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Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
15th January 1867.

No. 271. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department:—

Declining to sanction the abandonment of the Grand Jail as a depot for Commissariat Stores, unless it be certified by the Public Works Department that the safe custody of those Stores and their protection from the weather and vermin cannot be adequately provided for and ensured. } (Here enter 9th January 1867, No. 88.)

No. 272. ORDER THEREON, 15th January 1867, No. 133.

MILITARY WORKS, No. 58.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineer of the 4th Division, in continuation of G. O. No. 3,958, dated 15th December 1866.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. H. M. SHAW STEWART, Major, R. E.,
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division.

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MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter:—

From the Commissary General, Bangalore, 20th December 1866; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George.

The Order of Government, (No. 3958, dated 15th December 1866, Public Works Department) has reached me here, and I learn therefrom that it is in contemplation to incur further outlay on the criminal side of the Grand Jail to render it fit for the reception and custody of the stores of this Department.

2. I have the honor respectfully to request that before any further steps are taken in the matter, the suitability of the buildings for the said purpose may be reported on by a Committee, whose members possess thorough experience of the best description of godowns required for ship and other stores, as well as upon the eligibility of the site, with reference to the shipment of all articles required afloat, and I would beg deferentially to suggest that this Committee be composed of the Master Attendant, the Superintendent of Marine, and a member of any of the Mercantile Firms, Government might be pleased to select.

3. I have myself gone over the buildings carefully, and am convinced they are not suited for our stores.

4. The largest of the godowns will admit of but a small quantity of goods being properly stored, the lower rooms have no ventilation, except by the doors and windows, which if left open admit the rain, and damp in wet weather, and at all times, rats and bandicoots, which are said to swarm from the neighbouring drains.

5. There are a number of long narrow rooms, with no ventilation whatever, into which stores of any value could not be put—all this added to the fact, that the flooding of the lower portion of the Jail is not an unusual occurrence, but happens, as I am credibly informed, on every occasion when the rain-fall is abundant, I venture to submit that there is good reason for making the inquiry I have suggested, before the expense in transferring the valuable stores now in the Granary and Hospital Department is incurred, and before these stores are exposed to injury in godowns which are considered by every Officer of this Department, who has seen them, quite unfit for the purpose.

ORDER, No. 88, 9th January 1867.

The appropriation of the Grand Jail as a Depôt for Commissariat stores having been formally decided on by Government, on the report of a Committee of experienced Officers specially selected to inquire into the fitness of the buildings for the purpose, and a considerable expenditure having been incurred for their improvement and conversion, the Governor in Council is not disposed to abandon the arrangement, or to sacrifice the outlay, unless it be certified by the Public Works Department that the safe custody of the stores and their protection from the weather and vermin, cannot be adequately provided for and insured.

2. Under this view, the Governor in Council is unable to sanction the appointment of the Committee proposed by the Commissary General in the foregoing letter.

(True Extract.)

Major General,
Secretary to Government.

To the Commissary General. With 20 spare Copies.
,, Public Works Department.
,, Controller of Military Accounts,
,, Quarter Master General, ... } for information.
,, Barrack Master.....
,, Public Department, ...

Rd. J. E. Cashart.

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With an Order

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