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No. 362. Read the following letter from the Inspector General of Jails, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Ootacamund, 25th June 1867, No. 53 :—

1. I have the honour to report, that on visiting the Central Jail at Coimbatore on the 15th instant, I found that two latrines on the standard plan were in a forward state. I bring this to notice as I was not aware that it was intended to have more than one latrine, that building having always been spoken of in the singular in my former correspondence on the subject. Moreover, in the plan submitted with my letter of the 17th May 1866, a single building is entered in the latrine enclosure, opposite compartment No. 8.

Judicial Department, 4th December 1865, No. 1,726.
Do. do. 6th June 1867, Nos. 906 and 907.

2. A latrine, according to the standard plan, is said to be capable of accommodating 160 persons at one time at two and a half feet per man, but I doubt whether in practice it will be found to contain so many. The Coimbatore Central Jail will accommodate 944 adult males, exclusive of sick, debtors, and boys, and it will be a saving of time to have two latrines instead of one; but I should not have recommended the measure had I known that it was proposed, both on account of the additional expense, and because I am of opinion that three hundred convicts is too large a number to be in the latrine enclosure at one time.

3. I regret to have to report another matter for which I may be in some degree responsible, as I did not in my letters to Government specially dwell upon the necessity of excluding brick and chunam from the troughs, and of making them of stone laid in mud, which I ought to have done, although the objections to the use of brick and chunam for buildings of this kind are well known to most officers. The troughs in the Coimbatore latrine having been made of brick and chunam, ought either to be altered, or covered with a thick coating of asphalte. The positions of the side buildings marked "Asphalted flooring" in the plan, might be made of stone, the trough for washing alone being covered with asphalte.

Referred to the Public Works Department.

(Signed) R. S. ELLIS,
Acting Chief Secretary.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
3rd July 1867.

No. 363. ORDER THEREON, 15th July 1867, No. 2,119.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 51.

1. The Superintending Engineer of the 7th Division will report the circumstances under which the construction of a second latrine for the Coimbatore Central Jail was undertaken.

2. Colonel Walker will give effect to the suggestions in paragraph 3.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.
,, Inspector General of Jails.
,, Judicial Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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No 53

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From
Lieutt: Colo: W. J. Wilson
Inspector General of Jails

To
The Hon'ble: R. S. Ellis C. S.
Acting Chief Secretary to Government
Fort Saint George

Sir, I have the honor to Report that on visiting the Central Jail at Coimbatore on the 15th instant I found that two Latrines on the Standard Plan were in a forward State - I bring this to notice as I was not aware that it was intended to have more than one Latrine, that Building having always been spoken of in the singular in my former Correspondence on the subject - Moreover - in the Plan submitted with my letter of the 17th May 1866 a single Building is entered in the Latrine Enclosure opposite Compartment No. 8 -

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3 I regret to have to report another matter for which I may be in some degree responsible, as I did not in my letter to Government specially dwell upon the necessity of excluding Brick and Chunam from the troughs, and of making them of Stone laid in mud, which I ought to have done although the objections to the use of Brick and Chunam for Buildings of this kind are well known to most Officers - The troughs in the Coimbatore Latrine having been made of Brick and Chunam ought either to be altered, or covered with a thick coating of Asphalte - The positions of the Sick Buildings marked "asphalted flooring" in the Plan might be made of Stone, the trough for washing alone being covered with Asphalte -

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obdt. Servt.

J Miller
Insp. Genl. of Jails

Rotaeamund
25th June 1867

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P. W. Department.

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Under date the 15th July 1867.
Read the following.

From the Inspector General
of Jails — — No. 53 of 25th June 1867

The Superintending Engineer
of the P. W. will report the
circumstances under which the
Construction of a second Latrine
for the Coimbatore Central Jail
was undertaken.

Col. Walker will give
effect to the suggestions in Para
3.

The Engr & Sec
Inspector General of Jails
Judicial Dept

Desp. 16/7/67

To the Inspr. Genl. of Jails
Judl. Dept.
Despatch No. 2119 dated 15th July 1867.

Referred to the Public Works Department.

at St. George
3rd Augt. 1867

Acty. Chief Secy.

To the Public Works Department Dispd 3/7.

From
The Insp. Genl. of Jails
To Chief Secy: to Govt.
Judl. Dept.

Dated 25th June 1867.
Rect. 29th June 1867.
No. 53.

Sir,

Reports that two latrines are being built at the Central Jail Coimbatore and that the Engineer in charge of the Works is willing to build a second latrine for the sum of Rupees 2119 as per estimate.

2. I request that the Government will be pleased to sanction the construction of the latrine.

Inspector General of Jails

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Requesting the Supdg
Engr of the 1st Division to
report the circumstances
under which the construction
of a Second Latrine for the
Central Jail at Coimbatore
was undertaken & instructing
him to give effect to the
suggestions of the Inspector
Genl of Jails, regarding the
necessity of Asphalting the
flooring of the Latrines
in question.

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