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### Judicial DEPARTMENT

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,*

*20th February 1868.*

No. 245. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Public Works Department, dated 11th February 1868, No. 481.

Forwarding explanation in regard to the state of the Jail at Coimbatore, and the measures taken for remedying certain defects. (Vide Proceedings, Public Works Department, dated 11th February 1868, Nos. 261 & 262).

No. 246. ORDER THEREON, 20th February 1868, No. 288.

Ordered that a copy of the foregoing Proceedings be communicated to the Inspector General of Jails, and that his attention be drawn to paragraph 3 of the letter from the Acting Superintending Engineer of the 7th Division.

(Signed) R. S. ELLIS,  
*Chief Secretary.*

To the Inspector General of Jails.  
,, Public Works Department.

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*11th February 1868*

No. 261. Read the following letter from the Acting Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Ootacamund, 4th February 1868, No. 179 :—

1. I have the honor, in reply to G. O. No. 3,830, of 9th December 1867, to report that the G. O. in question did not reach Colonel Walker until after his last visit to Coimbatore; no intimation was given to Colonel Walker while he was at that station that any complaint had been made, and he did not visit this Jail understanding, as the Range Officer was not permitted to enter the Jail without a pass, that it had been officially taken charge of by the Judicial Department.

2. Colonel Walker inspected the Jail some two months before his last visit, the latrine buildings were then completed, all but the drainage not estimated for, which, it was presumed, was to be worked out by the Superintendent of the Jail, who has such a large convict force at his disposal.

3. The Inspector General of Jails was present at Coimbatore at the same time as Colonel Walker, either in September or October 1867, in both of which months the latter Officer inspected the work; he did not invite Colonel Walker to accompany him at any of his inspections of the Jail, nor has he, so far as I can learn, been in the habit of asking the Range Officer to do so; neither has the Inspector General of Jails ever given the Range Officer any note of his wishes with reference to what he may have observed, but has preferred to submit his remarks for the information of Government, although personally informed by Colonel Walker that the Range Officer had his instructions to carry out any alterations of which he would give him a written Memorandum. It will be observed from the Jail Superintendent's report, that it was written almost immediately after both the Inspector General and Colonel Walker had been present together at Coimbatore; had the Inspector General communicated his wishes to Colonel Walker, many of the defects pointed out in the G. O. under reply would at once have been remedied, and the necessary alterations made to the standard plan, by which the Public Works Department are guided, and a considerable amount of time saved in the submission of the estimates for the extra work now required to be done to complete the buildings.

4. Having obtained a pass from the Superintendent of the Jail, I minutely inspected the whole of the Jail buildings on the 28th January 1868. Although it rained heavily the night before, only two leaks were pointed out to me: one in the Jailer's Office in the Central Tower, and one in the Guard-room. The iron work of the cell doors and windows appeared to me to be very good, though a few of the shutter fastenings and hooks, easily re-placed, were poor. I thought the work generally substantial and good; the buildings have been built according to plans and estimates which have passed through the hands of the Inspector General of Jails. The only point requiring notice is the Guard-room: the beams in the Guard-room of Vengay timber have sagged considerably, as this timber invariably does; they have, however, been carefully watched during the past twelve months, and no alteration has taken place in them; however, to remove all chance of accident or leaks occurring, I think it advisable that these beams should be re-placed by teak-wood ones.

5. The Range Officer has been directed to prepare plans and estimates for the additions and improvements brought to notice not already estimated for, and these

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shall be submitted immediately; the minor defects complained of have been pointed out by me to the Range Officer, who has been instructed to remedy the same at once.

6. A copy of the instructions issued to the Range Officer has been forwarded to the Inspector General of Jails for his information.

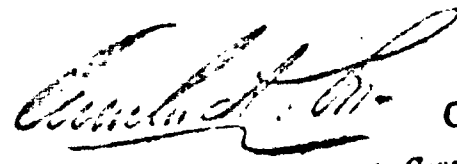
No. 262.

ORDER THEREON, 11th February 1868, No. 481.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 41.

Communicated to the Judicial Department, with reference to the Orders in that Department of the 2nd December 1867, No. 1,960.

(True Extract.)



Colonel, R. E.,  
Secretary to Government.

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

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Exhibit 10.

Forwarding explanation  
in regard to the state  
of the jail at present,  
and the measures taken  
for meeting certain  
demands.

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With an order

20 Feb 1888 No 288.

Ordered that the foregoing  
proceedings be commenced  
in accordance with the  
provisions of law, and  
that his attention be  
drawn to the same.  
I give notice from this day  
that you are to be  
served with a copy of the  
same.

W.H.

By the Public Works Department  
Public Works Department  
W.H.