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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 12th April 1864.

No. 310. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Judicial Department:—

Requesting that orders may be issued for converting, into a Jail, the lower Barracks at Dindigul, Madura District. } (Here enter 5th April 1864, No. 462.)

No. 311. ORDER THEREON, 12th April 1864, No. 1,043.

1. Communicated to the Superintending Engineer, 8th Division.

2. Authority is granted for the expenditure on the work of the sum of Rupees 307 referred to in paragraph 1, and reported by the Joint Magistrate to be "now in the Tahsildar's hands." Captain Moberly will be requested to submit an application for the balance* of the Estimate after the 1st May next.

* Rupees 623.

3. The Superintending Engineer will arrange for the speedy completion of the work.

4. The Government observes that the sum of Rupees 307 abovementioned, which was sanctioned in G. O. No. 2,780, dated 24th September 1863, for a Subsidiary Jail at Dindigul, is shown as expended in the Madura District Progress Report for December 1863. Captain Moberly will be requested to explain whether the amount has been actually laid out in the construction of the Jail, or whether the entry in his Progress Report is intended to show the amount paid to the Tahsildar.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 8th Division.
„ Accountant General.
„ Controller and Auditor of Public Works Accounts.
„ Judicial Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
5th April 1861.

Read the following papers:—

No. 39. From Æ. R. McDONELL, Esq., Acting Magistrate of Madura; to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madura, 25th February 1861, No. 35.

I do myself the honor to forward for submission to Government, the accompanying papers,* regarding an Estimate for converting the lower Barracks at Dindigul into a Jail.

* 1. Dindigul Joint Magistrate's letter, No. 1 of 22nd February 1861.
2. Plan of Buildings in the lower fort of Dindigul.
3. Estimate of repairs to lower Barracks, for Rupees 1,250.

2. Any remarks from me appear uncalled for, as Mr. Agnew who has the necessary local knowledge has gone fully into the matter.

3. Cholera has visited the Town and Jail here; last month it was virulent, but it is now fast disappearing.

4. I would recommend that Mr. Agnew's suggestion be acted upon.

From G. VANSAGNEW, Esq., Joint Magistrate; to Æ. R. McDONELL, Esq., Acting Magistrate of Madura, dated Dindigul, 22nd February 1861, No. 1.

1. Adverting to your letter, No. 113, of the 17th instant, enclosing for my remarks an original* letter, dated the 10th instant, No. 1872, from the Superintending Engineer, covering a Plan and Estimate for converting the lower Barrack at Dindigul into a Jail, I have the honor to state my views upon the subject, for submission, with your approval, to Government, with reference to its Order, No. 1957, of the 16th December last.

* Herewith returned with enclosures.

2. The Estimate amounts to Rupees 730 exclusive of an item of Rupees 360 for a Cook-room and one of Rupees 110 for iron bars.

3. The Cook-room contemplated in the Estimate to be constructed outside the Building, I consider inconvenient and unnecessary. Quite sufficient cooking accommodation can be furnished in the centre of the Barrack (Prison) yard for a very small sum, say Rupees 60. The iron bars also I consider unnecessary. The Estimate is thus reduced to Rupees 790.

4. Rupees 307 have already been sanctioned† for a Subsidiary Jail at Dindigul, which will not of course be now required, and I presume that that sum, now in the Tasildar's hands, may be at once rendered available towards the execution of this Estimate.

† Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated 15th September 1863, No. 1479, Judicial Department.

5. The Acting Deputy Inspector General and the Acting Superintendent of Police for this District have just visited Dindigul, and have agreed in condemning the Town Station House, About Rupees 400 could probably be realized by the sale of this Building and its site in the bazaar street, and I have proposed to them; and I have informed them that I shall, with your permission, submit my proposal for the approval of Government, to afford accommodation amply sufficient for a Station House in the Building now about to be used as a Jail instead of subjecting Government to the unnecessary expense of erecting a new Station House. At the same time I beg to recommend that the Tahsildar and District Moonsiff change Cutcheries. They are both excellent Buildings and are equally suitable for either Officer. An inner strong room only would have to be constructed for the Treasury. This exchange would afford very considerable relief to the Police, the latter Building (the present Moonsiff's Court) being much nearer both to the present and to the proposed Station House than the Tahsildar's present Cutchery.

6. I am informed that the Convicts in the Madura Jail are dying in numbers of Cholera. Dindigul is a far healthier place than Madura, and I beg to state that with sanction to commence spending the Rupees 307 sanctioned for the Subsidiary Jail, I am prepared at once to receive 100 Convicts on being supplied with the necessary Police Guard.

7. I beg to add that the Police huts lately constructed near the present Talook Cutchery are in so ruinous a condition as already to require repairs. Under any circumstances, I have advised their abandonment: the roofing materials will realize Rupees 200.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department, 5th April 1861.

Referred to the Inspector General of Jails for early report.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

1st March 1864.

