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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
19th April 1875.

Read the following papers :—

No. 507. From J. H. GARSTIN, Esq., District Magistrate, South Arcot, to the Hon D. F. CARMICHAEL, Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Camp at Tricalore, 4th March 1875, No. A/123.

I RECENTLY inspected the new Sub-Jail at Chengam in the Trinomalay Taluq of this district, and found that it was impossible to secure any of the doors of the cells, because the staples put up on the doors are too small to admit of the padlocks supplied being fastened to them. These padlocks are of a very reasonable size, but have been supplied by the Revenue or Magisterial Department, to whose charge the building was handed over in June 1874 without any padlocks. The Department of Public Works do not, I believe, supply such extras, but I have the honor to suggest, for the consideration of Government, whether it would not be advisable in future to direct that that department, when handing over a Sub-Jail, should hand it over in such a condition that it could be used at once, and with the necessary locks supplied. It would then be part of their duty to see that the staples were so made that stout padlocks could be fastened to them.

2. I consider the iron-work of the doors of this Sub-Jail defective. They are weak and badly put together, in my opinion. Out of the six doors only three would shut properly. When one of the doors was pulled to the staple projected so slightly through the hasp that I could not insert the point of my little finger into it.

3. I was informed that new staples and hasps had been supplied to the doors quite recently. They appeared new, but are awkwardly put on, for instead of the hasp working on a joint or hinge, it is a flat rigid bar of iron rivetted to one-half of the door, and projecting from that half for some 9 or 10 inches across the other half, and having a hole in it through which the staple has to protrude; the result is that it is necessary to throw both halves of the door open before one can pass through the door-way. There are no vertical bolts moreover. These doors are of the same pattern as those in the Trinomalay Sub-Jail, and more recently put up in the new Sub-Jail at Gingee which is not yet completed. They were all purchased or made up, I believe, in Pondicherry, and are of indifferent workmanship.

4. Owing to the smallness of the staples on the doors of the Trinomalay Sub-Jail wards,* a native padlock is obliged to be used having a hasp not much, if at all, thicker than a quill pen.

* Three in number.

TRANSFERRED to the Public Works Department.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
10th March 1875.

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,

Chief Secretary.

No. 112.

FORWARDED to the District Engineer, South Arcot, for early report.

(By order.)

(Signed) A. DEC. SCOTT, Major, R.E.

Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

17th March 1875.

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19th April 1875.*

No. 507A. From R. E. NORFOR, Esq., Executive Engineer, in charge of the District Engineer's Office, South Arcot, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Camp at Shatiatope, 23rd March 1875, No. 273.

With reference to your endorsement, No. 112, of 17th instant, I have the honor to inform you that Mr. Sage on inspecting the Sub-Jails at Chengam and Gingee in November last observed the defects in the fastenings to the Jail doors, and furnished instructions to the Range Officer for remedying the same and making them durable and strong.

2. It was also then ordered that covered passages (provided for in the estimates but not carried out, having been considered unnecessary by the late Range Officer Captain Graham) should be built, and that floor of one ward in the Gingee Sub-Jail should be asphalted and of another, which had sunk, should be relaid at the expense of the Overseer, through whose carelessness this defect had occurred; all these defects are being now remedied.

3. Again, the District Magistrate having in his No. A/115, of 3rd instant, brought to my notice the defects in the doors and staples attached thereto in the Jails at Chengam and Trinomalay, the Range Officer was at once directed to put them in proper order.

4. It would appear that the Head Assistant Magistrate in his report of inspection of Sub-Jails for the half-year ending 31st December 1874 made the following remark against the Chengam Sub-Jail:—"The Jail doors appear to me unsafe. They should be strengthened by cross-bar as at Gingee," and that the District Magistrate in his No. 5, of 6th January 1875, asked to remedy this defect. The new staples and hasps alluded to in paragraph 3 of the Magistrate's letter of 4th March 1875 appear to have been provided with reference to this requisition.

