of 7 feet before commencing to build the permanent radial blocks.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Inspector General of Jails.

Public Works Department, with plan, estimate, and specification.
Exd. J. H. Burns.

Judicial Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter:

From the Ag. Superintending Eng. (Re-enter) 4th Division 27th September 1867

Inspector General of Jails

Memorandum from - D^o - 5th November 1867

Order thereon, 26 November 1867

The Government approve the suggestion made by the Inspector General of Jails for raising the wall round the Vellore Central Jail to the uniform height of 7 feet before commencing to build the permanent radial blocks.

To the Inspector General of Jails - Public Works Department - dispd 29-11-67.