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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
6th September 1867.

No. 151. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Judicial Department:—

Passing orders on a report by the Inspector General of Jails on the Jail buildings at Chicacole in the Ganjam District. } (Here enter 30th August 1867, No. 1,401.)

No. 152. ORDER THEREON, 6th September 1867, No. 2,752.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 17.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineer of the 1st Division.

(True Extract.)

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

No. 372. Read the following letter from the Inspector General of Jails, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Ootacamund, 19th August 1867, No. 83.

Judicial Department, 19th June 1867, No. 995.

With reference to the 4th paragraph of the Order of Government noted in the margin, I have the honor to forward two separate reports upon the condition of the Jail buildings at Chicacole, together with plans and estimates—one from the Superintending Engineer, 1st Division; and the other from Mr. Wigram, Acting Principal Assistant Magistrate, and at present in charge of the Jail.

2. The body of the Jail consists of two Barracks, parallel with each other, at a distance of 58 feet, with a cook-room between them. Each Barrack contains three separate wards of the following dimensions, viz:—

No. 1, $57\times15\times11\frac{1}{2}=855$ superficial and $9832\frac{1}{2}$ cubic feet.
„ 2, $50\times15\times11\frac{1}{2}=750$ „ 8625 „
„ 3, $45\times15\times11\frac{1}{2}=675$ „ 7762 „

Besides these buildings there are four others, each about 54 feet in length, standing in two quadrangles—one on the right, the other on the left of the entrance to the Jail.

3. The two Barracks are reported as being in very bad order, and the estimate forwarded by the Superintending Engineer, for putting them and the rest of the Jail in thorough repair, amounts to Rupees 3155.

4. Mr. Wigram, in his letter, No. 78, estimates the probable number of prisoners at 66, and he suggests that they should be confined in the four buildings in the wings, which can be repaired at a cost of about 200 Rupees. He has since informed me that he does not think the number of prisoners, male and female, will exceed 56, and in his letter, No 83, herewith enclosed, he states that one of the two Barracks may be rendered serviceable.

5. The buildings in the wings will not afford sufficient space, at the regulated standard, even for 56 prisoners, as will appear from the subjoined table; and if they are appropriated in that manner, there will be no proper separation of the sexes, and no hospital accommodation.

Number in plan.	Superficial area.	Cubical space.	Space afforded to each of 56 prisoners.
7	765	$8797\frac{1}{2}$	14 at 54 and 628
8	210	2415	4 at 52 „ 603
9	245	$2932\frac{1}{2}$	5 at 49 „ 586
10	245	$2932\frac{1}{2}$	5 at 49 „ 586
11	765	$8797\frac{1}{2}$	14 at 54 „ 628
12	$367\frac{1}{2}$	$4266\frac{1}{4}$	7 at 52 „ 603
13	375	$4312\frac{1}{2}$	7 at 53 „ 616
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Should it be determined to maintain an Auxiliary Jail at Chicacole, I would recommend that the walls of one Barrack be raised, and a new roof with ridge ventilation supplied according to the plan marked B, and that one ward of the other Barrack should be improved in a similar manner. This would afford accommodation for 62 male prisoners, as per table annexed, and the buildings in the wings would remain available for the sick and for the women. That part of the Jail wall marked A B C D, and the partition walls of the two quadrangles marked respectively E F, and G H, may be removed with advantage, but some kind of separation will be required for the women and sick, and I would, therefore, merely lower the walls I J and K L to a height of six feet, and put gates at M and N. Such repairs as may be requisite should be made to the buildings in the wings, and to the cook and guard-rooms. The old Hospital having been condemned, it had better be disposed of as Government may deem fit.

