

No 3291

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 13th Decr/82
Read the following

The Secy of P.W.
Accounts is authorized
to pass the maximum
presidency allowance
admissible to Capt.
C.C. Rawson R.G.
while on duty at
Madras.

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Govt. of (1882) Madras.
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G.O., 30th November 1882, No. 1488.

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Monegar Choultry.

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30TH NOVEMBER 1882, No. 1488, PUBLIC.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

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From the Hon. A. MACKENZIE, President of the Executive Committee, Monegar Choultry, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 4th November 1882, No. 20.

The Directors have the honor to acknowledge receipt of G.O., No. 904, of 5th September 1882, their reply to which has been delayed owing to the temporary indisposition of the Secretary.

2. From the Minute by the Acting Under Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, of 30th August, communicated in the Government Order above referred to, it would appear that there is some doubt whether the wishes of the Directors, as expressed in paragraph 4 of their letter, No. 17, of 11th August last, can be complied with, unless the ownership of the Monegar Choultry buildings is conveyed to the Government.

I am desired to reply that the Directors do not contemplate any change whatever in the existing arrangements as to tenure of the Monegar Choultry buildings, but hope that the Government, in recognition of the claims which the institution has upon the general community as a charitable institution, will allow the repairs required from time to time to be a charge upon the public funds, instead of, as at present, a charge upon the funds of this institution, and with this object they have requested that the Monegar Choultry shall be put upon the list of public buildings to be repaired by the Department of Public Works at State expense.

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(True Extract.)

G. Mackenzie
Chief Secretary.

To the Directors of the Monegar Choultry.
„ Public Works Department.

Exd. J. W. Fischer.

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C. G. MASTER,
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To the Directors of the Monegar Choultry.
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Exd. J. W. Fischer.

Govt. of 1882 Madras.

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Order No. 498 of 26 Sept

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/ In Extract /

Sd/- Ross Thompson
Lt. Col.

ag. h. d. to Govt. P. W. D.

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G.O., 5th September 1882, No. 904.

SEPTEMBER.

Monegar Choultry.

Requesting the Directors to place clearly before Government their views as to bringing the Choultry buildings on the list of Public Buildings.

S. E. H. J. G. G. G.

No. 660-E.

Retransferred to the Public Department with remark that the request of the Committee to place the Monegar Choultry buildings on the list of Public Buildings was negatived in G.O., No. 1282 W., dated 31st May 1880.

2. Should it now be desired to reconsider the question, it would be advisable that the Committee should be asked to state in specific terms the nature of their proposal. It is not clear whether they wish to convey the ownership of the buildings to Government, or whether the proposal to place the buildings on the Government list is merely nominal, involving repair at the expense of Government without any title or ownership. It is doubtful whether the latter arrangement is admissible under the rules of the Public Works Department.

(By Order.)

OOTACAMUND,
30th August 1882.

(Signed) ROSS THOMPSON, Lieut.-Col., R.E.,
Ag. Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

ORDER—dated 5th September 1882, No. 904, Public.

Communicated to the Directors of the Monegar Choultry, who are requested, with reference to the remarks in paragraph 2 of the endorsement in the Public Works Department, to place clearly before Government their views as to bringing the Choultry buildings on the list of Public Buildings.

(True Extract.)

C. G. MASTER,
Chief Secretary.

To the Directors of the Monegar Choultry.
Copy to the Public Works Department.

Exd. A. S. Rodgers.

5TH SEPTEMBER 1882, No. 904, PUBLIC.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper :—

From the Hon. A. MACKENZIE, President of the Executive Committee, Monegar Choultry, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Monegar Choultry, — August 1882, No. 17.

The Directors have the honor to acknowledge receipt of G.O., No. 259, Public Department, of 11th May 1882, in which paragraphs 9 and 10 require special reply.

2. With reference to your remark, in paragraph 9, on the Committee's request that the Monegar Choultry buildings might be placed on the list of buildings for repair at public expense, the Directors invite the attention of the Government to paragraph 8 of G.O., No. 477, of 31st March 1879. In the report on which that Order was passed the Directors wrote as follows :—

"The female caste ward, which was in a dangerous condition, has been remodelled by Mr. Chisholm at a cost of Rs. 1,814-12-0. Many repairs are needed, but they cannot be taken in hand on account of the low state of our funds. We would respectfully submit for the consideration of the Government that this institution should be placed on the list of Public Buildings to be repaired at the State's expense. The cost on this account averages Rs. 1,000 per year, which is a very serious drain on the resources at the disposal of the Directors."

The answer of Government to this application was—

"The proposal to place the female caste ward in the list of Public Buildings will be referred to the Public Works Department for consideration."

3. The Directors now beg to explain that their application had been misunderstood. It did not refer to the female caste ward *alone*, but to the whole premises of the Monegar Choultry, the reference to the female caste ward merely serving as an introduction to the general subject. Unfortunately the misunderstanding appears to have been overlooked at the time, and the Directors considered that the Government Order in question was tantamount to a promise that the necessary arrangements for undertaking general repairs to the Choultry would be referred to the Public Works Department for consideration and report.

4. The Directors have now the honor to make a formal application, in terms of paragraph 13 of their report dated Madras, 24th March 1879, that the Monegar Choultry shall be placed on the list of Public Buildings to be repaired at the State's expense.

5. In answer to paragraph 10 of the Government Order under reply, the Directors have the honor to inform Government that the school in question was closed during the famine of 1876-77 and no steps have been taken until now to reopen it. Arrangements have now been made for reopening the school at once. A school-master has been entertained, and already a certain number of scholars are in daily attendance; and one of the members of the Committee has kindly promised to give special supervision to the management and working of the school.

