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9th September 1865.*

No. 191. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Judicial Department :—

Intimating that the plans and estimates for the proposed improvements to the Jail under construction at Waltair, should be submitted to Government in the Public Works Department as early as possible. (Here enter 5th September 1865, No. 1,246.)

No. 192. ORDER THEREON, 9th September 1865, No. 2,639.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 24.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineer of the 1st Division, for information and guidance.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer of the 1st Division.

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Read the following papers:—

No. 50. From C. COLLETT, Esq., Session Judge, Vizagapatam, to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Vizagapatam, 24th July 1865, No. 165.

I have the honor to report that, in accordance with paragraph 5 of the Order of Government, dated the 16th June 1865, No. 877, a Committee, consisting of Captain Ryves, Superintending Engineer, Dr. Dougall, Civil Surgeon, and myself, as Officer in charge of the Jail, assembled at this station on the 14th instant, and I have now to submit the suggestions which we would beg to offer regarding the Jail now building at Waltair.

2. We considered *first* the buildings as already sanctioned and in course of erection, and *secondly* the plans of the additional buildings required.

3. SANCTIONED BUILDINGS.—*Wards.*—We propose that the position of the doors of the wards be changed, so as to open into the verandahs called the work-sheds; that these verandahs be continued the whole length of the wards; that end windows be opened in the outer wards to correspond with the end windows of the inner wards; that shutter ventilators (say 4' x 2') be put up in the gable ends of each ward and that two similar ventilators be put up in each ward, in, what when the position of the doors is changed will be, the back wall of the ward; the ropes for ventilators to be worked from the outside. Also to prevent gusts of wind blowing upon the convicts at night, we would suggest that a moveable wooden shutter be fixed on each door of the wards, so as to close the lower half of the doorways; these shutters to be fixed on the outside, and to be put up, or not, according to season, state of weather, or direction of strong winds.

4. *Walls.*—The inner radial walls extending from the end of each block of wards to the outer wall we propose should be entirely removed, and palisades or iron railings substituted. The plans of the new buildings provide for palisades being substituted for a great portion of what is the outer wall in the plan as now sanctioned.

5. *Yards.*—The yards should be macadamized; there is no provision for this in the present estimate. The surface of yards should be sloped towards a drain in the centre, to be led out under the outer wall. We object to urinals being built in the yards as in the sanctioned plans. We think that the moveable vessels used at night in the wards may, during the day-time, be placed in the yards for use there.

6. *Water.*—It is very doubtful at present if water can be obtained by sinking wells on the site of the Jail. If the investigations of the Executive Engineer show that water cannot be thus got on the spot, a well will have to be sunk as near as may be, and water forced up and led by a conduit to the Jail. But at present we can make no definite suggestion as to what can be done to remedy the present entire want of a water supply.

7. *Central Tower.*—As the additional buildings proposed provide for a Surgery and for Store-rooms, we think that the present plan of this tower may, with advantage be altered, and the building consist of a single story with a terraced roof and verandah round it. The room may be used as the Jail office and Warders room.

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8. ADDITIONAL BUILDINGS PROPOSED.—The additional buildings, &c., which in our opinions, are necessary, are numerous. They are as follows: A large cooking shed; two solitary cells; a Hospital, with its proper out-buildings; a female ward, with ditto, a Civil debtors' ward, with ditto; a Main Guard house at principal entrance, and in connection therewith a store-room and a tool-room; a small guard-room at entrance to female and debtors' yards; a Jailer's house, with out-offices; a large latrine for men, to be placed at a convenient distance from the Jail buildings, and a small latrine for females.

9. Before the present Order of Government was received, plans for the additional buildings required had been prepared in the office of the Superintending Engineer. These plans were now carefully gone over by us in Committee, and the revised plans which will be submitted through the channel of the Department Public Works will be in accordance with the views of the Committee. It does not seem necessary, therefore, to submit any remarks upon those plans.

10. It will be observed that both in respect to the buildings already sanctioned and in course of erection, and in regard to the additional buildings required, we go greatly beyond the suggestions in the Report of Messrs. Rohde and Ellis. We can only say that we have suggested no more than we humbly conceive to be absolutely needed for the number of prisoners which it is estimated the Jail should be capable of containing.

No. 51. Extract from Weekly Diary by the Deputy Inspector General of Hospitals, Northern Division, from Monday the 3rd to Sunday the 9th July 1865.

Tuesday 4th "Inspected Jail Hospital, 31st Regiment L. I. Hospital, Civil Dispensary, Police Hospital, Lunatic Asylum, and European Infantry Veteran Company Hospital. Visited also new Jail which is not yet finished. A high wall closely surrounding the cells I consider objectionable, as tending to prevent the due circulation of air; more space might be taken up, there being abundance of ground, and the extra expense of a little more wall would not probably be objected to by Government.

"The Civil and Session Judge has been made aware of my opinion on this subject."

(True Extract).

(Signed) R. COLE,
*Principal Inspector General,
Medical Department.*

No. 219.

Forwarded to the Secretary to Government, Judicial Department.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
29th July 1865.

No. 52. ORDER THEREON, 5th September 1865, No. 1246.

The Governor in Council will await the receipt of the plans and estimates of the cost of the improvements suggested by the Committee, which should be laid

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before Government in the Department of Public Works, with as little delay as possible. They should provide for throwing out the outer wall to a greater distance from the building.

(True Extract).

H. J. Curran
Chief Secretary.

To the Public Works Department. ✓
" Inspector General of Jails.
" Session Judge of Vizagapatam.
" Principal Inspector General, Medical Department.

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