

864-16.3.83
2276-15.8.83
2362-22.8.83

No 2428 Wdy 30th Aug/83

B

Recorded with
reference to the under-
mentioned Pros.

864 Wdy 16th March 83
" " 2276 Wdy 15th Aug 83
" " 2362 Wdy 22nd - - -

cu

27/8

No 6931

Govt. of (1883) Madras.
FINANCIAL.

No 2428 Wdy 30th Aug/83

Issued

Recd. 14/8/83

Encl.

G.O., 3rd August 1883, No. 1640.

b.s.c

AUGUST.

Jails.

Passing orders on letter from the Inspector-General of — regarding the repairs to the buildings in the Central Jail at Vellore, and the building of a Store-room in Her Majesty's Penitentiary at Madras.

2 Copies sent to Secy

With order
Intd in Receipt Register

Just Dept
Impd by Jails

27.8

3RD AUGUST 1883, No. 1640, FINANCIAL.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper :—

From Colonel T. E. TENNANT, Inspector-General of Jails, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, dated Ootacamund, 31st July 1883, No. 196.

With my letter, No. 4, dated 11th January 1883, I had the honor to submit for sanction an estimate, amounting to Rs. 10,104, for repairs to the buildings in the Central Jail at Vellore. I then explained the urgency for these repairs and stated that the amount required was available from the Convict Labor Fund ; but no orders have as yet been passed on my letter.

2. The Superintendent now reports that further damage has been done to the buildings by the late rains, and that immediate repairs are absolutely necessary. I therefore request that orders may be passed, and that the repairs be taken in hand at an early date.

3. I also request orders may be passed on my letter, No. 252, dated 16th September 1882, forwarding a plan and estimate, amounting to Rs. 5,714, for building a Store-room in Her Majesty's Penitentiary. The Superintendent of Prisons can commence the work at once if sanctioned.

4. I take this opportunity of respectfully inviting attention to the numerous estimates submitted for sanction and awaiting orders. In surrendering the Convict Labor Fund there were ample funds to meet the requirements, and a list of works has since been submitted to the Chief Engineer. Several months have, however, elapsed since sanction was sought, and valuable building time is being lost.

ORDER—dated 3rd August 1883, No. 1640, Financial.

With regard to the repairs to the Vellore Jail, it is observed that the estimate was sanctioned in Public Works Proceedings, No. 864 W., of the 16th March 1883, which was communicated to the Inspector-General. In Financial Department Proceedings, No. 690, of the 4th April following, the necessary instructions were given to the Accountant-General.

2. Paragraph 3 of the letter will be disposed of in the Public Works Department, the estimate having been submitted to Government in that Department.

3. In separate Proceedings, the sum of Rs. 50,000 has already been placed at the disposal of the Public Works Department in addition to the amount (Rs. 10,104) required for the Vellore Jail repairs.

(True Extract.)

E. F. WEBSTER,
Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Inspector-General of Jails.
" Public Works Department.
" Accountant-General.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

Govt. of 1883 Madras.

FINANCIAL.

3RD AUGUST 1883, No. 1640, FINANCIAL.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper :—

From Colonel T. E. TENNANT, Inspector-General of Jails, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, dated Ootacamund, 31st July 1883, No. 196.

With my letter, No. 4, dated 11th January 1883, I had the honor to submit for sanction an estimate, amounting to Rs. 10,104, for repairs to the buildings in the Central Jail at Vellore. I then explained the urgency for these repairs and stated that the amount required was available from the Convict Labor Fund ; but no orders have as yet been passed on my letter.

2. The Superintendent now reports that further damage has been done to the buildings by the late rains, and that immediate repairs are absolutely necessary. I therefore request that orders may be passed, and that the repairs be taken in hand at an early date.

3. I also request orders may be passed on my letter, No. 252, dated 16th September 1882, forwarding a plan and estimate, amounting to Rs. 5,714, for building a Store-room in Her Majesty's Penitentiary. The Superintendent of Prisons can commence the work at once if sanctioned.

4. I take this opportunity of respectfully inviting attention to the numerous estimates submitted for sanction and awaiting orders. In surrendering the Convict Labor Fund there were ample funds to meet the requirements, and a list of works has since been submitted to the Chief Engineer. Several months have, however, elapsed since sanction was sought, and valuable building time is being lost.

ORDER—dated 3rd August 1883, No. 1640, Financial.

With regard to the repairs to the Vellore Jail, it is observed that the estimate was sanctioned in Public Works Proceedings, No. 864 W., of the 16th March 1883, which was communicated to the Inspector-General. In Financial Department Proceedings, No. 690, of the 4th April following, the necessary instructions were given to the Accountant-General.

