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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
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No. 356. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Judicial Department: —

Approving of the introduction of ground ventilation into the wards of the old Jail at Vellore, in the North Arcot District. } (Here enter 11th January 1867, No. 74.)

No. 357. ORDER THEREON, 19th January 1867, No. 175.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 77.

1. Communicated to the Superintending Engineer of the 4th Division for information and guidance.

2. The Government observe that Rupees 393 were allotted for the improvement of the Vellore Jail, in the Order of the 20th June 1866, No. 1,919.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division.
„ Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department, 14th January 1867.

No. 132. Read the following letter from the Inspector General of Jails, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Ootacamund, 26th December 1866, No. 132.

With reference to the 6th paragraph of my letter of the 15th October last, No. 86, I have the honor to report that, as the introduction of roof ventilation into the Wards of the old Jail at Vellore appears to be a matter of serious difficulty, I have requested the Superintending Engineer to proceed with the ground ventilation at once in anticipation of the sanction of Government.

2. Copies of the correspondence upon the subject are herewith annexed.

From the Inspector General of Jails, to the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, Madras; dated Ootacamund, 16th October 1866, No. 704.

With reference to the Proceedings of Government noted in the margin, I have the honor to request you will inform me whether anything has been done towards inserting the 15 ventilators in the roofs of the Wards at the Vellore Jail, and whether any difficulty has been experienced in carrying out the work.

Public Works Department, 23rd February 1866, No. 539.

2. The Honorable Mr. Ellis having, in a recent report to Government upon the Vellore Jail, suggested that ground ventilation should be introduced into each Ward, I request you will inform me whether this is feasible.

From the Assistant Engineer, Vellore Range, to the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division; dated Vellore, 30th October 1866, No. 140.

In reply to your Memorandum, No. 2763, dated 24th October 1866, communicating a copy of Colonel W. J. Wilson, Inspector General of Jail's letter, adverting to the insertion of ventilators in the roofs of the Wards at the Vellore Jail, I have the honor to report, that great difficulty has been experienced in cutting through the roof of the Wards, as 12 inches of brick jelly in chunam, and nine inches of granite have to be cut through before they can be inserted.

2. Ground ventilators can with ease be adopted, as the walls of Wards are built of brick in chunam.

No. 3092.

Copy forwarded to the Inspector General of Jails, with reference to his letter, No. 704, dated 16th October 1866.

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,
4TH DIVISION, MADRAS,
14th November 1866.

(Signed) A. BOILEAU, Colonel, R. E.,
Superintending Engineer,
4th Division.

From the Inspector General of Jails, to the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, Madras; dated Ootacamund, 4th December 1866, No. 935.

With reference to the first paragraph of my letter, No. 704, to your address, and to your reply, dated 14th ultimo, No. 3092, I have the honor to request you will be good enough to let me know, as early as possible, what has been actually done up to the present time in providing roof ventilation to the Wards in the Vellore Jail, and whether they are likely to be injured by the attempt, in order that I may make my report to Government, which I am anxious to do at once.

2. As Lieutenant Brockman states it will be easy to effect ground ventilation, I think it would be well to carry it out in anticipation of the sanction of Government, more especially as there is a difficulty as to the roof ventilation.

From the Assistant Engineer, Vellore Range, to the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division; dated Amboor, 19th December 1866, No. 232.

In acknowledging receipt of your Memorandum, No. 3705, dated 15th instant, I have the honor to state that nothing has been done up to the present time in providing roof ventilation to the Wards in the Vellore Jail, and that in so doing the trouble will be immense, besides I am afraid that the Wards would be injured in this attempt.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
14th January 1867.

No. 3840.

Ventilation of Cells at Vellore.

Forwarded to the Inspector General of Jails, with reference to paragraph 1 of his letter dated 4th December 1866.

2. The Assistant Engineer has been authorized to proceed with the ground ventilation at once in anticipation of the sanction of Government.

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,
4TH DIVISION, MADRAS,
21*st December* 1866.

(Signed) J. BEAN, Lieut. Col., R. E.,
For Superintending Engineer,
4th Division.

No. 133. ORDER THEREON, 14th January 1867, No. 74.

Under the circumstances stated, the Governor in Council approves of the introduction of ground ventilation into the Wards of the old Jail at Vellore.

(True Extract).

G. J. Crichton
Chief Secretary.

To the Inspector General of Jails.
" Public Works Department.
" Sanitary Commissioner.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

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No 74.

Approving of the introduction of ground ventilation into the wards of the old Jail at Villare in the North Arcot Dt.

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William Baker

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