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Ext. Mins. Con. 9th Nov. 1847.

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* Said to be likely to cost Rupees 5,000.

(Signed) E. MALTBY,
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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 16th June 1857.

No. 46. ORDER THEREON, No. 1130; dated 12th June 1857.

Ordered to be communicated to the Chief Engineer with a request that he will submit the necessary estimates for the repairs and additions to the Jail at Chicacole referred to in para. 7 of the foregoing Extract.

(Signed) H. FORBES,
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(True Extract.)

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Inspector of Prisons.
" Medical Board.
" Public Works Department.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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