2. Paragraph 3 of the letter will be disposed of in the Public Works Department, the estimate having been submitted to Government in that Department.

3. In separate Proceedings, the sum of Rs. 50,000 has already been placed at the disposal of the Public Works Department in addition to the amount (Rs. 10,104) required for the Vellore Jail repairs.

(True Extract.)

E. F. WEBSTER,
Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Inspector-General of Jails.
" Public Works Department.
" Accountant-General.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

No. 2428 W of 30th August 1883

Recorded with
reference to the undermentioned
Proceedings.

G. O. No. 864 W of 16th March 1883

" " 2276 W of 15th August 1883

" " 2362 W of 22nd " "

Sd/ C. B.

W. S.

Issued

Recd.

Encl.

G.O., 3rd August 1883, No. 1640.

No. 2428 W of 30th August 1883

AUGUST.

Jails.

Passing orders on letter from the Inspector-General of — regarding the repairs to the buildings in the Central Jail at Vellore, and the building of a Store-room in Her Majesty's Penitentiary at Madras.

With Order

Judicial Department.
Inspector General of Jails.

Govt. of (1883) Madras.

FINANCIAL.

No: 2428 W of 30th August 1883

Recorded with
reference to the undermentioned
Proceedings

G. O. No: 864 W of 16th March 1883

" " 2276 W of 15th August 1883

" " 2362 W of 22nd " " "

Sd/ L. B.

46 S.

Judicial Department.
Inspector General of Jails.

Issued

Recd.

Encl.

G.O., 3rd August 1883, No. 1640.

No: 2428 W of 30th August 1883

AUGUST.

Jails.

Passing orders on letter from the Inspector-General of — regarding the repairs to the buildings in the Central Jail at Vellore, and the building of a Store-room in Her Majesty's Penitentiary at Madras.

With Order

16TH MARCH 1883, No. 864 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

No. 123.

READ—the following letter from Colonel T. E. TENNANT, Inspector-General of Jails, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Trichinopoly, 11th January 1883, No. 4:—

I have the honor to submit, for the sanction of Government, the accompanying estimate, amounting to Rs. 10,104, for repairs to the buildings in the Central Jail at Vellore.

2. Major McLeod, the Superintendent, states that beyond the renewal by this department of some tiles to the various barracks from time to time, no repairs have been carried out to the roofs since the erection of the buildings, and there is no doubt that the work is much needed.

3. I have struck out the item, Rs. 1,750, for "flooring of wells;" this is probably a mistake for "bathing cisterns," as wells do not exist in all the yards, but as in either case the work is not at present very necessary this item may be omitted.

4. The painting of the doors and windows, for which provision has been made, can be carried out with convict labor by this department, but the other works must be executed by free labor or by means of the Public Works Department, as there is not a sufficient number of skilled workmen in the jail to execute such extensive repairs with the rapidity which is necessary.

5. The amount required for these repairs can be provided from the Convict Labor Fund.

Mis. No. 156.

Approved and transferred to the Public Works Department.

19th January 1883.

(Signed) M. HAMMICK,
Acting Assistant Secretary.

No. 124.

ORDER—dated 16th March 1883, No. 864 W., Public Works.

The estimate, amounting to Rs. 10,104, for repairs to the Central Jail at Vellore, is sanctioned.

				RS.	2. The Accountant-General will be instructed in the Financial Department to place the sum of Rs. 12,580 * at the disposal of the Public Works Department from the Convict Labor Fund, early in April next, for the execution of the work.
* Works	...	...	...	10,104	
Establishment	...	...	...	2,324	
Tools and Plant	...	...	...	152	
Total	...	...	...	12,580	

3. This sanction has been registered as Provincial No. 273 W. of 1882-83 and classified as Civil Buildings, Repairs.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. H. SANKEY, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Superintending Engineer, Fourth Circle, with one Enclosure.

- „ Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
- „ Financial Department.
- „ Inspector-General of Jails.
- „ Judicial Department.

BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
CIVIL WORKS.

Govt. of 1883 Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated March, 16th.

Recd.

Encl.

G.O., 16th March 1883, No. 864 W.

MARCH.

Nos. 123-124.

Central Jail, Vellore

An estimate for repairs to the —, sanctioned.

15TH AUGUST 1883, No. 2276 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Account.

READ—the following papers:—

From Colonel T. E. TENNANT, Inspector-General of Jails, to the Chief Engineer and Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Ootacamund, 4th July 1883, No. 170.

I have the honor to submit a statement showing the sanctioned works for which provision of funds is required.

2. In surrendering the Convict Labor Fund, Government promised "to allot on jails, for some years to come, at least the equivalent of the average annual expenditure on jails from Convict Labor Fund and Provincial."

