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23rd February 1867.*

No. 602. Read the following letter from the Commissioner of Police, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 13th February 1867, No. 18 :—

1. In accordance with the Order of Government, No. 137 of the 23rd ultimo, I have the honor to forward a Memorandum detailing the measures necessary for carrying out the improvements in the Madras Lock-ups, pointed out by His Lordship the Governor.

2. The Memorandum has been submitted to the Sanitary Commissioner and to the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, whose remarks will be found appended.

MEMORANDUM.

1. With reference to Order of Government No. 137 of 23rd ultimo, the general requirements for carrying out a satisfactory system of conservancy in the Lock-ups are :—

- (1.) Well ventilated latrines adapted to dry earth conservancy.
- (2.) Store-sheds for dry earth.
- (3.) Dry earth receptacles for urine, &c., in the cells.
- (4.) A sufficient establishment to carry out the conservancy.

2. *Town Police Court.*—Prisoners are confined in these Lock-up rooms for a few hours at a time only, pending the daily investigation of cases. Prisoners are not kept here at night. There should be a square receptacle of stone in mud, in the corner of each room, to hold dry earth for urinary purposes.

It may not be out of place to point out here that a latrine is urgently needed for the Town Police Court. At present there is no latrine at all. The servants of the Court and Police Officers in attendance (altogether a large number of persons) are obliged to resort for purposes of nature to a latrine at the Police Station in Oodacal Street, which is at some distance, and from its confined position and construction cannot be adapted to the use of so many people. A latrine of sufficient size, on the dry earth system, might be constructed on the vacant spot of ground adjoining the Police Court, known as Abercrombie's Battery. A store-shed for dry earth should be attached, and a Toty should be appointed on Rupees 7 per mensem, whose sole business it should be to look after the conservancy of the latrine, independent of the Sweeper on Rupees 3-8-0 now employed and paid by the Magistrate's Department.

3. *Justices Jail.*—The present latrines are very badly placed and ill-ventilated. A new dry earth latrine should be built against the north wall of the yard. A separate latrine for females is not required. Females are rarely confined in the Lock-up, and it is easy to arrange for the few female prisoners to visit the latrine before the male prisoners are let out of their cells. A store-shed for earth is not required here, there being already a small store-room well adapted to the purpose. Urine receptacles are required in the cells. Dry earth conservancy having already been introduced into this Lock-up, the Sweeper woman formerly employed on Rs. 3-8-0 per mensem has been dismissed (the duty being performed by convicts), and the pay of the Toty has been raised from Rs. 3-8-0 to Rupees 7 per mensem, which enables him to give his whole time to the conservancy of the latrine.

4. *Royapettah.*—A well ventilated latrine, adapted for dry earth, must be constructed. A store shed for earth will also be required in the yard. Urine receptacles of stone in mud are required in each of the cells.

5. There are two necessaries attached to the outside wall, in rear of the Royapett Lock-up buildings, which are entered from the outside, and are used by the Police Officers attached to the Court and Lock-up. These privies are even worse ventilated, and infinitely more offensive than those inside the Lock-up. They should be done away with, and a sufficiently spacious latrine

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should be built in some other part of the compound for the use of Police Officers, Court servants, and persons attending the Court.

6. A Toty should be appointed, on Rupees 7, to superintend the latrines inside and outside the Lock-up. At present the Sweeper attached to the Magistrate's Court is supposed to perform these duties, and also supplements his scanty allowance of Rs. 3-8-0 by performing similar duties in the houses of the Magistrate and Court Inspector, for which of course he is separately paid.

7. With reference to want of proper accommodation for European prisoners at Royapett. The room is tolerably spacious and fairly ventilated. It is provided with two iron cots, the mattresses for which are kept in the Inspector's quarters. So few Europeans and East Indians are confined here that there would not seem to be any pressing necessity to increase the accommodation. The average number is about two per mensem.

