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No. 167. Read the following letter from Major T. E. TENNANT, Inspector-General of Jails, to Major-General G. W. WALKER, R.E., Chief Engineer and Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Ootacamund, 26th June 1876, No. 156 :—

AGREEABLY to instructions contained in Judicial Order, No. 1,865, dated 25th August 1875, I placed myself in communication with the District Engineer, and have now the honor to submit for the sanction of Government, the accompanying plan and estimate for rendering the District Jail at Ootacamund more secure.

2. The estimate prepared in the Department of Public Works amounts to Rupees 7,258, but the Superintendent of the jail believes that if a few convict bricklayers are transferred to Ootacamund he would be able to carry out the proposed works with convict labour for about Rupees 4,900. It is proposed to raise the enclosure walls some four feet and to cope them with broken glass. To alter the roofs of the store-rooms, work-shed and fuel-house, and to raise the back wall of these buildings. It is likewise proposed to raise the partition wall between the Civil

debtors' yard and the hospital enclosure, to close the gateway* leading from the main to the temporary jail, and, lastly, to cover the other gateways with arches of masonry.

3. I think it, however, proper to state that in my opinion the raising of the partition wall between the Civil debtors' yard and the hospital will seriously interfere with ventilation, and on sanitary grounds is objectionable. I enclose a memorandum from the Deputy Surgeon-General on this subject. I further beg to point out that by raising the outer walls 4 or 5 feet, the jail will not be made much more secure than it is at present, for as long as buildings abut against the outer wall of a jail, they are the cause of constant anxiety as affording facilities for escape. It therefore appears to me a matter for consideration whether it is worthwhile spending a considerable sum of money on alterations which only have an appearance of security without the reality. After all, the estimate is chiefly framed with a view of preventing an escape during the day, for at night the convicts are locked up in their wards, which are very secure and require no additions whatever. If the police are vigilant, and the jail officials do their duty, it would be difficult for a convict to scale the wall even at the present height without being observed.

4. I agree with Colonel Hearn that the building called the "temporary jail" is weak and insecure, but as explained in my letter, of the 2nd August 1875, No. 3,488, printed with the Proceedings of Government under reference, if the convicts given to the Ootacamund Municipality are to be removed within a reasonable time, it is not worth the expense of pulling down these wards, and building a more secure barrack, but short of this I see no remedial measure as regards the temporary jail.

5. Long-sentenced convicts transferred from the plains are, as far as possible, confined at night in the wards of the District Jail, and not in the temporary building. Practically persons sentenced to short terms of imprisonment will not incur the risk of an enhanced sentence for escape, and as a matter of fact during the last seven years only one escape has occurred from the District Jail at Ootacamund, and in that case the prisoner was recaptured.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
11th July 1876. No. 1,751.

6. If, however, Government consider that these alterations should be carried out I venture to recommend that the wall on the west side of the jail shown in the plan as Section G. H. should be raised, and the roofs of the store-room, work-shed and fuel-house altered as proposed by the District Engineer; that the gate-ways marked B. and E. (on the plan) be closed. These works are of a simple character and may be carried out at a moderate cost with convict labour under the directions of the Superintendent of the Jail.

No. 168.

ORDER THEREON, 11th July 1876, No. 1,751.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 14.

HIS GRACE the Governor in Council is unwilling to incur the expense of the alterations planned and estimated

for, which, though the best that can be done for the existing building, are objectionable in some respects as regards ventilation, and not calculated to render escape impossible. Experience, however, has shown that the main building may be considered practically secure; while the temporary barrack outside, regarding security of prisoners in which there is some doubt, is only required in consequence of extra gangs being maintained for Municipal purposes. Their removal is spoken of as imminent, and it will be decided in the Public Department whether they may not be dispensed with at once, and the temporary barrack removed; as the most practical step to be taken under all the circumstances.

2. In the event of delay arising in the removal of these convicts the precautions of extra police guards paid from Municipal Funds and additional lighting, to enable the guards to see what is going on in the barrack at night, must be adopted.

(True Extract.)

Colonel,

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

Work

Detailed Estimate No. 82 of 1875-76
Chelgherry District
Cost of raising the boundary walls of the Potacam
Jail in order to render it more secure

No.	Measurements L B D	Contents	Particulars
<u>Removing roof</u>			
1	180-0 26-0	4680-0	Work shed and Stores
		4680-0	Total sq feet of removing present roof
<u>Breaking down walls</u>			
1	180-0 2-0 1-0	360-0	Removing the top of wall
1	87-0 2-0 1-0	174-0	Coping to walls
1	76-0 2-0 1-0	152-0	
1	72-0 2-0 1-0	144-0	
1	46-0 2-0 1-0	92-0	
1	78-0 2-0 1-0	156-0	
1	306-0 2-0 1-0	612-0	
1	46-0 2-0 1-0	92-0	
		1782-0	Total cft of Breaking down walls and removing Debris
<u>Work in new</u>			
24	3-00-64-0	144-0	Pillasters to walls of work shed &c
24	2-60-68-8	547-6	
1	180-0 2-0 11-0	3960-0	Raising back wall of work shed &c
7	7-01-64-6	330-9	Raising part of gable walls
4	2-60-615-0	75-0	Pillasters to rear wall of Hospital
5	2-60-614-0	87-6	
1	8-0 2-0 5-0	80-0	Raising rear wall of Hospital
1	16-0 2-0 5-6	176-0	
1	21-0 2-0 4-0	168-0	
1	6-0 2-0 5-0	60-0	
1	14-0 2-0 6-6	182-0	

