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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
10th December 1867.*

No. 137. Read the following letter from Lieutenant Colonel J. BEAN, R. E., Acting Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 29th November 1867, No. 4157.

I have the honor to forward the plans and estimate, amounting to Rupees 5000, called for in G. O., No. 1196, dated 17th April 1867, for making alterations and additions to the old European Barrack

ENCLOSURES.
2 Plans.
1 Estimate.

in the Vellore Fort, so as to convert it into a Jail, with the necessary out-buildings.

2. The estimate allows for a privy and bath-room for the hospital, and the same for the Jailer, a separate ward for contagious diseases, a cook-room and well for the Jail, as well as for alterations to the existing privies. It also provides for the drainage of the quadrangle, and for railing off the different portions of the Jail, as proposed by the Inspector General in his report of the 4th April 1867, at the head of the above Order.

3. In forwarding the plans to Colonel Wilson, I suggested a few alterations in them, especially in that for the cook-house, but the work has been proceeded with in the meanwhile on the allotment of Rupees 4000 furnished in those Proceedings of Government from the Reserve.

4. Adverting to paragraph 2, calling for information regarding the great delay in completing the convicts' huts at the site of the Central Jail, I beg to observe that Lieutenant Brockman the Range Officer, explains that convicts were only placed at his disposal on the 18th November 1866, and that it was not until the end of December that he could get more than 50 men. He further states that, owing to the heavy rains, there was a great difficulty in procuring thatching and other material, and in building mud walls, but that two huts for 100 convicts were ready by the 25th January, and one tiled hut for 30 Policemen by the 12th February 1867; by the 1st April, the hospital, two other huts, and Jailer's house were well in progress; and that, on the 25th of the same month, another hut for 50 convicts was completed. As he could not obtain skilled labour, Lieutenant Brockman says he was obliged to employ some of the convicts in making bricks, but that every endeavour was also made to push on with the huts.

5. Government may naturally consider that this explanation is afforded them with most unreasonable delay; but I must observe that this delay would not have occurred had Colonel Wilson attended to my requisitions, as I had intended to submit the above information with the estimates, which might have been forwarded to Government in June last. I addressed the Inspector General of Jails on the

22nd June 1867 (forwarding plans and estimates).
25th July.
22nd August.

dates as per margin, but I did not elicit a reply until the 17th October 1867, informing me that the plans and esti-

mates would very shortly be forwarded. As I could not get these documents returned to me, I was obliged to have fresh copies made in the Assistant Engineer's Office, which was unnecessarily delayed, owing to Lieutenant Brockman having kept no office copy of the plans.

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Referred to the Judicial Department.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
3rd December 1867.

(Signed) C. A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secy. to Govt., P. W. D.

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No. 138. ORDER THEREON, 10th December 1867, No. 2038.

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2. Adverting to paragraph 5 of the foregoing letter, the Inspector General of Jails will explain the great delay which took place, from June to October, in his replying to the letters addressed to him by Colonel Bean.

(2 - Extract).

R. S. ELIOT

Chief Secretary.

To the Public Works Department, with two plans and one estimate.

Inspector General of Jails.

Ed. J. H. Burns.

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