8. *Vepery Lock-up.*—A well ventilated latrine must be provided. Here, as elsewhere, I do not think it is necessary to build separate latrines for males and females. One large latrine is better than two small ones, and the female prisoners can visit the latrines separately from the males. Stone receptacles for dry earth and urine are required in each of the cells.

A store-shed for dry earth must be constructed in the yard.

A Toty on Rupees 7 should be appointed. At present the Lock-up latrines are looked after by the Toty of the Magistrate's Court on Rupees 3-8-0, who performs much the same miscellaneous duties as described at Royapett.

9. There is a privy for the use of the Magistrate's Court in one corner of the compound, which should also be converted into a dry earth latrine.

10. The latrines should be built with a channel for dry earth and excreta running along the rear wall, and so constructed that persons may be able to squat across it and so necessarily void into the centre of the channel. A raised stone receptacle for dry earth should be built opposite, but within convenient reach if possible, and a small tank for water should be constructed in one corner, as far as possible from the dry earth channel, and with a conduit for letting off the water running *outside* the latrine.

11. Dry earth can probably be supplied by means of the Penitentiary Convicts. If not, sanction will be required for the expenditure of about Rupees 2 per mensem for each latrine to provide a supply of dry earth.

12. With reference to paragraph 5 of His Lordship the Governor's Minute, the classification of prisoners has now been arranged, by assigning a certain number of cells in each Lock-up for cases of assault, drunkenness, detention pending payment of fine, &c., and the remainder for persons charged with actual crimes. In Vepery and Royapett Lock-ups there is only one room for Europeans, but very few Europeans are confined for offences of a serious nature, and it very rarely happens that two Europeans are lodged in these Lock-ups at the same time.

MADRAS,  
6th February 1867.

(Signed) C. S. HEARN,  
Commissioner of Police.

1. I entirely concur in the above Memorandum, which will provide all that is required in the several Lock-ups in Madras. The only exception which I take to Major Hearn's proposals is as regards there being no separate latrine accommodation for females—*Vide* paragraphs 3 and 8.

2. I think this will be found practically objectionable. The difficulty may perhaps be met by making a separation in the single latrine, so that males would enter at one end and the females at the other, as is done at some of the Railway Stations. If the buildings do not admit of this, a small separate latrine should be constructed for the use of female prisoners.

(Signed) R. S. ELLIS,  
Sanitary Commissioner.

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I concur with Mr. Ellis.

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

With reference to Mr. Ellis's remark, my reasons for considering a separate female latrine unnecessary are that only twelve female prisoners per mensem, on an average, are confined in each of the Lock-ups, and that even if the latrines are separate, they will be so close together that it will be absolutely necessary that females should visit the latrine at a different time from the males.

(Signed) C. S. HEARN, Major,  
Commissioner of Police.

No. 603. ORDER THEREON, 28th February 1867, No. 620.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 100.

1. The Superintending Engineer of the 4th Division is requested to submit plans and estimates for the works

which are proposed by the Commissioner of Police for the introduction of a proper system of conservancy in the Lock-ups, &c., at Madras.

2. Colonel Boileau will provide for *separate* latrines for females at the Justices Jail and the Vepery Lock-up, agreeably to the recommendation of the Sanitary Commissioner.

3. Major Hearn's proposals for the entertainment of suitable Conservancy Establishments will be considered in the Judicial Department.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division.

.. Commissioner of Police.  
.. Sanitary Commissioner.  
.. Judicial Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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of the Latrines.

### Royapettah

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Commissioner of Police

Madras Police Com-  
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6<sup>th</sup> February 1867

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Memo on Consistency

ppr 5-20/67.

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*Adms*  
Commr. Police

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Madras Police  
Commissioner's Office  
13<sup>th</sup> February 1867

From

Major C. S. Hearn  
Commissioner of Police

To

The Secretary to Government  
Public Works Department  
Fort Saint George

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Sir,

Your most Obedt. Servant.

*Adms*  
Commissioner of Police

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Of 28<sup>th</sup> February 1867

Passing orders on  
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