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Govt. of 1882 Madras.
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B No 950. Waj 18 April/82.

Communicated
to the Suptg Engr 1st
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of the estimate called
for in the latter part
of para 5 of G.O. No 6614.
d/16th March 1880, & report
at once how the matter
now stands

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menced at an early date, &c.

Satd. in Receipt Regt.

With Order

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pointed out the pressing need for the erection of a Sub-Magistrate's Cutcherry with Subsidiary Jail and Police Station attached, and his letter was referred to the Public Works Department (*vide* G.O., No. 661 W., dated 16th March 1880). The Superintending Engineer was directed to submit, at the earliest possible date, an estimate for the construction of the Subsidiary Jail and Sub-Magistrate's Cutcherry on the standard plan; but although more than two years has elapsed, the building of this Cutcherry and Subsidiary Jail has not been commenced, and so far as I can learn from local inquiry, no orders have been received to commence the work.

5. However urgent was the necessity for providing these buildings two years ago, the necessity now is still more pressing since the completion of the Párvatipur Jail, in which the whole accommodation is urgently required for hill men. Government have only to examine the appalling rate of mortality amongst the hill prisoners confined in the Vizagapatam Jail to see the pressing need of getting rid of the Subsidiary Jail and remand prisoners who now crowd the Párvatipur Jail and occupy valuable space required for the hill prisoners. I most respectfully but earnestly request that this most important work may be commenced at an early date, and that at all events immediate steps may be taken to provide the necessary Subsidiary Jail accommodation.

6. The station of Párvatipur (which I remember twenty years ago without a building) is fast growing into a station of importance, and it seems a pity that in this new station a system of roads should not be determined on and laid out. These roads might be constructed with prison labor, and, with the approval of the authorities, I would suggest that, after providing for the necessary services of the jail, all surplus prison labor should be given free, for one year, for the purpose of road-making and improving the station. The Government are aware of the excellent manner the roads, &c., have been constructed by prisoners at Russellkonda, which, from being a very dirty insanitary village, has now become a clean neat town. I see no reason why similar improvements should not be made at Párvatipur, and I therefore request the sanction of Government to grant convict labor free for one year, the labor to be devoted to road-making and improving the station. At the expiration of a year fresh application can be made to Government for an extension of the privilege, if it be found desirable.

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To the Public Works Department. ✓
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Exd J. Wright.

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