No. 40. From J. ROHDE, Esq., Inspector General of Jails; to A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq., Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, Judicial Department, dated Ootacamund, 5th March 1864, No. 606.

In acknowledging your Memorandum of the 1st instant, referring for early report letters* from the Magistrate of Madura, with enclosures, relative to the proposed occupation of the Barracks at Dindigul as a Subsidiary Jail, I have the honor to request your attention to the Plan and Estimate and to the Orders of Government, 12th February 1864, No. 181.

* Returned.

See enclosure.

2. In reference to the latter order, I would observe that though I cannot in accordance with its purport submit the Report in its fulness, as required, until I hear from the Superintending Engineers, I may remark that Captain Farewell agrees with me that at least 1,000 Convicts may with advantage be employed on the sanctioned works in progress on these hills; this and the Coimbatore Jail work will take all the prisoners who can, with propriety, be detached while the new Salem Jail will receive when complete, about 300 Convicts in addition to its present number.

3. The Building at Dindigul will provide inward accommodation about 32,300 feet, which, divided by 500, gives room for 64 prisoners. It is proposed to amalgamate the Talook Prison with this Subsidiary Jail, so that I suppose the relief to the Madura Jail will not extend to more than 50 Convicts at a first cost of Rupees 1,093 or if iron bars are used, Rupees 1,230, or omitting the outside Cooking-sheds and substituting a shed in the middle of the enclosure, say Rupees 793.

4. I agree in Mr. Vans Agnew's suggestions should Government decide on detaching prisoners to this building.

5. For my own part I would much rather avoid these small detachments and at once make up Captain Hankin's gang and maintain it by drafts from the more crowded Jails. All prisoners however of a class proper to be sent from Madura to this Officer, should go to Paumben, but in the want of accommodation for long sentenced prisoners elsewhere, the Madura and Paumben Jails together will not hold the prisoners of the District.

6. Whether the Government think it better to send the Madura short term men here or to send fifty or even sixty of them to Dindigul is the question. I do not think it desirable to send long sentenced men, I mean prisoners whose unexpired term is long, to a small Jail at Dindigul, and I do not think it would be convenient to send there men of the class whose unexpired term is so short† that they cannot conveniently be sent under the present rule to the Lawrence Asylum site.

† Six months and under.

7. It is better to send long term prisoners to Paumben than to Dindigul, 1st, because the number in the gang is larger, and 2ndly, because the Joint Magistrate there is Resident.

8. If the Government decide on the maintenance of a gang at Dindigul, a little crowding there may be better than the excessive crowding at Tinnevelly and Madura, and perhaps 80 men may be confined in the building, and of these 80, 70 might be transferred Convicts the unexpired portion of whose sentence does not exceed one year; of the rest, might be transferred to Captain Hankin, all whose unexpired portion of sentence is from two to four years. With a strong fence round Captain Hankin's wards I think his Jail would be sufficiently secure.

9. Major Farewell was of opinion that a large gang might be employed on the Coonoor Ghaut, but reserved the official communication of his opinion till he had seen Colonel Walker, and I only now allude to the subject as it may affect the question of providing a Jail at Dindigul.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department, 5th April 1861.

No. 40A. ORDER THEREON, 5th April 1861, No. 462.

Adverting to the great want of Jail accommodation throughout the country, the Governor in Council is of opinion that advantage should be taken of the building referred to in the foregoing letters, which it appears can be adapted for use as a prison for 70 or 80 convicts, at a cost of Rupees 930, or Rupees 623 in excess of the sum (Rupees 307) already sanctioned for the erection of a Subsidiary Jail at Dindigul.

2. Orders will be issued in the Department of Public Works for the early execution of the work. Iron bars should be provided.

3. The suggestions made by the Joint Magistrate in paragraphs 5 and 7 of his letter must be reported on by the Magistrate and the Inspector General of Police.

(True Extract.)

A. J. Arbuthnot

To the Magistrate of Madura.
" Inspector General of Jails.
" Public Works Department.
" Inspector General of Police.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

that the sum of Rupees 30 / abovementioned which was sanctioned in G.O. No 2780 dated 24th September 1863 for a Subsidiary Jail at Dindigul, is shewn as expended in the Madura District Progress Report for December 1863. Captain Moberly will be requested to explain whether the amount has been actually laid out in the construction of the Jail or whether the entry in his Progress Report is intended to shew the amount paid to the Sapsidars.

To the S.E.S.Dr. Dr. 12th April
" Accountant Do. 15th April
" Controller & Auditor Gl. Do.
" Asst. Secretary Do. 12th April

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No. 1043.

1 Communicated to the Superintending Engineer 8th Division.

2 Authority is granted for the expenditure on the work of the Sum of Rupees 30 / referred to in para 1 and reported by the Joint Magistrate to be now in the Sapsidars' hands. Captain Moberly will be requested to submit an application for the balance of the Estimate after the 1st May next.

3 The Supt. Engineer will arrange for the speedy completion of the work.

4. The Government observes that

X Rs. 623