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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
25th October 1870.*

No 346. Read the following Endorsement of the Assistant Secretary to the Government of India, dated Simla, 7th October 1870, No. 774 B.C. —

Read the following letter from the Secretary to the Government of India, (Home Department—Judicial,) to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Simla, the 3rd October 1870, No. 1,788.

I AM directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 926, dated the 12th July last, to the address of the Public Works Department, relative to the provision of separate cells in the Central Jails of the Madras Presidency.

2. There are two objects for which the cellular system is intended,—the one is for special cases, such as sentences of solitary confinement judicially inflicted, sentences passed by the prison authorities for breaches of prison discipline, or for the greater security of desperate offenders; the other is for general purposes and connected with probationary discipline. For the former objects, which alone appear to be contemplated in your letter under acknowledgment, the proportion of cells accepted by the Government of Madras might probably suffice.

3. It has, however, been recommended by most authorities on prison discipline, and accepted by most Local Governments, as well as by the Government of India, that a long-term prisoner's life in Jail should be a course of probation, beginning with a period of severe punishment, strict discipline, and close restraint and observation, and gradually relaxing in cases of good behaviour, until, at last, absolute release is attained before the term of sentence expires. In the opinion of the Government of India, it is expedient that separate (not solitary) confinement, especially at night, should form part of the probation which every long-term prisoner should thus undergo. And the object which the Government of India had in view in prescribing 15 to 17 per cent. as the standard proportion of cellular accommodation, was to secure this object as well as those contemplated by the Madras Government.

4. It appears that at three out of the six Central Jails an increase can be easily made in the present number of cells, and the Governor-General in Council will, therefore, leave the matter to the discretion of the Madras Government, trusting that the subject will be fully noticed in the Annual Jail Administration Reports.

No. 1,789.

Copy forwarded to the Department Public Works, with reference to its No. 702, dated 26th August last.

(Signed) E. C. BAYLEY,
Secretary to the Govt. of India.

Copy of the foregoing forwarded to the Government of Madras in the Public Works Department for information, in continuation of Public Works Department No. 701 B. C., of 26th August last.

By Order,
(Signed) R. B. PEMBERTON, Captain, R. E.,
Asst. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
25th October 1870.*

No. 347.

ORDER THEREON, 25th October 1870, No. 2,537.

CIVIL WORKS, No 32.

ORDERED to be recorded with refer-
ence to G. O., No. 126, dated 21st
October 1870.

(True Extract.)

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

No. 1166

FROM

E. C. BAYLEY, Esq., C.S.I.,
Secretary to the Govt of India,

TO

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT
OF MADRAS.

Home Dept.
Judicial.

SIMLA, the 3rd October 1870

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I have the honor to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient Servant,

E. C. BAYLEY,
Secretary to the Govt. of India.

No. 1189

Copy forwarded to the Department Public Works, with reference to its No. 702, dated 26th August last.

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Secretary to the Govt. of India.

Enl. E. C. Shunkar.

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in the Public Works Department for information in continuation
of Public Works Department No. 701 B. C. of 26th August last.

Public Works Deptt
Simla.

By order

The 7th October 1870

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Asst. Secretary to the Govt. of India

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From
The Secretary to the
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Dated 3rd } Octr /70
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Forwarding
a copy of a letter
addressed to the Chief
Secy: Home Dept. in-
-terminating that the
introduction of the
cellular system into
the Central Jails of
the Madras Pre-
-sidency may be
left to the discretion
of the Madras
Government.
By the order

Ordered to be recorded with reference
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For the Secy: Home
25th Oct 1788

(Signature)

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To

Date

By

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of the cellular system into the
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Presidency. Recorded.*