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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
10th August 1867.*

No. 243. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Judicial Department:—

Passing orders on certain correspondence relative
to the construction of quarters for the Superin- } (Here enter 31st July 1867, No. 1,230.)
tendent of Central Jails.

No. 244. ORDER THEREON, 10th August 1867, No. 2,432.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 34.

Communicated to the Superintend-
ing Engineers of the 5th and 7th
Divisions.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineers, 5th* and 7th Divisions.

Do. do. 1st, 4th, and 6th Divisions, for information.

* With two Plans, two Specifications, and one Estimate.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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31st July 1867.*

No. 357. Read the following letter from Lieutenant Colonel W. J. WILSON, Inspector General of Jails, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Ootacamund, 26th July 1867, No. 72.

With reference to the Orders of Government in the Judicial Department, dated

Letter from Sup. Intending Engineer, 5th Division, No 72,
dated 15th July 1867
Copy of letter from Inspector General of Jails, No. 635,
dated 19th July 1867
Letter from Sup. Intending Engineer, Central Jail, Salem, No. 185,
dated 23rd July 1867
1 Estimate and Specification
2 Plans (sent by banghy)

respectively 10th January, and 11th February 1867, Nos. 62 and 212, I have the honor to forward the correspondence and other papers noted in the margin, regarding quarters for the Superintendent of the Central Jail at Salem.

2. The purchase of the land between the Jail limits and the ground bought by Captain Gordon appears to me to be very advisable, but I do not see why the cost should be included in the estimate for the Superintendent's quarters.

3. If it should be found that by making a proper use of convict labor the expense can be reduced, as believed by Captain Gordon, I would recommend that he be allowed the addition of one sleeping room upstairs. The rent to be paid by Superintendents has not yet been settled, but will, I presume, be fixed with reference to such percentage upon the outlay as Government may be pleased to determine.

From Lieutenant Colonel E. A. FOORD, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 5th Division, to the Inspector General of Jails; dated Bangalore, 15th July 1867, No. 72.

I have the honor to inform you that, on receipt of the Order of Government of the 10th of January 1867, No 62 (Judicial Department), I forwarded a design for the bungalow for the Superintendent of the Salem Jail to the Assistant Engineer, and requested him to prepare plans and estimates in accordance with the instructions contained in paragraphs 2 and 3 of the above Order.

ENCLOSURES 4.
1 Plan
1 Abstract Estimate
1 Specification
1 Sketch of ground.

2. As the Superintendent had already commenced a bungalow, it became necessary to adopt the same ground plan, and the Assistant Engineer prepared a drawing of an upper storied bungalow, in accordance with it, which he forwarded to me on the 14th May. As the cost of such a building appeared to me to be greater than Government would be likely to sanction, I requested that an estimate for the lower story only should be prepared. This estimate accompanied by plan, specification, and sketch of the ground, I now forward to you, for submission to Government.

3. The estimate, after correction in my office, amounts to Rupees 10,200. In this is included the sum of Rupees 300, already paid for land by Captain Gordon, and a sum of Rupees 500 which it is recommended should be paid for the land between the bungalow compound and the Jail boundary.

4. I do not think Government contemplated so large an outlay when they proposed to sanction the erection of bungalows for the Superintendents of Jails, and I do not consider that the estimate has been prepared in accordance with the instructions contained in the Order of the 10th January. Higher rates than usual have been entered in the estimate, because convict labor was to be employed, and the deduction on account of convict labor is only Rupees 1350.

5. The doors, windows, and roof timbers must be purchased, and they should be of good quality. It will also be necessary to purchase lime; but if the bungalow is to be erected by convict labor, I am opinion that the cash outlay should not exceed six thousand Rupees, including the purchase of land.

6. As already stated, the bungalow had been commenced by the Superintendent before orders for the preparation of a plan were received, and the Assistant Engineer considered it necessary to make some addition to the building for the security of the work already done. As the door and window frames have been fixed, and much time has already been lost in the preparation of the plan and estimate, I consider it will not be advisable to leave the work in its present

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state, and that the orders of Government, regarding its completion, should be obtained at as early a date as possible.

From Lieutenant Colonel W. J. WILSON, Inspector General of Jails, to the Superintendent of the Central Jail, Salem; dated Ootacamund, 19th July 1867, No. 885.

