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24th January 1868.

Read the following papers :—

No. 204. From the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 18th April 1867, No. 357.

With reference to Government orders as per margin, I have the honor to submit for sanction an estimate, amounting to Rupees 1,08,000, for constructing a Central Jail at Vellore, in the North Arcot District, on the plans (also herewith sent) furnished to me with the first of the orders quoted.

ENCLOSURES,
5 Plans and 1 Estimate.

G. O., No. 1496, dated 8th May 1866,	
G. O., " 2563, dated 15th August 1866.	
" " 3060, dated 24th September 1866.	95,000
" " 3014, dated 19th September 1866.	12,000
	1,08,000

2. The block plan, marked No. 1, shows the several kinds of buildings to be provided, the number of each kind, and their disposition. The full requirements of a Jail appear to be met in the plan.

3. The estimate for the Jailer's quarters is based upon the standard plan sent with G. O., No. 2891, dated 10th September 1866.

4. It will be observed, that no less a sum than Rupees 41,340 has been deducted in the estimate by the Assistant Engineer on account of convict labor to be employed. In calculating the deduction the latest orders of Government on the subject have been kept in view.

5. A sum of Rupees 12,000, to cover the cost of Police guards, has been added to the estimate, with reference to G. O., No. 1173, dated 16th April 1867.

The Assistant Engineer reports having spent Rupees 20,000 up to the 31st March 1867, including the outlay on the convicts' huts. Lieutenant Brockman seems doubtful about being able to spend in this year more than the 50,000 Rupees allowed in the Budget for 1867-68. It does not, therefore, seem advisable to raise the grant, as suggested by the Government of India, No. 656, dated 4th March 1867, at least for the present.

Referred to the Judicial Department.

(Signed) C. A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government, P. W. D.

24th April 1867.

Referred to the Inspector General of Jails for his remarks.

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

Fort Saint George,
30th April 1867.

No. 205. From the Supervisor, Public Works Department, to the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division; dated Vellore, 30th November 1867, No. 460.

I have the honor to inform you that I am necessitated to solicit that you will be pleased to furnish me with the detail plans of all the buildings connected with the Central Jail, as owing to want of the same I am unable to lay out the buildings correctly, and without making deviations from the sanctioned ones.

2. I laid out the foundations from the block plan, and almost all foundations, with the exception of those of the out-houses, the central watch tower and juvenile ward, &c., are completed and ready for the superstructure being commenced with.

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3. The walls of one of the radial wards are completed and ready for the roof to be put on, and its enclosure walls and palisades are under progress.

4. The basement of the hospital building is finished, and owing to the want of the knowledge of the arrangement of doors and windows I am detained from commencing with its superstructure.

5. As the new Draftsman of this office has just joined I can send him up to Madras for taking a tracing of all the plans connected with the Central Jail, should you be pleased to approve of the same.

No. 1231.

Submitted to Government, with a request that the detail plans of the Central Jail at Vellore, forwarded from this office on the 18th April 1867, No. 337, may be returned for a short time to enable the Superintendent to carry on the works.

MADRAS, (Signed) A. J. M. BOULEAU, Colonel, R. E.,
5th December 1867. *Superintending Engineer, 4th Division.*

Transferred to the Judicial Department, with a request that the plans of the new Central Jail at Vellore, which were referred to that Department on the 24th April last, may be forwarded to the undersigned for transmission to the Superintending Engineer of the 4th Division.

7th December 1867. (Signed) C. A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government, P. W. D.

The Inspector General of Jails is requested to return the plans referred to in this letter, which were sent to him for report with docket, dated the 30th April last.

FORT SAINT GEORGE, (Signed) R. S. ELLIS,
13th December 1867. *Chief Secretary.*
To the Inspector General of Jails.

No. 206. From the Inspector General of Jails, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 30th January 1868, No. 159.

I have the honor to return the letters of the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, noted in the margin, together with one estimate and five plans connected with the Central Jail at Vellore.

2. Since the original plans were prepared certain alterations have been sanctioned, and it is advisable that they should be adopted at Vellore.

Wards.—With the exception of one door in each ward the other lateral openings ought to be windows coming to within about 2½ feet of the floor.

The iron bars of all doors and windows ought to be vertical and not horizontal. The lower halves only of the wooden shutters should be solid. The upper halves should be fixed ventilators. Those I recently saw at Vellore were solid throughout.

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The night conveniences in the wards should either be constructed according to the Bangalore plan, or to that suggested in my letter, No. 139, dated 6th ultimo, as may be decided by Government.

The basements of the wards ought to be two feet in height; that of the barrack now nearly finished does not appear so high.

Hospital.—The Sanitary Commissioner has recommended floors of asphalt for the hospital at the Trichinopoly Central Jail, as reported in my letter, No. 156, dated 2nd instant. If approved of for that place it should be introduced at Vellore also. According to the plan the surgery will be entered from the outside. I think it would be more convenient to have the entrance from the verandah.

Warder Tower.—In my letter, No. 148, dated 21st ultimo, I have recommended that the tower should be built according to the plan of those at Coimbatore and Rajahmundry, and that the upper room should be used as an office.