6 2-60-613-0 77-6 Pillasters to end wall of
 4 2-60-614-6 217-6
 1 2-60-616-0 20-0
 1 76-02-05-9 874-0 Raising end walls of
 8 3-00-64-0 48-0 Pillasters to partition wall between Hospital
 & Civil Debtors Jail &c
 7 2-60-614-0 122-6
 1 2-60-612-0 15-0
 1 20-02-06-9 270-0 Raising wall between Hospital &c
 1 12-02-05-6 132-0
 1 15-02-07-0 210-0
 1 5-02-05-6 55-0
 1 12-02-06-6 156-0
 1 8-02-05-0 80-0
 39 3-00-64-0 234-0 Pillasters to walls facing St. B Hospital
 35 2-60-613-6 590-8
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 1 2-60-68-9 10-11
 1 25-02-08-10 441-8 Raising walls facing St. B Hospital
 1 15-02-07-6 225-0
 1 30-02-06-3 375-0
 1 77-02-05-10 898-4
 1 62-02-06-2 764-8
 1 15-02-04-6 135-0
 1 4-02-04-0 32-0
 1 10-02-04-9 75-0
 1 10-02-04-0 80-0
 1 15-02-04-9 142-6
 1 5-02-08-0 80-0
 1 14-02-06-0 188-0
 1 12-02-04-3 102-0
 1 12-02-06-3 150-0
 1 3-00-64-0 6-0 Pillasters to wall between Jailors Quarters &c

3 2-60-615-0 27-6
 1 11-02-05-0 160-0 Raising wall between Jailors Quarters &c
 1 30-02-05-6 330-0
 9 3-00-64-0 54-0 Pillasters to wall between the Hospital
 2 2-60-613-0 32-6
 7 2-60-611-0 96-3
 1 34-02-05-6 374-0 Raising wall between Hospital
 1 11-02-07-0 154-0
 1 20-02-07-0 280-0
 1 20-02-05-6 220-0
 2 2-60-615-6 37-6 Pillasters to entrance wall
 1 21-02-08-9 369-6 Raising entrance wall &c
 1 25-02-05-0 250-0
 1 4-02-08-0 64-0 Blocking up Doorway
 13406-8 Total cft of Bricks in Mud
 — In Chunan —
 3 6-02-01-6 54-0 Arches
 54-0 Total cft arch work in chunan
 — Mortar & white washing —
 163 Squares of Plastering
 163 Squares of white & Color washing
 — Roofing —
 1 11-02-04-0 1996-6 Work shed and stores
 1996-6 Total sqft of roofing &c complete
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Abstract Estimate No 22 of 1875-76

Keilgherry District

Work Cost of raising the boundary walls of the Ootacamund Native Jail in order to render it more secure.

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Qty	Particulars	Rate	Per	Amount	Total
4680	Sq.ft of removing present roof of work shed and stores	2 8	4	117	
1782	Cft of Breaking down walls and removing Debris	6	10	6	106 11 8
5407	Cft of Brick in mud	24			367 11 0
54	Cft of Arch work in chunam	42			22 11 0
163	Squares of Plastering	7	10	141	0 0
163	Squares of white & color washing	4			142 10
1996	Sq.ft of roofing with leaf rafters Bamboo reapers mats & pan tiles	55			1077 12 9
1996	Sq.ft of removing and replacing tiles (Allowing for new tiles)	8			159 11 0
900	Sq.ft of coping the top of walls with broken glass bottles in chunam	12	10	108	
	Excavating foundation &c			5	
	<u>Total</u>			6578	6 5
	<u>Sundries</u>			6579	7
	<u>Total Estimate</u>				1258

The present roof of the work shed and stores &c to be removed and a back wall raised to the height given on plan and the roof replaced with leaf wood ~~leaf~~ rafters bamboo reapers mats and pan tile the present coping to the boundary walls to be removed & the walls raised to the different heights marked on the Plan; The boundary walls are to be no where less than 13 ft high from the surface of the adjoining ground.

District Engineer's Office
Keilgherry

Ootacamund 28th March 1876

J. E. Morant
Captain R.E.
District Engineer

No 156

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Ootacamund 26th June 1876

For

Major J. E. Sumant

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I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most Obedient servant
Wm. H. H. H.
Inspector General of Jails

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Dated 26. June 1876.
 Received 13th July
 of 1876

of
the
Inspector
General of
the
Land
Office
at
Washington
D.C.

Public Works Dept.

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Letter from the Inspector General of
Jails No. 156 of 26th June 1876.

Submitted for
orders.

The Chief Engineer accompanied the Inspector General of Sails and District Engineer round the jail after issue of the judicial order No. 1865 of 25th August 1875. And the alterations, of which Plan and Estimate are now submitted, were then agreed on. But none of the officers above named

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Appendix
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 tendency of the
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up Convicts for the work
of the Municipality; so
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demolished.

Major Genl. R.

Chief Engineer P.W.D.

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No. 1751.

Public Works Department.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 11 July 1906

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