I have the honor to forward a letter and enclosures from the Superintending Engineer, regarding your quarters. The plan and survey of the ground will go by banghy. There are one or two points upon which I require further information before addressing Government, and I will thank you to furnish me with the same as far as you can, and to offer any remarks you may desire regarding the plan.

2. Why is it proposed to take in an additional piece of ground? Is the proposed building entirely new, or is it intended to use what has already been built by you? How is it intended to adjust the expense you have already incurred in the way of materials? Are these materials, and their value, included in the estimate?

3. I request you will mark in pencil on the Survey—

- I. The ground already bought by you.
- II. The ground which it is proposed to purchase.
- III. The Jail limits.—

and that the papers and plans may be returned as early as convenient.

* From Captain A. J. F. GORDON, Superintendent of the Central Jail, Salem, to the Inspector General of Jails, Ootacamund; dated Salem, 23rd July 1867, No. 185.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 885, of the 19th instant, with enclosures, from the Superintending Engineer, regarding the quarters which it is proposed shall be built for me, and now furnish you with the information required therein.

2. The reason that an additional piece of ground is proposed to be taken in is because it lies between the piece bought by me and the Jail compound. The Jail buildings extend to within 36 yards of it, and were the proprietor to build upon it, it would be very objectionable; besides this, a piece of ground will have to be bought as soon as the Jail extensions are resumed, as all the earth suitable for making bricks in the Jail compound has already been exhausted. Its price, however, should, I think, be included in the estimate for the Jail buildings rather than in that for my house, with which it is in no way connected. The purchase or otherwise of this piece of land might, therefore, be left for decision when the Jail works are again commenced.

3. The proposed building will include what has already been built by me. As regards the adjustment of the amount already incurred by me, I have the honor to inform you that I have furnished the Engineer with an account of the same, amounting to Rupees 1525-7-1, and this sum has been included in the estimate, and I presume that, so soon as the estimate is sanctioned, the amount will, with the approval of Government, be repaid. I observe that the cost of the building is estimated at 10,200 Rupees, and that only Rupees 1350 have been allowed for the value of the convict labor. I would respectfully remark that the Range Officer appears to have misapprehended the instructions contained in the Government Order of the 10th January: had the intentions of Government been realized, the estimate could not have amounted to much more than 6000 Rupees, the sum fixed by the Superintending Engineer.

4. There are certain items in the estimate which should not have appeared at all, such as the charge for "excavating the foundations," "filling up basement," "flooring with gravel," and "sinking and constructing a well": the convicts can perform this work without any expense to Government.

5. I observe that rough stone and chunam is charged at three Rupees per cubic yard, and brick and chunam at Rupees 4½ the cubic yard: these rates are more than double what the actual cost will be if the work is performed by convicts.

6. I have ventured to make the above remarks, as, from experience, I know that the rough stone and chunam will not cost one Rupee per cubic yard, and the brick and chunam two Rupees per cubic yard. Of course, the bricks must be made by the convicts, and the stone collected by them.

7. The difference of the rates entered in the estimate and those mentioned by me would make a difference of Rupees 684 in the rough stone item, and of more than Rupees 1500 in that

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for brick and chunam; and I feel convinced that most of the other charges will bear a similar reduction.

8. I have the honor to enclose a statement showing the amount already expended by me, the chief part of which is for the land and the doors and windows purchased from Messrs Horgan & Co., of Madras; the remainder, Rupees 584-0-6,* is the actual amount expended in bricks and chunam in building the house, the walls of which are seven feet high in some parts, and five feet high at others. Some idea may, therefore, be arrived at in estimating the total amount of the building, after providing a certain sum for the erection of the out-houses.

9. As regards the plan of the building I respectfully beg to remark that three rooms are barely considered sufficient in this country for a married man with a family; and had the estimate not amounted to such a much larger sum than I contemplated, it was my intention to request sanction for the erection of one sleeping room upstairs.

Statement of the amount already incurred by the Superintendent, Central Jail, Salem, in constructing a dwelling house.