6. Having thus submitted my opinion as to the repairs and alterations which will be necessary if a Jail is to be maintained at Chicacole, I beg to state that I have recently received communications from the Magistrate and the Principal Assistant, which are herewith forwarded, and which lead me to doubt whether it is expedient to carry out the proposal contained in my letter of the 13th June, No. 45, to your address, and which was approved of by Government. It appears that the Assistant at Chicacole will be absent at Purla Kimedy for three or four consecutive months every year, and that his duties constantly take him into the Taluqs, as do also those of the Tahsildar, to whom the charge of the Jail would fall in the absence of the Assistant. There will, consequently, be a want of proper supervision, and it is, therefore, suggested that Major Worsop, the Superintendent of Pensioners, should be appointed Superintendent, on a salary of 50 Rupees a month. On receipt of Mr. Wigram's letter, I made a reference to ascertain whether Major Worsop possessed any colloquial knowledge of Telugu, and whether his nomination would involve the employment of a clerk. I am now informed, in reply, that Major Worsop does not know Telugu, and, such being the case, I think it would be preferable to continue the present superintendence; for a proper degree of personal control cannot be exercised without some knowledge of the Vernacular. It is stated that a clerk will not be required as the Jailer can perform the office work, but this opinion has been modified in a demi-official communication subsequently received; and, if past experience is to be relied upon, it may be considered next to certain that the assistance of a clerk will before long be represented as necessary. There is also some doubt as to the number of prisoners for whom accommodation will be required. Mr. Wigram, as mentioned above, believes that it will not exceed 56, but the actual number on the 8th instant was only 25 persons, nearly all of whom will be released by the end of September. In the Sub-Division there is one Magistrate with full powers, two Sub-Magistrates of the First, and two of the Second Class. These last cannot award imprisonment exceeding one month; and as one of them is stationed upwards of 20 miles from Chicacole, he commits to his own Subsidiary Jail. As far as regards the Sub-Division alone, I do not think it will be worth while to incur the expense of repairing the buildings, and of maintaining a separate establishment, simply to save the escorting of a small number of prisoners to Berhampore; but as the condition of the District Jail may influence the decision in some degree, I take the opportunity to say a few words respecting it. For several consecutive

months immediately previous to November last the number of admissions was very much in excess of the number released. This, as a matter of course, resulted in the overcrowding of the Jail, which was remedied by the construction of three huts outside the walls, each capable of containing 90 persons. Since November, the total number released has exceeded the total admissions by 100; but, although matters are thus improving, the number in Jail is still in excess of the permanent accommodation, and one or more of the huts have always been occupied. On the 31st ultimo, the number, including all classes, amounted to 295. Sixty are now under orders for the Central Jail, which will leave 67 in excess of the proper complement of 168.

Admissions.		*Releases.*
	July 1866.	
236		49
	August.	
150		52
	September.	
243		64
	October.	
132		65
751		230

7. To recapitulate briefly, the Jail at Berhampore with the temporary accommodation will suffice for the wants of the District, without any extra expenditure, save that of repairs to the huts, and the occasional employment of an extra warder or two, should the numbers materially increase. On the other hand, the huts are objectionable in many respects, and it would be preferable were the numbers so reduced as to admit of the confinement of the whole body in the Jail itself; but this cannot be expected to happen for some time, and would be retarded by the access of prisoners from the Sub-Division.

The repairs of the Jail at Chicacole, if carried out according to my suggestion will cost about Rupees 2272, viz.—

	Rs.
Improving No. 1 Barrack...	1433
„ one ward of No. 2.....	477
Reparing cook and guard-rooms.....	73
„ buildings in the wings.....	289
Total...	2272

Besides this, there will be an extra monthly expenditure for an establishment, amounting to Rupees 564 per annum, if the Jail is left under an Assistant, or to about Rupees 1404 if a Superintendent and clerk are appointed. On the whole, considering the very small number of prisoners at present confined at Chicacole, and the improving state of things as regards the District Jail at Berhampore, I recommend that the final settlement of the matter should be deferred for six months, at the close of which I will submit statements showing the number of admissions and releases in both Jails, and also the number of prisoners sentenced in the Vizagapatam Taluqs adjacent to Chicacole for periods not exceeding six months. The information thus furnished will afford better data for coming to a satisfactory conclusion that any we at present possess, and as the Convict Barracks in the Central Jail will have been completed before the end of the period above specified, most, if not all, of the long-sentenced convicts at Berhampore may be transferred thereto.

Dimensions of the Wards in the Chicacole Jail when the walls are raised as proposed.

No. of Ward.	Length.	Breadth.	Height to a point half way between top of wall and top of roof.	Accommodation.
1	57	15	14	18 at 47 and 648
2	50	15	14	16 at 45 ,, 648
3	45	15	14	14 at 48 ,, 648
4	45	15	14	14 at 48 ,, 648
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(Signed) W. J. WILSON,
Inspector General of Jails.

From D. F. CARMICHAEL, Esq., Magistrate of Ganjam, to the Inspector General of Jails, Madras; dated Ganjam, 16th July 1867, No. 113.

As directed in G. O., 19th June ultimo, No. 995, the Principal Assistant Collector, who has his Head Quarters at Chicacole, has taken charge of the Jail at that Station. I beg, however, to inform you that his duties take him constantly about his Taluqs, and that in the cold weather his presence will be always required at Kimedy for about three months.

2. In these circumstances, the Jail must be handed over by the Principal Assistant pretty constantly to the Tahsildar, but that Officer is also an ambulatory functionary.

