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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,

29th March 1867.

No. 367. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Public Works Department, dated 25th March 1867, No. 920.

Requesting the Superintending Engineer,
1st Division, to submit an estimate for } (Vide Proceedings, Public Works
the works recommended for execution } Department, dated 25th March 1867,
in connection with the District Jail at } Nos. 590 & 591.)
Rajahmundry.

No. 368. ORDER THEREON, 29th March 1867, No. 528.

Communicated to the Inspector General of Jails.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,

Chief Secretary.

To the Inspector General of Jails.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

25th March 1867.

No. 590. Read the following Memorandum from the Chief Secretary to Government, in the Judicial Department :—

(Here enter No. 79, dated 19th March 1867.)

From the Inspector General of Jails, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 12th March 1867, No. 157 :—

1. With reference to the Order of Government noted in the margin, by which it was decided that no expenditure should be incurred on account of the District Jail at Rajahmundry, with the exception of providing grated iron doors for certain wards, until it was seen what permanent effect the reduction in the number of the prisoners, and the removal of the tainted plaster, would have upon the health of the remaining prisoners ; I have the honor to report that these measures were carried out about the middle of last April, and although the time which has since elapsed may not be deemed sufficient to warrant any decided opinion as to the permanent improvement in the salubrity of the Jail, yet the result has been so far favorable as to lead me to request that Government will be pleased to sanction the speedy execution of the repairs and alterations hereunder specified in detail. Some of these are absolutely necessary. The others will effect a material improvement at a moderate cost, and none will interfere with the project for extending the accommodation of the Jail, which is now in abeyance pending further observation.

2. An amelioration in the health of the prisoners followed the reduction in the number of inmates and the removal of the tainted plaster, but a further and a very great improvement in the sanitary condition of the Jail was effected by Captain Bloomfield, who caused the removal of a considerable part of the soil of the inner yard, which had become saturated with urine, and was consequently very offensive. Fresh earth was put down, the whole Jail was thoroughly cleaned and fumigated for several days, and the dry earth system introduced and effectively carried out. There were 102 prisoners at the time of my inspection on the 9th ultimo, only one of whom was in hospital, and he was diseased at the time of his admission. The convicts, as a body, were robust and healthy looking, with very few weakly men amongst them. The mortality between the 1st April and 31st December 1866 was as follows :—

April	...	...	...	2	
May	...	...	...	0	
June	...	...	...	0	
July	...	...	...	9	—viz., six from diarrhoea and three from
August	...	...	...	0	cholera.
September	...	...	...	1	
October	...	...	...	0	
November	...	...	...	0	
December	...	...	...	0	

The casualties between the 1st April and 31st December 1865 amounted to 36, and those for the first quarter of 1866 to 16.

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25th March 1867.*

3. The repairs and alterations which I recommend for present execution are the following :—

I. Entire renewal of the plastering and whitewash of the interior of all the wards and cells, as the bare bricks are now exposed.

II. The provision of grated doors as already sanctioned by Government in the Order above quoted, but which has not yet been carried out in some wards.

III. The bomb-proof used for under-trial prisoners is so ruinous as to be unsafe. The inner and end walls ought to be pulled down and rebuilt to a greater height. The building should then be tiled.

IV. A similar bomb-proof at the opposite end of the enclosure, at present used as a hospital, but which it is proposed to turn into a female ward hereafter, is cracked in the roof, and otherwise in bad repair. The walls should be raised and a tiled roof substituted. I ascertained from the Executive Engineer that these alterations are quite feasible.

* From A to B, and
C to D.

V. The removal of the high walls on the right* and left of the inner entrance gate, and the substitution of palisades.

These ought to be 10 feet high. This would effect a great improvement in the ventilation of the inner yard, and the Superintendent of Police informed me that it would be preferable to the present state of things with respect to the convenience of guarding. This alteration is one of those recommended by the Committee in their Report, published with the order of Government abovementioned.

P. S.—A rough ground plan of the Jail is herewith forwarded.

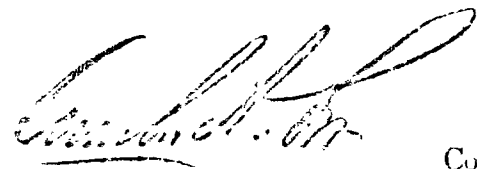
No. 591. ORDER THEREON, 25th March 1867, No. 920.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 64.

The Superintending Engineer of the 1st Division is requested to submit an estimate at an early date for the works

which are recommended for execution in connection with the District Jail at Rajahmundry, in paragraph 3 of the letter from the Inspector General of Jails above recorded.

(True Extract.)



Colonel, R. E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, with Plan.
„ Judicial Department.

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