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No. 563. Read the following letter from Captain T. E. GAHAGAN, District Engineer of Salem, to Colonel W. I. BIRDWOOD, R. E., Secretary to Government, in the Department Public Works, dated Omalur, 17th June 1863, No. 32 :—

Sir,

1. I have the honor to reply to your No. 37, of the 9th instant, calling for certain information regarding the progress of the upper story of the Jail at Salem.

2. The progress made up to this date with the work abovenamed is as follows :—

One large block : walls above raised to the average height of 7 feet ; lower ventilators fixed ; upper ventilators nearly ready for fixing ; four iron gates fixed, and the rest ready for fixing.

One small block : brick work in chunam up to level of flooring, and jelly in chunam over arches of ground floor completed.

3. The quantity of brick work in chunam executed up to this date is 200 cubic yards.

4. The materials prepared by myself for the contractor's use are as follow :—

(1.) Bricks, 3,71,570 ($8\frac{1}{4}'' \times 4\frac{1}{4}'' \times 2\frac{1}{4}''$) ; moulded by convicts, and sold at the rate of 8 Annas per 1,000 to the Contractor, who burns them himself.

(2.) Timber, 510 cubic feet, sawn to specified scantlings.

(3.) Iron, 21,897 lbs., enough to complete the gratings of all the ventilators.

Hoop iron, 6,500 lineal feet, for bonding.*

* Galvanized iron for the roofing of the verandahs is on the way from England, I believe. It was ordered four months ago.

(4.) Brick jelly, prepared by convicts, nearly enough for filling in the spandrils of the arches of two blocks ; about 80 cubic yards small stone jelly, prepared by convicts, enough for the spandrils of the arches of two blocks, about 90 cubic yards.

The Contractor makes his own arrangements for chunam, with which he is supplied regularly from Salem.

5. The expenditure up to the 31st ultimo was Rupees 5,405-3-3.

6. The work is being executed on contract by Arunachala Achari (the well known cutler) of Salem, who is under a penalty of Rupees (4,000) four thousand to complete it within two years from the date on which his contract was signed (March 12th 1863) ; and if *no more outbreaks of cholera occur among the convicts*, I see no reason why the work should not be finished within the time above specified. The Contractor is bound to purchase all his (raw) bricks from the Jail, and to employ convict labour on his work as far as the prison rules will allow. These conditions were entered in the contract at the express request of the Inspector General of Jails.

No. 564. ORDER THEREON, 24th June 1863, No. 1,661.

1. The Government request to be furnished with a copy of the contract entered into, and to be informed whether under the provisions of paragraph 8, Chapter XVI of the Code, the contract was formally confirmed and accepted by the Superintending Engineer.

2. Lieutenant-Colonel Hitchins was requested in Proceedings dated 10th June 1863, No. 1,481A, to inspect the Salem Jail. In submitting the report on the result of his inspection, that Officer will be so good as to state whether arrangements could not be made to expedite the completion of the work.

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

6. The work is being executed on contract by Annachalarthari (the well known cutter) of Salem, who is under a penalty of Rupees four thousand (4000) to complete it within two years from the date on which his contract was signed (March 12th. 63); and if no more outbreaks of cholera occur among the convicts, I see no reason why the work should not be finished within the time above specified.

The contractor is bound to purchase all his raw materials from the jail, and to employ convict labour on his work as far as the prison rules will allow. These conditions were entered in the contract at the express request of the Inspector General of Jails.

I have the honour to be

T. C. Gahagan Esq.
District Engineer

John D. P. Rice

Salem District

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27 Nov. 1887
Dear Mr. Brewster

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to the Secretary of the
the D.P.W.

Wadsworth

Robert T. June
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regarding the piracy
of the advertisement of
the mail at Salem

With an Order of
No. 1001 - 24 June -

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The Government requests to

be furnished with a copy of the Contract
outlined, with, and to be informed whether
under the provision of Para 8 Chapter
XVI of the Code, the Contract was
formally confirmed and accepted
by the Superintending Engineer.

Scott Donald Williams

requested in No: dated 10. June 1808. He
1481 A to inspect the salmon fish. In sub-
mitting the report on the results of
his inspection, that Officer will be a
good as to state whether among
ments could not be made to
expedite the completion of the
work.

5. Cotton

At the City Supr's Office Aug. 24/11.

Chief Engineer Leland.

Stephane