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G.O., No. 2163

Dated 24th Oct. 1895

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[Despatch Abstract.]

SUB-JAIL AT CHIDAMBARAM.

Communicating to the Public Works Department letter from the Inspector-General of Prisons regarding certain repairs to the Taluk Office, Chidambaram, and the construction of a sub-jail there on the standard design, with the remark that the Government considers the construction of a new----to be unnecessary

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CURRENT NO. 2398.

BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
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Enforcement No. 1896.

*Referred to the Supp. Secy.
of Prisons for report with
reference to para 2 of the order.*

(By order)

*David Davidson
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As Under Secretary*

*Cotacmmed
21st May 1895
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To the Supp. Secy. of Prisons*

Dated April, 25th.

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G.O., 25th April 1895, No. 975 W.

CHIEF SECRETARY
11. MAY. 1895
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

APRIL.

Taluk Office at Chidambaram

Directing that a terraced roof under the tiled one in the —, South Arcot district, be provided for the treasury, and referring for consideration in the Judicial Department the question of the preparation of an estimate for a sub-jail according to the standard design in place of the existing one.

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25TH APRIL 1895, No. 975 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

READ—the following paper :—

From Lieutenant-Colonel C. C. RAWSON, R.E., Superintending Engineer, V Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Chidambaram, 28th March 1895, No. 108 W.

I have the honour to inform you that I have this day inspected the new taluk office being built at Chidambaram in the South Arcot division and request that orders may be passed on the following points.

2. The office is being built (it is nearly completed) on an old standard plan for tiled roof, dated 7th November 1891; this design shows the treasury room built with a Mangalore tiled roof with ceiling boards; the treasury is most unsafe and I recommend the addition of a terrace roof under the tiled one.

3. The existing sub-jail has been retained and is connected with the new building by a covered passage. The old sub-jail had a roof of flat and pan tiles; this has been removed and in their place Mangalore tiles, without a boarded ceiling, have been laid. The bottom of the ventilators in the wards is only 8' 6" from the floor, the ventilators are 3' high, and the bottom of the tie-beams of the trusses is only 11' 6" from the floor and within easy reach of a man holding on to the ventilator, when on the tie-beam a prisoner could reach the roof tiles and easily remove them.

4. The ventilators of the jail wards open into a back verandah completely hidden from the view of the Police constable on duty at the treasury by a newly built compound wall which separates the sub-jail from the taluk office. This verandah is quite close to the low wall enclosing the jail wards and to the jail latrine.

5. It would be perfectly easy for any one to get over the compound wall under cover of the latrine which would completely shelter him from observation from the taluk office, from there cross the few yards to the verandah of the jail wards and once in the verandah and out of sight, he could pass anything with the greatest ease to prisoners confined in the jail wards, the ventilators, as before stated, being only 8' 6" from the floor.

6. The sub-jail, as it now stands, is, I consider, absolutely unfitted for the purpose for which it was built. A new sub-jail should be built on standard plan and attached to taluk office as shown in standard design.

ORDER—dated 25th April 1895, No. 975 W., Public Works.

It is observed that the revised type design for a first-class Tahsildar's office provides for a terraced * roof under the

* G.O., No. 3085 W., dated 1st December 1894. tiled one for the treasury. This should be provided in the case of the taluk office

at Chidambaram in anticipation of sanction to a revised estimate which should be submitted with a comparative statement as soon as possible.

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2. It is clear that the existing sub-jail is unsafe as a jail. It will be considered in the Judicial Department whether, under the circumstances explained by the Superintending Engineer, an estimate should be prepared for a sub-jail according to the standard design.

(True Extract.)

M. G. L. S. S.

Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Superintending Engineer, V Circle.
 „ Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
 „ Judicial Department.

JUDICIAL. Dept
 JAIL (1895) DEPARTMENT.

From

THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF JAILS, Prisons

To

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

Dated 30th

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Subject.

Returns with remarks G.P.
 No. 975 W dated 25th April 1895 regarding
 certain repairs to the Taluk Office Chi-
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 sub-jail there on the standard design.

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For orders

as to whether a new sub-jail in the standard plan should be constructed or only such repairs as may be necessary to render the present building secure and sound should be carried out.

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Apparently the I.G. does not think a new jail necessary

and I agree with him
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No. C. 1013

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OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF ^{Prisons} JAILS,

Dated 30th September 1895.

From

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

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF ~~Jails~~ ^{Prisons}

To

THE Hon'ble Mr. T. F. Price C.S.I.

CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

SIR,

Enclosure. ONE.

In reply to Mr. Davidson's Endorsement No. 1096 dated 21st May 1895, I have the honour to state that the insecurity of the wards of the Chidambaram Sub. Jail as described by the Superintending Engineer Vth Circle, could be remedied by having the walls ceiled with wooden planking. This would cost little.

2. The District Magistrate, South Arcot, to whom a reference has been made writes as follows:—

"I have the honour to state that I agree with the Superintending Engineer in thinking that a new Sulejail should be built on the standard plan and attached to the Taluk office building as shown in the standard design. The present Sulejail stands about 40 feet away from the Taluk office building and as the Treasury guard has to guard the Sulejail also, it is very necessary that the Sulejail should be in closer proximity to the Treasury room and as this renders a new construction necessary, it had better be on the standard plan."

It will be seen that the District Magistrate's reason for considering a new building necessary is different from the reasons stated by the Superintending Engineer and

and consists in the fact that one sentry has to guard both Treasury and Subjail which are 40 feet apart. I am not inclined to attach much importance to this point, as I think a sentry can easily guard Cells and Treasury 13 yards apart and the necessity of patrolling may help to keep him awake.

3. It would be an advantage to have the locking arrangements of this (as of all Subjails) — arranged on the improved Bengal method, by which the lock is out of the inmates' reach, and this would be attained by the erection of new buildings. I am aware, however, that the Government considers an occasional escape to be not sufficient reason for expenditure on buildings, and from this point of view a new Subjail is certainly not necessary.

4. The Superintending Engineer's remarks regarding the introduction of prohibited articles need not be considered, as such articles will find their way into any Subjail.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your Most obedt. Servant
R. G. Cardew
Insp. Genl. of Prisons.

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DEPARTMENT.
Papers to be read in proceedings.

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of 1895, dated 25.4.95 from P.W.D.

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ORDER. 24 October 1895 No 2103

The I. General's letter will be communicated to the P.W.D. with the remark that the Govt. considers ^{the} construction of a new Sub. jail at Chidambaram to be unnecessary.

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