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15th January 1867.*

No. 164. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Public Works Department, dated 12th December 1866, No. 3919.

Passing order on the revised plan and estimate for a new District Jail at Madura. } (Vide Proceedings, Public Works Department, dated 12th December 1866, Nos. 196—198.)

No. 165.

ORDER THEREON, 15th January 1867, No. 90.
Communicated to the Inspector General of Jails.

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

To the Inspector General of Jails.

Exd. T. Cartledge.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
12th December 1866*

Read the following papers:—

No. 196. From the Officiating Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Madura, 19th November 1866, No. 1,396.

1. With reference to G. O. No. 1,996 of the 25th June 1866, I have the honor to submit a revised plan and estimate of Rupees 77,000, for constructing a new Jail at Madura, and also enclose the old plan in order that the alterations may be clearly seen.
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| 1 Abstract Estimate. | |
| 1 Report. | |
| 1 Comparative data. | |
| 1 Plan. | |
| 1 Old Plan. | |

Para. 1. Workshop No. 11 being considered superfluous, has been struck out; gates in the palisading at A are omitted, and a short palisade at B is provided, to shut off the convicts from the female ward.

Para. 2. Sun-dried bricks are provided, instead of brick and stone for the outer main wall of the Jail enclosure, for the different latrines, cooking houses, and dead-house: the foundations being of stone in mortar. Considering that the height of the enclosure wall, to be built of raw bricks in clay, is 16 feet, piers of brick in mortar are proposed to be built at intervals of 12 feet.

Para. 3. Palmyrah wood is not obtainable in this district, except at a high price, it would have to be brought from a distance of 40 miles; and it is calculated that the Vengay wood, which is brought in from the neighbouring hills, is cheaper than the Palmyrah. By the enclosed Memorandum of data for roofing, it will be seen that Palmyrah rafters and reepers of 10 feet length, cost Rupees 1-12-0 and Annas 6, while Vengay rafters and reepers will cost Rupees 1-4-0, and Annas 4. But there is also a commoner description of the jungle-wood, which will be used for the rafters, joists, and couples, at the rate of Rupees 2-8-0 per cubic foot, as also for the palisading, while for the trusses and brestsummers; as Teak would come to Rupees 3-11-0 at least, Vengay wood is provided, at the rate of Rupees 3-4-0 per cubic foot. This wood is a species of Teak that is found in the Cumbum valley, and is in common use in Madura, for beams, joists, &c. The cost of the palisading is reduced from Rupees 11,536 in the original estimate to Rupees 7,800.

Para. 4. A mistake was made in entering 1,000 for 11,000 Rupees, as the value of convict labor in the previous estimate; as already reported, and recorded in G. O. No. 2,223 of the 14th July 1866, the calculation of Rupees 11,000 was based on the supposition that the construction of the Jail would occupy three years, the time now allowed is two years, but reduced to eighteen months owing to some months of the official year having elapsed before the commencement of the work; and the number of convicts is estimated at 250, instead of 100, hence there is shown a deduction of Rupees 18,802. I am in hopes that the saving to be effected by the use of the convicts may exceed the sum assigned, but do not venture to enter it so in the estimate; for while we are obtaining good and skilled labor, we also have to put up with men whose labor is of much less value, also as the work progresses and the convicts gain practice it is to be expected that they will turn out a better day's work. The convicts were set to work early in September, to make bricks and

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pound chunam, and are being employed in the construction of the buildings as far as is found practicable.

Para. 5. Materials for thatching the mud huts for the convicts were brought in before the building site was obtained, and the Superintendent of the Jail was addressed to obtain skilled labor from other Jails.

Para. 6. Drainage and cleanliness are attended to; the Superintendent of the Jail takes great interest in the work, and gives readily his assistance and advice.

Para. 9. The cells for lepers and lunatics are separated; another well being provided for the former.

Para. 10. The latrines for the women are removed from those of the men, and placed against the enclosure wall, near the female wards, just outside the vegetable garden.

Para. 11. A well is to be dug in the centre of the radial blocks, near the Store and Office, so that the Hospital and garden have each its well apart.

Para. 12. The external wall is carried round the great latrines, the front of which is masked by a palisade.