6. The Directors hope that in their next annual report they will be able to announce satisfactory progress under this head.

Govt. of (1882) Madras
MILITARY.

To THE ADJUTANT-GENERAL,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated December, 7th.

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G.O., 7th December 1882, No. 6575.

DECEMBER.
Nos. 52-54.

Prisoners.

Provision by the Public Works Department of ten additional cells in the Bangalore military prison requested; and application made to the Government of India for the construction of a military prison at Rangoon.

3/ No 3294 v of 13th Dec 82
Communicated to
the Supg. Engr 5th Circle
who will submit plans
and estimates for the
required work.

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Supg Engr: Fifth Circle
S. S. K. Circle

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Northward

Subd. in Bangalore

No. 53. ORDER THEREON, 7th December 1882, No. 6575.

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council accepts the recommendations of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief contained in the foregoing letter for increasing the military prison accommodation in this Presidency, in view to effect being given to the proposed partial substitution, in the case of British soldiers, of imprisonment with hard labor in this country for sentences of penal servitude.

2. The necessary action will be taken in the Public Works Department for providing ten additional cells, as early as practicable, in the Bangalore military prison.

3. The Government of India will be addressed on the subject of the proposed military prison at Rangoon.

(True Extract.)

R. S. Martin

Colonel,

Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Adjutant-General.

„ Quartermaster-General.

„ Public Works Department.

5. The above shows that on the date mentioned there were 45 military prisoners under sentence of court martial for whom there was no accommodation in the military prisons, and to remedy this the Commander-in-Chief would recommend that—

(1) A military prison should be built at Rangoon for the accommodation of military prisoners belonging to the British force serving in Burmah.

(2) That the present accommodation in the Bangalore military prison should be increased.

6. With regard to (1) His Excellency considers that a military prison for Burmah is most essential for the due maintenance of discipline.

At present soldiers under sentence by court martial are imprisoned in the Rangoon Jail. And in regard to the system which obtains in this jail a commanding officer recently reported that he did not consider it sufficiently deterrent to judge by the number of re-committals which occurred among the men of the battalion under his command.

7. Sir Frederick Roberts would therefore recommend that a military prison, to accommodate forty prisoners, with requisite subsidiary buildings, should be at once built at Rangoon.

8. The returns show that, on the 1st August last, about 1½ per cent. of the British Army in this Presidency were in confinement undergoing court martial sentences.

Forty prisoners would be rather in excess of this percentage as regards the British Force in Burmah, but as that force is liable to be increased at any time, the Commander-in-Chief considers it would be not only desirable that the accommodation provided in the first instance should be rather above present probable requirements, but also that the site for the prison should be chosen, and the building itself planned, in view to an increase of accommodation, at a future time, being possible without any great cost.

9. The General Officer Commanding Burmah Division has already, I am to say, been directed by the Quartermaster-General to report on the best site available for a military prison at Rangoon.

10. With regard to (2) His Excellency would recommend that the Bangalore military prison be increased by ten cells.

It would, Sir Frederick Roberts considers, be preferable to add to the Bangalore military prison rather than to those at Fort St. George or Trimulgherry, as the former prison could then receive prisoners from Burmah or Madras, who, on medical grounds, had to be moved to cooler climates, and this would, it is hoped, in time, obviate the necessity of sending military prisoners to the Ootacamund Jail on account of health.

11. If the above recommendations are sanctioned, the military prison accommodation in the Presidency would be—

	Cells.
Trimulgherry ...	62
Bangalore ...	32
Fort St. George ...	22
Rangoon ...	40
	156

or five in excess of the number of soldiers who were undergoing court martial sentences on the 1st August last. And this number of cells distributed as above would, it is considered, meet the requirements of this Presidency and admit of all soldiers under sentence by court martial carrying out such sentences under the discipline and rules of a properly ordered military prison.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

7th December 1882, No. 6575.

Prisoners.

Read the following paper :—

No. 52. From Brigadier-General GODFREY CLERK, Adjutant-General, to Colonel E. L. HANKIN, Acting Secretary to Government, Military Department; dated Fort St. George, 28th November 1882, No. 594.

With reference to Proceedings of Government, No. 4138 of the 5th August last, I am desired to submit the following suggestions with regard to the increase of military prison accommodation in this Presidency for the consideration of Government.

2. The arguments in support of soldiers undergoing sentences awarded by courts martial in military prisons, as also the reason for increasing the present military prison accommodation, are given in letter No. 2605-D., of the 1st July last, from the Adjutant-General in India to the Government of India, Military Department, recorded in the Proceedings of Government under reference, and need not, therefore, be repeated here, as they hold good equally for this Presidency as for Bengal.

3. In this Presidency the military prison accommodation is—

Trimulgherry military prison...	...	...	...	Cells.
Bangalore	"	"	...	62
Fort St. George military prison	...	...	...	22
				14
				98

This will be further increased when the sanction of the Governor-General has been received for the eight new cells in Fort St. George to form part of the military prison

...

Giving a total available in the Presidency of ... 106

4. Not including men undergoing short sentences (forty-two days' imprisonment hard labor and under) whose sentences might still be carried out in garrison or regimental cells, there were, on the 1st August last, 151* soldiers under sentence of courts martial confined, some in the military prisons, some in garrison cells, and some in the three "authorized prisons"—the Madras Penitentiary, the Rangoon Jail, and the Ootacamund Jail.

* About 1½ per cent. of strength.

28/11/82
M.C. No 6526

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No 3295 of 13 Dec/82

Recorded with
reference to G.O. 2931
of 7th November 82

C.S.
12.12.82