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

No. 340. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Public Works Department, dated 20th March 1867, No. 862.

Communicating letter from the Government of India, sanctioning an estimate of Rupees 3,76,000 for the Central Jail at Coimbatore. (Vide Proceedings, Public Works Dept., dated 20th March 1867, Nos. 476 & 477.)

No. 341. ORDER THEREON, 28th March 1867, No. 510.
Communicated to the Inspector General of Jails.
(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

To the Inspector General of Jails.

No. 590. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Coimbatore, 17th January 1867, No. 212:—

1. Abstract Estimate, Rupees 3 50,000, No. 40.
2. Tracing of Plan.
3. Memorandum.
4. Summary of Progress.
5. Specification of pumps required.

1. With reference to paragraph 57 of G. O. No. 3,938 of 14th December 1866, I have the honor to forward, for transmission to the Government of India, the revised estimate for the new

Central Jail at Coimbatore, amounting to Rupees 3,50,000, accompanied with a Memorandum thereon, and a tracing of the plan of the building as directed in G. O. No. 1,866 of 14th June 1866.

2. A Statement showing the progress made with the works up to 31st December 1866 is also appended; and a specification for two pumps, the early supply of which is requested from the Public Works Stores if in hand; if not, from England.

Memorandum on the Revised Estimate of the Central Jail at Coimbatore.

1. The original design, by the late Inspector General of Jails, consisted, in the first place, of an outer wall 16 feet high, of 12 sides each 2-4½ feet in length, inscribed in a circle of 1,100 feet in diameter; inside which ran a Chemin de Roude for the Police, 12 feet wide, having a breast-wall on its inner side 6 feet high with a banquette 1½ feet high. The centre of the inclosure to be occupied by a Warder's tower of two stories, 25 feet high, with flat roof; round which a palisaded hexagon of 100 feet side, preserved a clear space. At every other angle of the outer wall, a radiating tower of 15 feet inner diameter, projected. So far the original design has been carried out.

2. Two rows of palisades, 10 yards apart, inclose an approach from the guard-room to the space around the Central Warder, on Radial Line No. 1. The other radial lines are walls 12 feet in height, inclosing 12 yards. And along these radii were to have been built,

- 3 Sets of 32 arched Cells, each 24 X 8 feet.
- 1 Cooking-shed and 20 Cells for females.
- 1 Do. and 20 Solitary Cells.
- 2 Open work sheds, 180 X 24.
- 2 Work-sheds, centrally divided into two halves, each 185 X 10½.
- 2 Radii, being blank walls.

3. Of these, the three sets of Radial Cells have been built; but, as according to the present allowance of cubical space not more than four men could be placed in a Cell, or 128 in a row of them; two additional eight-roomed Barracks, to contain 192 prisoners each, are being erected along the vacant radii. The yards on each side of the entrance road-way will be occupied by Store-rooms, Juvenile Wards, Female Wards, Solitary Work-sheds, and Cells; all but the latter on altered plans. The two open work-sheds are converted into two four-roomed Barracks, each accommodating 96 prisoners. The other work-sheds are retained, and several more added. A large Jailer's house was provided for originally, but no provision for Hospital and Latrine accommodation; and the question of water supply was entirely overlooked.

4. The original estimate for accommodating 424 prisoners, (including 20 females and 20 under solitary confinement,) drawn up in 1862, amounted to Rupees 1,80,800, after deducting Rupees 7,000 for convict labor, &c. That now submitted provides for 1,070, prisoners, with Hospital accommodation for 80; total 1,150; at an estimated cost of Rupees 3,50,000, after deducting Rupees 26,000 for convict labor. The number accommodated might easily be raised to 16,000 by upper stories on the three rows of cells, without raising the entire cost of the building

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5. Thus, although the aggregate amount of the original estimate has been raised from Rupees 1,80,800 to Rupees 3,50,000, the proportion of cost per head accumulated has fallen from Rupees 425 to Rupees 300, and may be further reduced to Rupees 250 by an increase of numbers which there is ample space. The rates of the original estimate were known to be much under proper working rates when the work commenced, and it was intended to revise them at the end of the first year of operations. But the officer under whom these were carried on had to go home on sick certificate, and for the greater portion of 1864-65 there were such constant changes that rates perpetually varied. The officer who was in charge throughout the calendar year 1865 was much to blame for his inability or neglect to fix the rates and revise the estimate, and the only excuse that can be made for him is ill-health, which ultimately resulted in his going home. The estimate now submitted is the result of the investigations of the two officers who have had charge throughout 1866, the work and rates from the commencement of which year are shown distinct from those preceding by entry of the latter in red ink; rates thus shown being a ragel from the accounts kept of work done and payments made. Those shown in black ink are the correct working rates of 1866, and are fair enough, especially if the very superior quality of the bricks and tiles, made departmentally, is taken into consideration. Stone and chunnam are abundant, and of good quality, but timber and firewood singularly difficult to get at Coimbatore, considering the comparative vicinity of large forests.

