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Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
29th February 1864.*

No. 569.

Read the following:—

FIFTH DIVISION, D. P. W.

SALEM DISTRICT, SALEM RANGE.

Report for the quarter ending January 31st 1864 of progress made with the upper story of the Salem Jail, called for in G. O. No. 2,519 of the 1st September 1863.

Estimate Rupees 40,500, sanctioned in G. O. No. 380 of the 12th March 1863.

* About 2,000 Rupees more are due for work and materials.	Work commenced in January 1863, expenditure during the quarter*	Rs.	A.	P.
	Do. from commencement of work up to date	8,676	14	1
		16,011	4	0

Particulars of work done up to date.

1. One large block, to accommodate 54 prisoners, completed and handed over to the Prison authorities.
2. Walls of one small block, to accommodate 42 prisoners, raised to the average height of 7 feet; iron revolving doors and lower grated windows fixed; upper grated windows ready for fixing; materials for completing the block all ready with the exception of half a lac of bricks.
3. Basement of another small block and staircase, completed.
4. Iron revolving doors ready for two more large blocks, and half another small block.
5. Corrugated iron ready for two more large blocks, and another small block. Also a considerable quantity of seasoned Vengay-wood, half wrought.
6. The progress of the work has been seriously delayed during the quarter under notice for want of Convict labour. There are at present only 100 Convicts, two gangs of 50, available for the work. One gang of 50 is employed inside the Jail walls, and the other gang in the brick-field where there ought to be always at least 100 men (or two gangs) considering that every thing† is done there by the Convicts.

7. At present the work is actually at a stand still for want of bricks, owing to the single gang having been unable to keep pace with the Contractor's Bricklayers. This is not as it should be, instead of being in want of bricks to go on with, we ought now to be storing them for work in the rainy season. I believe that last night in the Jail there were not less than 40 empty cells.

*Salem Range Office,
9th February 1864.*

(Signed) T. E. GAHAGAN, Captain, R. E.,
Executive Engineer, Salem Range.

No. 1,942.

Submitted to Government with reference to paragraph 2 of their Order No. 2,519, dated 1st September 1863.

*Salem, Suptg. Engr's Office,
13th February 1864.*

(Signed) T. E. GAHAGAN, Captain, R. E.,
In charge of the Suptg. Engr's Office, 5th Division.

No. 570. ORDER THEREON, 29th February 1864, No. 585.

1. The foregoing report on the progress made in the construction of the upper story of the Salem Jail, during the quarter ended 31st January 1864, will be communicated to the Judicial Department, with reference to Proceedings in that Department, No. 181, dated 12th instant, and with a view to the attention of the Inspector General of Jails being directed to the Executive Engineer's remarks regarding the slow progress of the work owing to the want of Convict labor.

2. In the event of a sufficient number of Convicts not being obtainable, arrangements should be made for the employment of ordinary labor in the manufacture of bricks as the speedy completion of the building is an object of importance.

3. The Superintending Engineer is requested to state when the block referred to in paragraph 2 of the Executive Engineer's report is likely to be finished and ready for occupation.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Judicial Department,
with two notes by the Honorable T. Pycroft.
,, Superintending Engineer, 5th Division.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Fifth Division D.P.W.
Salem District
Salem Range.

Report for the Quarter ending
January 31st 1864 - of progress made with the
upper story of the Salem jail; called for in G.O.
No. 2519 of the 1st September 1863.

Estimate, Rupees 40,500, sanctioned in
G.O. No. 380 of the 12th March 1863.

Work commenced in January 1863.

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(Signed) J. E. Gahagan Capt.
Executive Engineer
Salem Range

Salem Range Office
February 9 - 1864.

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Submitted to Government
with reference to para 2 of their order

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29th Feb 1864
11th March

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Chf of Grate for February

From
The Supg: Engineer
5th Division

The Secretary to
Government A.M.W.

Dated 13th February 1864
Recd 15th

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Submit Report
of progress made with
the Upper Story of the
Salem Jail for the quarter
ending 31st January 1864

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12th Feb 4 1864 Or. 22nd

Executive Engineer
Salem Range

Salem Range Office
February 9- 1864.

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