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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.**Government of Madras.***Public Works* **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No. <i>688</i>	Press
<i>629-630</i>	~~Mis~~
Dated <i>28-2-</i>	<i>1866.</i>

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
28th February 1866*

No. 629. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Judicial Department:—

Requesting that orders may be issued for the
construction of a substantial roof to the Jail } (Here enter 21st February 1866, No. 266.)
at Paumben, in the Madura District.

No. 630. ORDER THEREON, 28th February 1866, No. 688.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 83.

Communicated to the Superintend-
ing Engineer of the 8th Division, who
will lose no time in submitting, for the

sanction of Government, a plan and estimate for substituting a tiled roof for the
present thatched roof of the Jail at Paumben.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer of the 8th Division.
,, Judicial Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
21st February 1866.*

No. 197. Read the following letter from the Officiating Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Fort Saint George; dated Paumben, 9th February 1866, No. 2215.

With reference to G. O., No. 1144 of the 21st April 1864, I have the honor to report that nothing has, up to this time, been done towards the removal of the thatch, and the substitution of iron sheeting, on the roof of the Jail at Paumben. The Government called for an estimate for this work, on Mr. Rohde's representation that prisoners should be provided with tiled or other secure roofs; but I find, from papers in this office, that Mr. Rohde was under the impression that the cost of tiles was prohibitory, and that an iron roof would be cheaper.

2. Estimates have been framed by the former Executive Officers here for both a tiled and an iron roof; but I do not approve of either of them. New rafters were provided, whereas the present ones, excellent Ceylon palmyrahs, are quite serviceable; and the estimate for an iron roof was calculated from the cost of roofing the cook-house and granary, referred to as "the addition to the building" in Mr. Rohde's letter* published with the order under reply. The actual cost ap-

* Paragraph 2.

pears to have been Rupees 28-10-4 per square, but the granary is roofed with what are called "iron tiles", not corrugated, which were procured from Colombo, and which, not being well galvanized, have become corroded, and are not water-tight.

3. I have looked into the estimates with Lieutenant Coningham, and find that the cost of a tiled roof will be about Rupees 4000—roughly, 180 squares at 20 Rupees. The cost of an iron roof, estimated on the data given by three agents at Madras, will be from 8000 to 9000 Rupees; and, however much these might be modified, it is quite certain that an iron roof cannot be put up for 20 Rupees a square, the cost of tiles.

4. To say that the Jail has answered very well as it is, for years past, is perhaps no argument, in itself, in favor of retaining the thatched roofs; but as the Jail here is likely to be abolished,* I would beg to be informed whether the Government are prepared to sanction the cost of a

* Page 24, Proceedings of Government, Judicial Department, 16th June 1865.

substantial roof, in which case I will submit a detailed estimate.

Referred to the Judicial Department, with reference to the Orders in that Department, No. 537, dated 15th April 1864.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
16th February 1866.

(Signed) C. A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government, P. W. D.

ORDER THEREON, 21st February 1866, No. 266.
No. 198.

As it is not likely that the Paumben Jail will be abolished, at least for some time to come, the Governor in Council considers it important that a substantial roof should be substituted for the present thatched roof. The necessary orders will, accordingly, be issued in the Public Works Department for the execution of the work as early as practicable.

(True Extract).

G. J. Constantine
Chief Secretary.

To the Public Works Department. ✓
Inspector General of Jails.
Exd. J. H. Burns.

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of the 1st Army
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Respectfully

that order may
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the construction
of a substantial
road to the fort
at Point of View
in the Province
of the East of the
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Communicated to the

Superintending Engineer of

the 8th Division, who will

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Point of View.

The copy of the order of the
Superintending Engineer of the
8th Division, dated 27th Dec 1866,
is herewith forwarded.

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