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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
2nd May 1868.*

No. 40. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Judicial Department:—

Approving of the floors of all the buildings with-
in the enclosure of the Central Jail of Trichi- } (Here enter 22nd April 1868, No. 658.)
nopoly being asphalted.

No. 41. ORDER THEREON, 2nd May 1868, No. 1,367.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 4. :

1. Communicated to the Superin-
tending Engineer of the 6th Division
for information and guidance.

2. Captain Oakes will ascertain and report whether the Executive Engineer
at Trichinopoly took the precaution of laying down asphalt between the base-
ment and superstructure, in order to prevent white-ants having access to the walls.
This should invariably be done.

(True Extract.)

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

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
22nd April 1868.*

No. 209. Read the following letter from the Inspector General of Jails, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 11th April 1868, No. 5.

I have the honor to annex copies of letters from the Superintending and Executive Engineers of the 6th Division, bringing to notice that the floor of No. 1 Ward at the Trichinopoly Central Jail is infested with white-ants, and recommending that the floors of all buildings within the Jail enclosure should be covered with asphalt, in which recommendation I beg to state that I concur.

2. The building, designated in the correspondence as No. 1 Male Ward, is in reality Block or Barrack No. 1, which contains six wards for male convicts. It was almost ready for occupation when I visited the Jail on the 1st instant. Three other barracks of the same dimensions are in a forward state.

Extract of a letter from the Superintending Engineer, 6th Division, to the Inspector General of Jails; dated Needamungalam, 6th April 1868.

In continuation of my letter, No. 1676, dated 25th February, I have the honor to forward an original* letter from the Executive Engineer, Trichinopoly, stating that white-ants have already taken possession of No. 1 Male Ward;

* No. 5, 4th April.

it will be necessary, therefore, to have the floors not only of the Wards, but of all the buildings within the Jail enclosure covered with asphalt.

(Signed) R. F. OAKES, Captain, R. E.,
Suptg. Engineer, 6th Division.

(True Extract).

(Signed) W. J. WILSON,
Inspector General of Jails.

Copy of a letter from the Executive Engineer, 6th Division, to the Superintending Engineer; dated Trichinopoly, 4th April 1868, No. 5.

I have the honor to bring to your notice that the floor of No. 1 Male Ward, now almost ready for occupation, is infested with white-ants; these are swept out every morning, but next morning they are again as numerous as before. I think, therefore, it will be necessary to asphalt the floors, or adopt some similar measure.

The convicts, the Jailer, and all who occupy temporary buildings on the Jail site, complain sadly of the ravages made by white-ants on their clothes, bedding, and other perishable property.

(Signed) J. VERTUE, Captain, R. E.,
Executive Engineer.

(True Copy).

(Signed) W. J. WILSON,
Inspector General of Jails.

No. 210. ORDER THEREON, 22nd April 1868, No. 658.

Under the circumstances reported in the foregoing papers, the Governor in Council approves of the floors of all the buildings within the enclosure of the Central Jail of Trichinopoly being asphalted.

2. The requisite orders will be issued on the subject in the Public Works Department to the Superintending Engineer, 6th Division.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Inspector General of Jails.
Public Works Department.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