3. There is an allowance of 50 Rupees a month sanctioned by Government for Officers (not being Civil Servants) in charge of 2nd Class Jails, and it is to be considered whether it would not be desirable to appoint the Officer in charge of Pensioners to be Superintendent. Major Worsop is willing to accept the post on the usual salary, and his duties never take him out of Chicacole. I consider him qualified.

From H. WIGRAM, Esq., Acting Principal Assistant Magistrate, to the Magistrate of Ganjam; dated Chicacole, 10th July 1867, No. 78.

With reference to Government Order, dated 19th June 1867, No. 995, I have the honor to submit the following report on the condition of the old Jail at Chicacole.

2. The plan (No. 1) herewith submitted shows the existing accommodation. The two buildings in the centre, containing rooms numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, are very much out of repair. The rafters have been eaten away by white-ants, and must be entirely renewed if retained. The rooms are low and ill-ventilated. Mr. Leman, my predecessor, had a plan and estimate prepared for raising the walls, and re-roofing one of these buildings. The cost, as shown in enclosure No. 2, would be 1500 Rupees.

3. The cooking sheds are in tolerable order, the smoke having kept off the white-ants.

4. The parts of the Jail, however, which can be rendered serviceable at the least expense, are the rooms situated in the wings, and numbered 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, in the plan. These rooms would afford accommodation for about 66 prisoners, and I do not think it likely that there will be more than this number at any time.

The following table shows the details of accommodation.

No. in plan.	Superficial Area.	Cubical Space.	Maximum number to be confined.
	Sq. Feet.	Cub. Feet.	
	765	8797½	16
7	210	2415	4
8	245	2932½	6
9	245	2932½	6
10	765	8797½	16
11	367½	4226¼	8
12	375	4312½	8
13			—
			66

The roofing of all these rooms was repaired some few years back, and is in tolerable order. The walls and floors are fair. One or two hundred Rupees would render these rooms quite habitable. They require iron barred doors, in place of the wooden ones.

5. I would recommend that, if Government are not prepared to incur any large expenditure, the buildings in the centre, containing rooms numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, should be removed, and that the rooms in the two wings only should be retained.

I would retain the outer wall of the Jail as it at present stands, but would remove the inner walls, marked in red ink in the plan (No. 1). These walls are of the same height as the outer walls, and seriously impede ventilation. If Government sanction this arrangement, the work of demolition might be executed by the convicts. It would not, in my opinion, in any way affect the security of the Jail.

6. Should it be thought desirable, instead of removing the buildings in the centre part of the Jail, containing rooms numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, the roofing, which is becoming dangerous, might be removed, and a common thatch roof substituted. The buildings might be hereafter turned to some use as work-shops.

7. I have the honor to request that you will obtain early orders on the subject of repairs, and will inform me whether the establishment sanctioned may be at once entertained.

8. The Old Jail Hospital outside the Jail walls is still standing. The building has been condemned by the Department of Public Works. I have personally examined it. The foundations have sunk, and there are large cracks in the walls from top to bottom. It can, I imagine, serve no useful purpose to retain it, and I recommend that it be sold at auction to the highest bidder. A plan of the building is herewith enclosed for your information.

From H. WIGRAM, Esq., Acting Principal Assistant Magistrate, to the Magistrate of Ganjam; dated Chicacole, 17th July 1867, No. 83.

In my letter dated 10th July 1867, No. 78, on the present condition of the Chicacole Jail, I stated that "the two buildings in the centre, &c., &c., are very much out of repair," and recommended that they should be entirely renewed. On a further inspection, I am induced to think that one of these buildings might be made serviceable by renewing the roof, and that much of the woodwork, which was originally very substantial, would be useful again.

2. Lest my former report should create a false impression as to the state of these buildings, I have the honor to request that you will communicate this to the Inspector General. I should have mentioned that one building is now used for prisoners to sleep in.

No. 114.

Submitted[*] to the Inspector General of Jails with reference to paragraph 4 of the Order of Government, Judicial Department, dated 19th June last, No. 995, and in continuation of the letter from this office of the 16th instant, No. 113.

* Letters from the Principal Assistant Magistrate of Ganjam, dated 10th and 17th July 1867, Nos. 78 and 83, with enclosures.]

GANJAM MAGISTRATE'S OFFICE, CHETTERPORE, 20*th July* 1867.

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL, *Magistrate.*

To the Inspector General of Jails, Ootacamund.

From H. WIGRAM, Esq., Acting Principal Assistant Magistrate, Gajam, to the Inspector General of Jails; dated Chicacole, 12th July 1867, No. 82.