5. The iron doors in question were all purchased by Captain Graham at Pondicherry in 1868-69; they were not then used, as the Sub-Jail works were suspended under the restrictive orders of that year.

No. 508.

ORDER THEREON, 19th April 1875, No. 1,107.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 32.

THE details of the doors of the Sub-Jails at Gingee, Chengam, and Trinomalay appear to be very rude and defective, and the work has obviously been very inefficiently supervised. The District Engineer will be held responsible for the issue of detailed instructions and drawings to the subordinates to ensure the supply of proper and workmanlike fittings to these buildings, and he will report when the defects complained of had been removed.

(True Extract)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Judicial Department.
District Engineer, South Arcot.

Exd. W. J. Lewis.

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I have the honor to be
Sir,

Your most obed^t servant.

J. H. Garstin
District Magistrate

SOUTH ARCOT.

No.

123.

Magistrate's
COLLECTOR'S OFFICE.

From

To

Sir,

I recently inspected the new Sub Jail at Chengam in the Trinomalay Taluq of this District and found that it was impossible to secure any of the doors of the cells because the staples put up on the doors are too small to admit of the padlocks supplied being fastened to them. These padlocks are of a very reasonable size but have been supplied by the Revenue or Magisterial Department, to whose charge the building was handed over in June 1874 without any padlocks. The Department of

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D. P. W.
SOUTH ARCOT.

No. 273.

DISTRICT ENGINEER'S OFFICE.

Camp *Shasatope*
Dated *23rd March* 1875.

From

The District Engineer,
South Arcot.

To

The Secretary to Government
D.P.W.

Enclosures.

1. Enclosure
No. 112 of 17th
March 1875

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Engineer 1875
SOUTH ARCOT

From
The Secretary of

To
The Chief Secretary

Government

South Arcot

Dated *1st March* 1875

Received *1st March* 1875

No. *112*

ENCLOSURE

Subject

Reporting the state

of his inspection

of the new Sub jail

at Chengam in the

South Arcot Jail

17 March 1875

Mr 2002/75

Engineer D.P.W.

S.O. No 112 of 17-4-75

L. H. S. S. S.

Post 15-5-75-3

Forwarded to the
Chief Secretary
for early report
(By Order)
L. H. S. S. S.

Forwarding a
letter from the Magis-
trate of South Arcot
reporting the result
of his inspection of
the new Sub jail at
Chengam in the
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17 March 1875

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No. 1638

The Chief Secy.

Dated 10 March 1875

No. 11-2-1875

Mr 2002/75

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5. The iron doors in question were all purchased by Captain Graham at Pondicherry in 1868-69; they were not then used as the sub jail works were suspended under the restrictive orders of that year.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most obedient servant

W. M. G. F.
Executive Engineer in charge of the
Distt. Engg. Office.

Pro of the Madras Govt.
 Read the following.
 Endorsement of the Jndl. Rept. { H.E. of 10 March/75/
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 dt. Supr., South Arcot—(H.E. No 273 of 23-10-75/
 G.O. No. 1107 of 19th April/75-

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R. SODTH ARCOOT S. S. S. S. S.
 From The District Engineer
 No: 2002
 South Arcot.

To The Secretary to Govt.
 B. P. M.

Dated 23rd
 Despatched 25th
 Received 27th
 25th March 1975

No. 273.
 Enclosure - 1

Returning the Original
 letter from the Magistrate
 of South Arcot regarding
 the new sub jail at
 Chengam, with copies
 notations on the defects
 noted & thereon.

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he will report when
the defects complained
of have been removed.

Amel
MM

To Genl Dept
D.E. South, Arcot
Aspd - 30-4-75

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Govt. of (1875) Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

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Date:

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Encl.

G. O. 19 April 1875, No. 1107

Nos. 507-508.

Sub-jails at Gingee, Chengan
and Trinomalay, South
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for remedying the defects
in the doors of the -