

Judicial (1895) Department.

ORDINARY MS.

G.O., No. 1518

Dated 19th July 1895

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[Despatch Abstract.]

BELLARY DISTRICT JAIL.

Passing orders on letter from the Inspector General of Prisons submitting an estimate for Rs. 930 for improvements to the main wall of the---

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No. 3007.

Not examined
Prisons.
OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF JAILS.

Dated 29 May 1895.

CURRENT NO. 266

From

A. G. CARDEW, Esq., M.A.,

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF JAILS, Prisons.

To

THE Honble Mr. J. F. Price, C. S. J.

CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

SIR,

3 Enclosures
namely:—
(1). Detail Estimate
(2). Abstract
(3). Report.

I have the honour to submit, for the approval and sanction of Government, an Estimate amounting to Rs 930 for removing the existing coping of chunam stuck with glass from the Main Wall of the Bellary District Jail, and for substituting a smooth coping of cement. The Report which accompanies the Estimate is clear, and explains the nature of the work proposed very well.

2. The object of this change is to prevent escapes from Jail. When the Madras Jails were built, some 30 years ago, it was thought that by covering the top of the Main Walls with broken pieces of glass, the escape of convicts was rendered more difficult. Experience

has,

has, however, shown that this view is incorrect. Thus, Drs. Walker and Lethbridge, on page xcvi of Appendix A to their Report, write of the wall of the Salween Central Jail - "it is covered on the top with the broken glass which has long been discarded as rather an aid to the escape of a man armed with a blanket." The blanket protects the man from being cut by the glass, and the glass, if at all firmly fixed, gives a hold which assists the escaping convict in getting up. In my last inspection of the Bellary District Jail, a convict selected that morning as an opportunity for escape, and on the yard, in which he should have been, being reached, the only sign of the convict was his blanket on the top of the wall. It is with the hope of reducing the facilities for escape that this estimate is submitted.

3. In Central Jails, it will, it is hoped, be possible to carry out the work departmentally, but the use of cement is a difficulty. In District Jails, the assistance of the Public Works Department appears to be desirable. The Estimate has been furnished by the Public Works authorities without previous sanction of Government. This, I understand, is explained

explained by the fact that, owing to the smallness of the amount involved, it was at first uncertain whether the previous sanction of Government would be necessary or not, and the Estimate having been thus got ready has been transmitted in order to save a double reference.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant

W. G. Cardew

Inspector-General of Prisons.

JUDICIAL. *Sept*
JAIL (1895) DEPARTMENT.
CURRENT NO. *2660*

From
THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF *Prisons.*
JAILS,

To
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THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

Dated *29* }
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No. *3007*

ENCLOSURES. *3*

Subject.

Submitting with remarks,
for the approval & sanction
of Govt, an Estimate for Rs
930 for removing the existing
coping of Chunar Jail with
broken glass from the main
wall of the Bellary St. Jail,
& for substituting a smooth
coping of cement.

25-10-92-1226/95
18-1-93-110/95
18-11-90-1804/95
6-1-91-2286/95

H. M.

Approved & transferred
to the Public Works Depart-
ment.

17/6/95

David Davidson
12-8

H. Under Secretary.

17/6/95

To the Public Works Dept.

How many escapes have been
effected over the walls in (say)
the last 3 years?

17/6/95

24/6/95

Note for H. M.

19/6/95

[G.]
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Just DEPARTMENT.

C. No.

FOR ORDERS.

Note for H. M.

Refer: H. M.'s query on C No
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The sub joined abstract shows
the number of escapes which
have been effected over the
walls of Central & District
Jails during the past 3 years:-

	1892	1893	1894	Total
Rajahmundry C. J.	3*	-	-	3
Vizag. S. Jail	7 [†]	-	-	7
Rajahmundry S. Jail	1 [#]	3 [#]	1 [§]	5
Corbhatan C. J.	-	3	-	3
Total	11	6	1	18

In 1892 there was one escape from inside
the Bellary jail but it does not appear
from the report for that year whether the
man scaled the wall; presumably he
did. In 1893 4 men escaped from *inside* Rajah-
mundry but the particulars do not show
whether or how they scaled the wall; there
was also a case of escape from inside
24/6/95. the Cuddapah jail.

* How many escapes have
been effected over the walls
in (say) the last 3 years?

I have no objection to such
improvements as are proposed
being carried out when walls
require repair - But considering
the very small number of escapes
over the walls, I don't think
the walls should be altered at a
considerable expense unless

other repairs are
needed in the course
of which the alteration
can be effected
* three men did so with the
aid of a ladder.
† 5 of these scaled the wall with
the aid of a rope, 2 with a
pole.
over a four-foot wall
§ 6 feet-high wall

Including these cases there have been
24 escapes over jail walls during the
last three years, only one occurring
at Bellamy

30. 6. 95

LD

5/7/95

Re escapes from
Central & S. Jail

FOR ORDERS.

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H. M.

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of 18 , dated from

Current No. 2660

of 18 95, dated 29 May from the J.S. of Prisons.

Order of 19th July 1895 No. 1518
The Govt has no objection to
the proposed improvements being
carried out in cases where the walls
require repair, but, having regard
to the small number of escapes ~~which~~
~~take place~~ over walls, does not consider
that expensive alterations of this description
should be permitted unless other repairs
are needed in the course of which they
can be conveniently effected

(Per order)

J.S. of Prisons
with estimate

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18/7/95
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M.S.

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Final repairs

Cs.
(from riders)

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LETTER OF GOVERNMENT.

STATEMENT WITH DITTO.

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