In your letter dated 4th July 1867, No. 749, addressed to the Officer in charge of the Auxiliary Jail at Chicacole, you refer to your letter of the 27th ultimo, No. 683. No such letter has been received in this office, and I have, therefore, the honor to request that a copy of it may be forwarded to me.

2. Mr. Carmichael has not communicated to me the arrangements he proposes to make with regard to the charge of the Jail. I should, of course, be willing to undertake the charge whilst I am at my Head Quarters, but as I am likely to be absent for three or four months in the course of the year at Purla Kimedy, this arrangement would not prove satisfactory. Meanwhile, I will carry out the instructions contained in your letter of the 4th July until some permanent arrangements are made.

3. I wrote to Mr. Carmichael on the 10th July, forwarding a report on the present condition of the Jail, and making certain suggestions as to the repairs necessary with reference to Government Order, dated 19th June 1867, No. 995.

4. I may mention that Major Worsop, the Officer in charge of Pensioners at Chicacole, whose duties keep him stationary here, is willing to undertake the charge of the Jail, provided that the allowance of 50 Rupees sanctioned in Government Order of 16th June 1865, No. 877, for the charge of a Second Class District Jail is allowed to him.

P. S.—Indents for stationery in duplicate are herewith sent.

From H. WIGRAM, Esq., Acting Principal Assistant Collector and Magistrate, to the Inspector General of Jails; dated Chicacole, 7th August 1867, No. 480.

In reply to your letter, dated 30th July 1867, No. 940, I have the honor to inform you that Major Worsop's appointment as Officer in charge of the Jail would not involve the employment of a clerk. The Jailer is quite competent to fill up the returns, &c., &c.

2. Major Worsop has passed the Staff Examination in Hindoostanee. He does not know Telugu.

From the Acting Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, to the Inspector General of Jails; dated Dowlaishweram, 24th July 1867, No. 95.

In reply to your letter, No. 684, dated 27th June 1867, I have the honor to forward an estimate for repairing Chicacole Jail, amounting to Rupees 3295, together with a plan and report on condition of Jail.

2. The G. O., No. 995, dated 19th June 1867, received with the letter under reply, is herewith returned, as requested.

Enclosures 4.

1 Plan.
1 Estimate.
1 Report or letter from Supervisor Ramiah, No. 122, dated 15th July 1867.
1 G. O.
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From A. RAMIAH, Supervisor in charge, No. 1 Range, to the Superintending Engineer, 1st Division; dated Camp Caseeboogah, 15th July 1867, No. 122.

With reference to your Memorandum, No. 441, dated 8th instant, I beg to forward the accompanying plan and estimate, amounting to Rupees 3295, framed for thorough repairs of the Jail building at Chicacole. Buildings marked C and E in the plan are in very bad order. Most of the rafters at their touchings on the top of walls were eaten away by white-ants. Flat tiles are also being destroyed by the salt produced in them, and the roof leaks much, which, unless repaired thoroughly at an early date, it will lead to accidents, and will be falling down after elapsing a period of 1 or 2 years. The walls being only 9 feet in height (*vide* Section L), the Principal Assistant Collector requested me to raise them more 3 feet, and to provide ventilation; in accordance of which I have, on the 16th May, forwarded an estimate, amounting to Rupees 1500, to the Principal Assistant Collector, only for wards marked E (*vide* Section M drawn in the plan), leaving the other buildings at that gentleman's request.

2. Moreover, the Principal Assistant Collector is of opinion to remove walls, marked green, by prisoners, so as to keep inside of the Jail open, without hiding prisoners from the sight of Constables who stand at H.

3. The other buildings marked A, B, D, F, and G, require re-arranging tiles and white-washing. Statement of reference in the plan will show the cubical quantity of open place allowed in the rooms.

No. 373. ORDER THEREON, 30th August 1867, No. 1401.

The Governor in Council will defer passing final orders on the question submitted in the letter above recorded, until the receipt, at the end of six months, of the report which the Inspector General of Jails, in the concluding paragraph of his letter, proposes to submit to Government.

2. But as it will be necessary that some Officer should be placed in charge of the Jail when Mr. Wigram, the Principal Assistant, is absent from Chicacole on duty, the Governor in Council authorizes Major Worsop, the Superintendent of Pensioners, being appointed as Superintendent of the Jail when Mr. Wigram is absent.

3. The allowance of 50 Rupees per mensem will be drawn by Major Worsop when acting as Superintendent of the Chicacole Jail.

(True Extract).

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Inspector General of Jails, with four plans, two estimates, and original enclosures, returned.

" Public Works Department.
" Accountant General.
" Magistrate of Ganjam.
" Military Department.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

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