Para. 13. Ridge ventilation is provided for the work-sheds and latrines, as well as for the wards, and apertures will be made at the ends of the wards for ventilation.

Para. 14. The dead-house is brought within the enclosure, being placed in an isolated position against the enclosure wall near the debtor's ward.

Para. 15. The design for the latrines has been altered: a lean-to shed is now provided, seven and a half feet wide, supported in front by pillars five feet high, so that the interior will be sufficiently protected from rain.

Para. 16. The site near the Dindigul road was obtained on the 12th September, and work commenced at once. It will be remembered that the Act for taking up land had to be enforced, as communicated in G. O. No. 2,829 of the 5th September 1866, and funds have been definitely allotted to the extent of 30,000 Rupees in G. O. No. 3,060 of the 24th September 1866.

Para. 17. From enquiries made amongst the merchants and richer inhabitants at Madura, it is considered that the old Jail buildings at Madura would, if sold by auction, fetch 40,000 to 50,000 Rupees; and one of the merchants is said to have offered Rupees 35,000 down, being willing to rent the buildings to Government till the new Jail is ready for occupation. But as offers are sometimes made liberally and withdrawn when the time comes for backing them up, I am disposed to estimate the sum likely to be realized at about 25,000 Rupees; the total cost to Government then becomes reduced to Rupees 47,000. I am not aware of any public purposes to which these buildings could be usefully applied.

2. I have above detailed the alterations caused by the revision of the original estimate in accordance with the Government Order,* and provision has been made, on Colonel Wilson's proposal,† to add thirty feet to the site. The area of ground required is rather more than seventeen acres, for which the compensation to

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the owner amounts to Rupees 4,260. The Government have now also concurred† with the Inspector General as to the inexpediency of erecting buildings against the outer wall; the items of the estimate must, therefore, be altered, so far as

‡ No. 1,996.

concerns paragraphs 10, 12, and 15 of the original Government Order; and as the same objection will hold good with regard to the dead-house, paragraph 14, I propose to keep it in the isolated position near the debtor's ward, but at a distance of twenty feet from the enclosure wall.

3. I have mentioned incidentally in a former letter* that I would furnish the estimate, as now prepared, in order that the general altered provisions and general estimated cost with allowance for convict labor may be made known; and I do so, for the further reason that the work is being vigorously carried on, although there are two items not accurately entered, viz., the latrines for both men and women, which I would remove twenty feet from the outer wall, and the Jailer's quarters.

4. An approved standard plan, as built at Chittoor, for latrines, has been circulated† for adoption at Central Jails, and I presume the same design should be followed at the Madura District Jail; likewise a standard plan for Jailer's quarters was furnished with G. O. No. 2,891 of the 10th September 1866. An addition to the general estimate must therefore be made in providing for these alterations.

Referred to the Judicial Department with reference to the undermentioned Orders of Government:—

Public Works Department,	No. 1,996,	dated 25th June 1866.
Judicial Department,	" 1,354,	" 29th Aug. "
Do.	" 1,382,	" 4th Sept. "
Do.	" 1,688,	" 24th Oct. "
Do.	" 1,727,	" 1st Nov. "

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

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
23rd November 1866.

No. 197. Memorandum from the Secretary to Government in the Judicial Department:—

(Here enter No. 384, dated 4th December 1866.)

No. 103. ORDER THEREON, 12th December 1866, No. 3,919.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 41.

* Rupees 72,000.

1. The Government have no objection to offer to the revised plan and estimate* of the new District Jail at Madura provided that the necessary alterations be made to admit of all the buildings being detached from the outer

* No. 1,996, 25th June 1866.

† Approved in G. O. No. 3,576 of 8th November 1866.

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wall. The standard plans for latrines and Jailer's quarters referred to in paragraph 4 should be adhered to, and the cost of these buildings should be added to the general estimate.

2. His Lordship in Council is glad to learn that the work is being vigorously prosecuted, and he hopes to receive at an early date the final estimate for the Jail.

(True Extract.)

Charles A. M.

Colonel, R. E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 8th Division.

With one old Plan, one Specification, and one Comparative data.

Controller of Public Works Accounts.

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