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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 7th July 1857.

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Read the following letter from J. ROHDE, Esq., Inspector of Prisons; to E. MALTBY, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated 29th May 1857, No. 171.

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I have the honor to forward copies of 2 estimates received from the Civil Engineer of Chingleput for raising the walls and renewing the roof of that Jail. The building was already much out of repair at the date of my first visit and has since become much worse, it appeared to me undesirable to go to the expense of renewing the roof without taking the opportunity of raising the walls; the walls if raised will not, I think, bear the lateral thrust of a coupled roof and I would therefore recommend the more perfect and durable roof at the additional cost of.

2. I have more than once requested a complete plan of the whole Jail premises in order to marking out alterations with the view to increased security, the plan I first received was defective and incorrect, that subsequently sent was likewise incorrect and did not show the relative positions of the buildings, when I get a correct plan I will mark off the proposed alterations and submit the further estimate.

3. It will be observed that the present estimates refer to nothing beyond the repair of the existing two blocks of building between the inner and outer wall, an ill-arranged inconvenient building better suited to any other purpose than that of a Jail. The hospital will remain in its present state of decay, females, debtors and others will still have to be accommodated elsewhere; the 8,530 Rupees is in short the amount required to lodge in association about 200 prisoners irrespective of outer walls, and the numerous other requisite buildings.

4. I have no other resource but to recommend that the work be carried out and that on emergency.

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(True Extract and Copy.)

(Signed) E. MALTBY,
Acting Chief Secretary.

No. 38. ORDER THEREON, No. 1293; dated 6th July 1857.

Ordered to be communicated to the Chief Engineer with a request that he will direct the District Engineer to submit, without further delay, the plan of the Jail at Chingleput, called for by the Inspector of Prisons.

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

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To the Inspector of Prisons, with two ~~Indents~~ Estimates.
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Exd. F. Cartledge.