COIMBATORE, (Signed) G. W. WALKER, Lieut.-Colonel, R. E.,
17th January 1867. *Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.*

The cost of one terraced Workshop, viz., Rupees 6,940, which had to be pulled down in carrying out the altered design, is included in the revised estimate.

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Lieut.-Colonel, R. E.,
Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.

Summary of Progress on the new Central Jail at Coimbatore, up to 31st December 1866.

1. *Female Ward*, ready for roofing. Wood-work all but *Parlins* ready. Out-offices, not commenced.
2. *Solitary Cells*, completed. *Solitary Work-sheds* ready for roofing. Wood-work ready.
3. *First Set of Radial Cells*, completed and occupied.
4. *First Pair of Work and Cooking-sheds*, completed.
5. *Second Set of Radial Cells*, completed and occupied.
6. *Four-roomed Barrack*, completed and occupied. *Work-shed and Cook-room*, completed.
7. *Third Set of Radial Cells*, completed and occupied.
8. *Second Pair of Work and Cooking-sheds*, completed. *Well*, 9 feet diameter, sunk 79 feet deep, 11 feet water, pump required.
9. *First eight-roomed Barrack*, ready for the roof; wood-work in hand.
10. *Second four-roomed Barrack*, completed and occupied. *Third Pair of Work-sheds*, ready for roofing. *Cook-shed*, completed.
11. *Second eight-roomed Barrack*, roof being put on. *Cook-shed*, completed.
12. *Second Well*, in vacant yard 6 feet diameter, sunk to 67 feet, and 1½ feet of water obtained. To be widened and fitted with pump. *Wall* of separation from Hospital to be pulled down and *Palisades* substituted.
13. *Stores*, completed. *Juvenile and Debtors' Ward*, &c., not commenced.
14. *Guard-room*, all but completed.
15. *Hospital*.—Foundations laid, and enclosure wall 5 feet high all round.
16. *Jailer's House*, completed and occupied.
17. *Latrines*, not commenced. Temporary arrangements in use.

COIMBATORE, (Signed) G. W. WALKER, Lieut.-Colonel, R. E.,
7th January 1867. *Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.*

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30th January 1867.*

No. 591. ORDER THEREON, 30th January 1867, No. 290.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 118.

1. The plan and estimate, which have been submitted with this letter, for the new Central Jail at Coimbatore, will be transmitted to the Government of India for sanction.

2. As respects the two sets of pumps which are stated to be required, the Officer in charge of the Presidency Store Department is requested to report whether they can be made up at the Government Workshops, and, if so, at what cost.

(Here enter No. 291, dated 30th January 1867.)

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.

- .. Controller of Public Works Accounts.
- .. Accountant General.
- .. Judicial Department.
- .. Store Department, with Specification for Pumps.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department
20th March 1867.

No. 476. Read the following letter from the Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Civil Works—Buildings), to the Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, in the Public Works Department, dated Fort William, 5th March 1867, No. 180 C:—

1. In reply to your letter No. 291, dated 30th January 1867, I am directed to communicate the sanction of the Governor General in Council to the estimate therewith submitted, amounting to Rupees 3,76,000, for constructing a Central Jail for 1,070 prisoners at Coimbatore.

Cash outlay	Rs. 3,50,000
Convict labor	26,000
Total	3,76,000

2. The plan of the Jail does not correspond exactly with the general design for a Central Jail forwarded with the Chief Secretary's letter No. 1,760 of 9th December 1865, but the remarks made on that design in Public Works Department No. 130 C of 7th February 1866, apply equally to this. It is probable that these remarks were received too late to be acted on in this case, but I am to request that they may receive attention in any future Jails to be constructed on this plan.

3. The Jail, I am further to observe, has been constructed of brick or stone-in-mortar throughout. This may have been necessary in this particular locality, but, wherever practicable, a cheaper mode of construction should be adopted.

4. The estimate sanctioned in this letter has been entered as No. 109 C of 1866-67 in the Register of this Office.

5. The estimate and plan are returned.

No. 181 C.

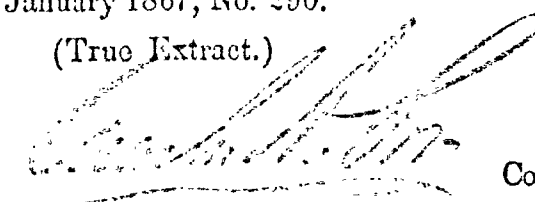
Copy, with transcript of the letter to which it is a reply, and of the plan, forwarded to the Home Department for information, with reference to the system of small rooms or cells adopted.

No. 477. ORDER THEREON, 20th March 1867, No. 862.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 51.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineer of the 7th Division for information and guidance, with reference to the Order of the 30th January 1867, No. 290.

(True Extract.)



Colonel, R. E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.
,, Accountant General.
,, Controller of Public Works Accounts.
,, Judicial Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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