Latrine.—This should be built according to the new standard plan. It has been decided that the outer wall is to be carried round the latrine, which is to be screened on the inside by a fence. I have recommended a low wall in my letter last above quoted.

Radial Walls.—These need not be more than 7½ feet high.

Quarantine Wards.—Six wards, each measuring 16 × 15 × 15, and forming a block nearly equal in length to two ordinary wards, are to be built in one corner of the quadrangle as quarantine wards, and one of the regular blocks is to be reduced to four wards instead of six. This should be done in the compartment where the foundations have not yet been laid. The reduction should be at the inner end of the block where the compartment is narrow. One of the wards in the barrack

for females should be divided into two rooms.

Cells for Lunatics.—These are not required.

Guard Rooms.—I will furnish the Superintending Engineer with a sketch plan of guard rooms, prepared in accordance with the orders noted in the margin, as soon as the dimensions of the central tower have been decided upon.

Solitary Cells.—The plan shews 20 solitary cells, each measuring 12 × 7. The dimensions should be increased to 12 × 8½ so as to afford the space approved of by the Government of India, viz., 100 superficial and 1000 cubic feet. Eighteen cells will suffice.

3. It is desirable that the store rooms should be built as early as possible, as the site is much infested by white-ants. The floors should be covered with asphalt as a protection. I have in general recommended that the floors of wards should be of broken bricks and clay well rammed, but as white-ants are so numerous at Vellore I think the wards should be paved with square bricks, as provided in the estimate.

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4. Only one well has as yet been dug. At least two more will be required in the body of the Jail, and one at the hospital.
5. A plan for the surface drainage should be prepared.

No. 207. ORDER THEREON, 24th January 1868, No. 122.

The Inspector General of Jails, with his letter above recorded, returns the plans and estimate (Rupees 1,08,000) of the Central Jail under construction at Vellore, forwarded by the Superintending Engineer of the 4th Division with his letter, dated the 18th April 1867, and states that certain alterations which have been sanctioned by Government since the original designs were prepared should be carried out at Vellore.

2. The Governor in Council approves of the alterations referred to being adopted in the Central Jail building at Vellore, and directs that the plans prepared by the officers of the Public Works Department be modified in accordance with the suggestions made by the Inspector General of Jails.

Wards.—The lateral openings, with the exception of one door, should, as suggested, be windows, raised $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet above the floor; the iron bars of both doors and windows being placed vertical. The lower halves of the wooden shutters should be solid, and the upper halves fixed venetians.

Basements.—The basements of the wards will be raised two feet. It is observed that the basement of the barrack, which is nearly finished, did not appear to the Inspector General to be quite so high. The attention of the Executive Engineer will be drawn to this.

Night Confinement.—There will be constructed on the design approved of by Government for the Jail at Bellary in the Proceedings of Government, dated the 15th instant, No. 53.

Hospital.—The floors of the hospital will, as recommended by the Sanitary Commissioner, be asphalted; and the suggestion of the Inspector General, to have the entrance into the surgery from the verandah, will be attended to.

Water Tower.—This will be built in accordance with the design adopted at the Central Jails at Coimbatore and Rajahmundry, the upper room being set apart for an office.

Latrine.—The latrine will be constructed on the standard plan. The low wall suggested by the Inspector General will also be built.

Radial Walls.—These will not be raised above $7\frac{1}{2}$ feet in height.

Quarantine Wards.—In lieu of the six quarantine wards, each $16 \times 15 \times 15$, proposed to be built, one of the regular blocks will be converted into four wards. This arrangement will be adopted where the foundations have not yet been laid, and at the end mentioned by the Inspector General. One of the wards in the barrack will also be divided into two rooms for females.

Solitary Cells.—The dimensions of these cells will, as suggested, be increased from 12×7 to $12 \times 8\frac{1}{2}$, and 18 cells will be built instead of 20, the number indicated in the plan.

Store Rooms.—As these rooms are stated to be urgently required they should be commenced with as little delay as practicable. The Executive Officer should be required to attend to the Inspector General's suggestions to asphalt the floors of

the store rooms, and to pave the wards with square bricks; provision for the latter having been made in the estimate.

Wells.—Two more wells will be provided at the points indicated by the Inspector General.

3. Orders will be issued in the Public Works Department, directing the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, to prepare and submit at an early date, through the Inspector General of Jails, a detailed plan, with estimate of cost, of the surface drainage.

4. The great delay which has occurred in the re-transmission of the plans and estimate which were referred to the Inspector General for report on the 30th April 1867, should have been explained.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Public Works Department, with five plans and one estimate.
Inspector General of Jails.

Ed. J. Talloch.

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Judicial Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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From the Super Engineer, 4th Division, Coimbatore 18th April & 5th Decr 1867.
Inspector General of Jails — 8th January 1868 N^o 159.

Order 24 January 1868 N^o 122.

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Latrine. The latrine will be constructed on the standard plan. The low wall suggested by the Inspector General will also be

be built.

Radial Walls. These will not be raised above $\frac{1}{2}$ ft in height.

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To the 12th March 1867 - 12th April 1867
Inspector General of Jails

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Dated 24 January 1868.

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