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Read the following Extract Minutes Consultation, Public Works Department.

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2. In obedience to these orders, that Officer now submits revised plans and estimate. The order of the building is that described in Appendix B of the General Report of the Inspector for 1855-56, the cells being arranged as described above. The three inner segments are to contain each 84 cells and the outer 90, or altogether 540 cells. The circular guard-building, in the centre, is to be 24 feet in diameter; the two Hospitals and Store-room ranges are to form 21 cells each, and the Apothecary's and Warders' quarters three rooms each. All the buildings are to be terraced and constructed with brick in chunam. The estimate now forwarded amounts to Rupees 2,60,400, or Rupees 2,17,200 less than the former one.

3. In his General report for 1855-56, the Inspector proposed, and the Government approved, Extract Minutes Consultation 7th February 1857, that the number of Convicts to be confined in this Jail should be 1148. This appears to have been overlooked in the preparation of the present plan, which provides apparently for the accommodation of only 540 prisoners; nor is it stated whether it is intended, as originally contemplated, to erect portions of the Jail at a time or to construct the whole building at once; and in the event of the former being the case, what number of Convicts it is proposed to accommodate at first. Before passing orders on the foregoing communication, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council therefore resolves to call upon the Inspector to report on these points and to offer any remarks he may have to make on the plan and estimate submitted by the Chief Engineer.

(True Extract)

(Signed) E. MALTBY,
Acting Chief Secretary.

No. 9. ORDER THEREON, No. 2040; dated 30th October 1857.

Ordered to be communicated to the Chief Engineer with reference to his lettter, dated 19th September 1857, No. 3794.

(Signed) H. FORBES,
Acting Secretary to Government.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

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Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Public Works Department.
,, Inspector of Prisons.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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