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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 18th December 1862.

No. 364. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Judicial Department, dated 10th December 1862, No. 2,013:—

Requesting that an estimate may be prepared of the cost of erecting an upper story for the High Court Ward. } (Vide Judicial Proceedings, 10th December 1862, Nos. 103 @ 105.)

No. 365. ORDER THEREON, 18th December 1862, No. 3,040.

Communicated to the Acting Deputy Chief Engineer, Central Circle, for early attention with reference to paragraph 2.

(Signed.) W. I. BIRDWOOD, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from Lieutenant Colonel W. J. WILSON, Commissioner of Police; to A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 12th November 1862, No. 134.

I have the honor to submit the undermentioned details connected with the Penitentiary for the consideration of Government.

2. During the past year the average daily number of Prisoners was as follows:—

Europeans..... 26
East Indians..... 4
Natives..... 338; and the number at present confined is 380, of whom 34 are Europeans, 6 East Indians, and 340 Natives.

3. The Establishment provided to guard and control the Convicts consists of one European Superintendent on 150 Rupees a month, one European Deputy on 50 Rupees, and a detail of Natives from the Standing Police Force of the strength noted in the margin which is relieved periodically.

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50 Peons.

4. In the Mofussil Jails a guard is allowed at the rate of one Peon to every six Convicts, but it will be seen from the statement given above, that the proportion in the Penitentiary is less than one Peon to seven Convicts.

5. I do not, however, at present urge any increase to the number of the Native guard, but I believe that the European element is quite insufficient, and that an addition thereto is necessary both for the security of the Jail, and for the due maintenance of discipline, as Natives are not fit to deal with European Convicts when in any number. The work at present performed by the two Europeans is severe, and they each go their rounds every night in addition to their daily duties.

6. A Tabular Statement in the prescribed form showing the proposed increase is herewith forwarded. I have therein recommended that the pay of the Superintendent and his Deputy be increased, that of the former to 200 Rupees, and that of the latter to 75 Rupees a month, which I do not consider too much considering the great responsibility of their situations. Provision for this increase has been made in the Budget for 1863-64. The establishment of the European Prison at Ootacamund consists of one Jailor on 200 Rupees, a Deputy on 80 Rupees, and four Warders on 50 Rupees each.

7. I have also to bring to notice that additional accommodation is urgently required for certain classes of offenders, viz., Convicts under sentence of transportation, and those sentenced by the High Court.

8. There is not at present any regular transportation Ward, the building now used for that purpose being one large room walled at the back and sides, and closed in front with an iron railing. It was originally intended as a Workshop for the Europeans, but owing to necessity has been used as a transportation Ward, although by no means well adapted to that purpose.

9. The High Court Ward has been so much crowded of late that I have been obliged to put a number of the Prisoners into the transportation Ward at night, and that building is inconveniently full inconsequence.

10. An upper story might easily be built upon the present High Court Ward which would then be sufficiently commodious, and the present transportation Ward would suffice, although one built specially for the purpose would be preferable.

11. I herewith submit a statement showing the nature of the present accommodation in the Penitentiary and the mode in which it is occupied.

ORDER THEREON, 10th December 1862, No. 2,013.

The application submitted will be forwarded to the Government of India, with the recommendation that the increase proposed may be sanctioned from 1st April next.

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Proposed Penitentiary Establishment.....	513	4	8
Present do.	338	4	8
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2. The provision entered in the Estimate for 1863-64 for the additional expense, Rupees 175 a month, will stand.

3. An Estimate will be prepared in the Public Works Department of the cost of erecting an upper story for the High Court Ward.

(True Extract.)

G. J. Campbell

Chief Secretary.

To the Commissioner of Police.
" Public Works Department.
" Deputy Auditor and Accountant General.
" Civil Paymaster.

Exd. T. McMootry.

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No. 3040.

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