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Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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No. 80. Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Judicial Department, dated 23rd November 1857, No. 1533.

Read the following letter from J. ROHDE, Esq., Inspector of Prisons; to E. MALTBY, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 5th November 1857, No. 459.

SIR,

In regard to Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, 30th September 1857, No. 1261, Judicial Department, referring for my report an estimate for a Cookroom for prisoners in the Kurnool Jail, I have the honor to forward a copy of a letter I have addressed to the Agent and to state that, whether the building is needed or not, the estimate will require amendment. This is the first intimation I have received of the work being required. There is a cooking shed 65 feet long already in the Jail, the number of prisoners at the date of the last return was 105.

2. The estimate, it will be observed is for masonry of the most ordinary description, stone in clay without plaster, such work the prisoners themselves, with or without one skilled workman, could readily execute.

3. I have mentioned to the Agent, that it would save trouble to the Government, if reference for any work were made to me in the first instance.

I return the plan and estimate as directed.

Letter from J. ROHDE, Esq., Inspector of Prisons; to Captain J. RUSSELL, Agent to the Governor of Fort Saint George at Kurnool, dated Ootacamund, 5th November 1857, No. 461.

SIR,

The Government having referred to in an estimate for a new Cookroom for the Kurnool prison, I have the honor to request that you will inform me of the circumstance under which the building is now needed.

2. It would in general save time and trouble if the application for works connected with the Jail were made to me, before the application to Government, to whom needless trouble is given in referring to me.

3. There is a small cooking shed 65×10 shewn in the plan of the Prison.

4. For a Cookroom, flat tiles form a bad roof; by laying pan-tiles immediately over the reapers, free vent is given for the smoke, the roof so constructed is also less liable to be out of repair and if out of repair is more economically put in order than one constructed of flat tiles plastered; indeed this last kind of roof seldom stands well unless great stiffness is given to the rafters.

5. In the 5th para. of my Circular from Bellary and now appended to my report, I particularly directed that the use of flat tiles should be discontinued in tiled roofs.

6. It appears to me undesirable to form a lurking place by building in the form proposed if it can be avoided.

7. It also occurs to me that in a building constructed of stone in mud the walls might be erected by the Prisoners at a saving of 56 Rupees or at least of a larger portion of that item.

The Inspector of Prisons will acquaint Government with the result of his reference to the Acting Agent.

If the building should be found to be really necessary, Mr. Rohde will state at what cost it could be constructed with the aid of Convict labor.

(True Extract and Copy.)

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

No. 81. ORDER THEREON, No. 2277; dated 8th December 1857.

Ordered to be communicated to the Chief Engineer with reference to his letter dated 11th September 1857, No. 3680.

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

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

No. 1533.

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3. I have mentioned to the Agent, that it would save trouble to the Government, if reference for any work were made to me in the first instance.

(Signed) J. ROHDE,
Inspector of Prisons.

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If the building should be found to be really necessary, Mr. Rohde will state at what cost it could be constructed with the aid of Convict labor.

(True Extract and Copy.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Inspector of Prisons.
,, Public Works Department, with a Plan and Estimate.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

out of repair and if out of repair is more economically put in order than one constructed of flat tiles plastered; indeed this last kind of roof seldom stands well unless great slopes is given to the rafters.

5 In the Estimate of any new Barracks from Dublin and now afforded to me reports particularly directed that the use of Flat tiles should be discontinued on Tiled roofs.

6. If appears to me undesirable to form a Bursting Plate by Brickwork in the form proposed if it can be avoided.

7. I also observe to me that in a building constructed of stone as would the matter might be granted by the Commissioners also required to allow for large portion of Plastering.

Memorandum ... Have the honor to be
Office of Inspr. of Barracks Sir
5th November 1857 Your most Obedient Servant
Signed
Inspr. of Barracks
Dublin
To the Secretary
Board of Works

№ 1461

From,

J. Rohde Esqr.

Inspector of Prisons

To,

Captain J. Russell

Agent to the Govt. of Port St. Geo.

Sir, Dated 5th Instt. at Purnool

The Government having referred to me an estimate for a new cook room for the Purnool prison, I have the honor to request that you will inform me of the circumstance under which the building is now needed.

2. It would in general save time and trouble if the application for works connected with the jail were made to me, before the application to Government, to whom needless trouble is given in referring to me.

3. There is a small cooking shed 55X10 shewn in the plan of the Prison.

4. For a cookroom, flat tiles form a bad roof; by laying pantiles immediately over the rafters, free vent is given for the smoke, the roof so constructed is also less liable to be

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Judicial 1857 Department

No. 1

Enclosed in a letter from the Inspector of Prisons

To Hd Qr. Chief Secty: to the Govt

Fort St. George

Dated 5th November 1857

No. 469.

From, The Inspector of Prisons

To, The Agent to the Govt of

Fort St. George

Purnea

Dated 5th November 1857 No. 461.

PM 2364/57

Requesting information as to the circumstances for a cook room to the Jail at Purnea.

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Jr No 1844.

9th to Cons 22d Septr 57 No 14-15

Public Works 1857 Subject
Cons 8th Decr

No 2367.

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of Cons: in the Judicial

Dated 23d
Recd 27th } Novr 1857.

No 1533.

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Calling upon the Inspector of Prisons, to acquaint Government with the result of his reference to the Acting Agent at Hurnaal, and requesting him to state, at what cost the Lock room to the Jail at that place could be constructed, with the aid of Convict-labor, if it should be found to be really necessary.

No 80+81

William order
No 2277. 8th December

No 2277.

Order to be communicated to the Chief Engineer with reference to his letter dated 4th September 1857 No 3680.

Lt Col. St. George
8th Decr 1857

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with 2 Encls