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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
12th March 1867.*

No. 138. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Public Works Department, dated 27th February 1867, No. 596.

Passing orders in reference to the construction of the new District Jail at Calicut. (Vide Proceedings, Public Works Department, dated 27th February 1867, Nos. 556—558.)

No. 139. ORDER THEREON, 12th March 1867, No. 400.
To be recorded.

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

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
27th February 1867.*

Read the following papers:—

No. 556. From the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Coonoor, 21st December 1866, No. 195.

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1. I have the honor to submit, for approval, a plan* of the new Calicut Jail, with fly-leaf attached, showing how I propose to carry out the orders verbally received from his Lordship the Governor at that station, on the subject of providing separate accommodation for female convicts, sick, under sentence, under trial, and debtors; and for juveniles under sentence, and under trial.

2. I take the same opportunity of submitting, for approval, a plan of Cook-shed to be constructed in the central yard of the Jail, in lieu of separate sheds in the radial yards now disapproved by the Inspector General of Jails and Government. There will be much more space around it than the plan actually shows, the end verandahs of the wards having been omitted in the plan submitted to, and approved by Government.

3. With reference to Government Order No. 3,396 of 24th October, I beg to call attention to the final sentence of my letter submitting the Calicut Jail plan, wherein I state that barred gates have been added to the watch-towers in the main wall by which the watchers can shut themselves off from the convicts in the yards. These watch-towers, however, do not appear to be essential, and I now ask permission to omit them.

Referred to the Judicial Department.

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

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
28th December 1866.

Referred to the Inspector General of Jails for his remarks.

(Signed) F. BRANDT,
Acting Under Secretary.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
10th January 1867.

No. 557. Memorandum from the Chief Secretary to Government, Judicial Department:—

(Here enter 15th February 1867, No. 53.)

From the Inspector General of Jails, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 31st January 1867, No. 152.

I have the honor to return the letter of the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, with a plan of the new Jail at Calicut, referred to me on the 10th instant, and to submit the following remarks thereon.

I. *Cook-sheds.*—It has been recently suggested that Duff's stores may be introduced into Jails with advantage, and the Commissioner of Police informs me he is about to try them in the Penitentiary. If they succeed, it will probably be advisable to make some alteration in the style of the cook-rooms, and as the matter is not pressing, I recommend that it may be allowed to stand over for the present. With respect to the spot selected, I beg to state that the central yard does not appear to me a desirable position for these buildings.

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27th February 1867.*

II. *Privies.*—These are on the old plan. One covered latrine with earth-store on the sanctioned plan, of a size proportioned to the number of prisoners, is to be preferred to a separate privy in each yard. The most eligible place for it is to the north of the Jail, and if the fall of the ground is such as to throw any difficulty in the way of carrying the outer wall round the latrine, a palisaded enclosure, to be entered by a gate through the wall, may be substituted.

III. The separate accommodation for females and juveniles shown in the fly-leaf attached to the plan is very complete, and although rather in excess of our requirements up to this time as far as regards debtors and juveniles under trial, it will, no doubt, be found useful.

IV. Colonel Walker proposes to omit the watch-towers on the main wall. I do not think these towers are good, inasmuch as the sentries therein are isolated, and the relief must pass through the Prison yards; but if they are done away with, there will not be any commanding spot from which a sentry may overlook the Jail. A small tower in the central yard, the lower story to contain six men, with cover for a sentry on the roof, would be a better arrangement.

V. The Solitary Cells are rather too near the Barracks. I would move them about two-thirds down the radial walls where they will be further removed from the other inmates, and unable to over-hear what goes on in the wards.

VI. *Dresser and Warders.*—Quarters for the Dresser are required. The Superintendent informs me that it is not necessary to provide them for the Warders, as caste prejudices are so strong on that Coast.

No. 558. ORDER THEREON, 27th February 1867, No. 596.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 92.

1. The letter from the Inspector General of Jails above read will be communicated to the Superintending Engineer of the 7th Division.

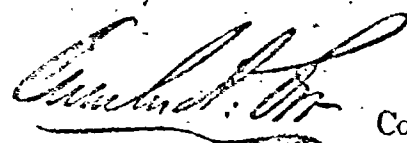
2. The Government approve of the construction of the Cook-shed being deferred till the result of the proposed introduction of Duff's stoves in the Penitentiary has been ascertained.

3. Colonel Walker will be guided by the suggestions in paragraph 2 with regard to the privies, and, in lieu of the watch-towers on the main wall, he will provide for a small tower in the central yard in the manner indicated in paragraph 4.

4. The Government concur in the objections urged to the proximity of the Solitary Cells to the Barracks.

5. Colonel Walker will provide quarters for a Dresser.

(True Extract.)



Colonel, R. E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.
" Judicial Department.
" Inspector General of Jails.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

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