	RS.	A.	P.
Amount of Messrs. Horgan & Co.'s bill for doors and windows made of best teak-wood, half panelled, and half venetianed...	594	12	7
Railway charges from Madras to Salem for ditto...	39	0	0
Timber for 2 windows for 2 Bath-rooms	7	10	0
Bamboos and Sundries	19	0	0
1,19,400 Bricks	260	0	0
952½ Parahs of lime at 4½ per Rupee.....	211	10	6
Cartage from Salem.....	6	6	0
1392 Parahs of sand.....	87	0	0
Purchase of Land.....	300	0	0
Total.....	1,525	7	1

On hand unexpended, but included in the above, 29,000 bricks.
(Signed) A. GORDON,
Superintendent, Central Jail.

SALEM, 23rd July 1867.

No. 358. ORDER THEREON, 31st July 1867, No. 1230.

On the 10th January last, the Government, considering it very desirable that the Superintendents of Central Jails should reside in the immediate vicinity of their respective Jails, determined that quarters for the Superintendent should be erected, at the cost of Government, near each Jail. It was settled that the quarters should be erected, as far as possible, by means of convict labor—in fact, that timber and lime were to be the only articles for which the Government should be required to pay money. Plans and estimates were called for, and, pending their submission, it was suggested that the Superintendent of the Central Jail at Salem, who had commenced building a house near the Jail under his charge, should suspend its construction.

2. With the foregoing letter, the Inspector General of Jails has submitted a plan and estimate of the cost of erecting a house for the Superintendent of the Central Jail at Salem, and a correspondence which has taken place with reference thereto. The estimate, which has been prepared by the Executive Engineer in charge of the Range, amounts, after deducting the assumed value of convict labor, which is put down at only Rupees 1350, to Rupees 10,200, a sum very considerably in excess of the expenditure which the Government are prepared to incur in the construction of these

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quarters. The Superintending Engineer, in his letter submitting the estimate, observes that he does not think "Government contemplated so large an outlay when they proposed to sanction the erection of bungalows for the Superintendents of Jails," and that he does not consider that "the estimate has been prepared in accordance with the instructions contained in the Order of the 10th January." "Higher rates than usual," Colonel Ford remarks, "have been entered in the estimate because convict labor was to be employed, and the deduction on account of convict labor is only Rupees 13.0." He adds that "the doors, windows, and roof timbers must be purchased, and they should be of good quality;" that "it will also be necessary to purchase lime," but that, "if the bungalow is to be erected by convict labor," "the cash outlay should not exceed six thousand Rupees, including the purchase of land."

3. The Government are surprised that the Superintending Engineer, entertaining this opinion, should have forwarded to the Inspector General of Jails an estimate which it was obvious had been framed under a complete misconception of the orders of Government. It appears to the Governor in Council to be very questionable whether, if their orders are duly carried out, the cash outlay should amount to so large a sum as Rupees 6000. If it be restricted to the cost of timber and lime, it ought, the Government think, to be very much less.

4. The Governor in Council resolves to entrust the erection of the quarters at Salem and Coimbatore to the Superintendents of the Central Jails at those stations, and he directs that Captain Gordon be called upon to prepare and submit, with as little delay as possible, an estimate of the cost of completing the house which he has commenced at Salem, providing for convict labor being fully utilized, and distinguishing in the estimate that part of the cost which will be contributed in the form of convict labor from the amount of the estimated outlay in money, as directed in the Order of the 10th January. It is probable that at Salem, as the house was commenced before the Order above referred to was passed, the outlay in money will be greater than it need be elsewhere. For instance, at Salem a charge of Rupees 594-12-7 has been incurred in the purchase of doors and windows, and a charge of Rupees 260 in the purchase of bricks. At Coimbatore, there will be no money outlay for the latter item, and, as regards the former, only for the value of the wood. It will be open to the Superintendent to provide for an additional room, and to revise the plan accordingly.

5. The plan of the house to be erected at Coimbatore, and an estimate prepared by the Superintendent of the Central Jail, in conformity with the foregoing instructions, should be submitted without delay.

6. The Government will determine, when the estimates are before them, what rent should be charged for each house.

(True Extract.)

J. H. Burns

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Inspector General of Jails, with four enclosures, returned.
,, Public Works Department, with two plans, one estimate,
and two specifications.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

W. H. Burns

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