3. The balance to the credit of the Convict Labor Fund on the 31st March 1882 amounted to Rs. 1,60,533-4-5 and the subsequent credits up to March 1883 amount to Rs. 82,532-5-0, making a total of Rs. 2,43,065-9-5. I have not received from the Accountant-General the particulars of the amounts expended, but there are ample funds to provide for all the works entered in the statement under the head "Convict Labor Fund."

4. There is also the sum of Rs. 30,000 provided in this year's budget for the new District Jail at Kurnool, as the construction of this new Jail must be deferred pending the decision of Government on the prospective removal of the Kurnool Court. I request that this amount may be transferred to other jail works requiring allotment, such as the Store-room at the Penitentiary, Warders' quarters at the District Jail at Ootacamund, the Close Cellular Prisons at Vellore and Coimbatore, and the new District Jail and Close Prison at Trichinopoly.

G.O., dated 1st August 1883, No. 1623, Financial.

Read—the following papers:—

Memorandum from the Public Works Department, dated 13th July 1883, No. 224 E.

Letter from the Inspector-General of Jails, dated 20th July 1883, No. 182.

ABSTRACT.—Intimating that a statement showing the sanctioned works for which provision of funds is required was forwarded to the Chief Engineer on the 4th July 1883.

Order—dated 1st August 1883, No. 1623, Financial.

The sum of Rs. 50,000 will be placed at the disposal of the Public Works Department, with request that it may be allotted to sanctioned estimates for jail buildings.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) E. F. WEBSTER,
Acting Chief Secretary.

ORDER—dated 15th August 1883, No. 2276 W., Public Works.

The Government, in the Financial Department, having placed at the disposal of the Public Works Department the sum of Rs. 50,000 to be allotted for sanctioned jail works, that sum has been appropriated as shown in column 9 of the statement of jail works requiring funds which accompanies this resolution.

2. The appropriations already made for the marginally noted works from the Provincial Reserve are resumed and credited to the reserve with Government, as funds for their completion have been assigned from the grant made by the Financial Department.

Constructing Police lines for the Jail guard attached to the Parvatipur Jail	Rs. 3,723
Converting the unused general latrine attached to the District Jail at Cannanore into a Civil Debtors Jail, &c.	926
Constructing 20 Police-huts for the guard for the Guntur Jail	1,600
Sub-Jail with out-houses at Mannargudi	909
Repairing the Civil Debtors Jail at Madras	2,691

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. H. SANKEY, Major-General, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

To Superintending Engineers.
To the Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
" Inspector-General of Jails.
" Judicial Department.
" Financial do.

Exd. E. Fernandez.
Spare Copies

Appendix to G.O., dated 15th August 1883, No. 2276 W.

Statement of Provincial Jail Works requiring Funds in 1883-84.

Division.	Item No.	Name of Work.	Amount of Estimate.	Number and Date of Sanction.	Past Expenditure.	Balance of Estimate.	Amount Applied for.	Amount appropriated.	Item No.	Remarks.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Ganjan	1	Erecting a wall round the old general latrine and re-roofing the under-trial ward in the District Jail at Behampore.	Rs. 2,190	G.O., No. 507 W., dated 15th Feb. 1883.	Rs. 1,834	Rs. 356	Rs. 2,190	Rs. ..	1	No appropriation necessary as the balance of estimate is only Rs. 356.
Vizagapatam	2	Constructing quarters for the Deputy Jailor, Warders and Head Constables attached to the District Jail at Vizagapatam.	5,100	G.O., No. 203 W., dated 18th Jan. 1883.	1,099	4,001	5,100	4,000	2	
Do.	3	Constructing Police lines for the Jail guard attached to the Parvatipur Hill Jail.	4,570	G.O., No. 799 W., dated 12th Mar. 1883.	847	3,723	4,570	3,723	3	
Godavari Estern.	4	For water-supply and drainage of Central Jail at Rajahmundry.	22,164	G.O., No. 2507 W., dated 26th Sept. 1882.	285	21,879	15,160	10,000	4	
	5	Constructing a close prison at the Central Jail at Rajahmundry.	..		..	..	4,000	..	5	Appropriation of funds can be considered after the estimate has been sanctioned.
Nellore	6	Alterations to the District Jail at Nellore.	4,920	G.O., No. 472 W., dated 15th Feb. 1883.	637	4,283	4,920	4,283	6	
Bellary	7	Constructing Deputy Jailor's quarters with out-houses at the District Jail at Bellary.	5,037	G.O., No. 201 W., dated 18th Jan. 1883.	..	5,037	5,037	5,037	7	
North-Arcot	8	Constructing a close prison at the Central Jail at Vellore.	..		..	..	10,000	..	8	Appropriation of funds can be considered after the estimate has been sanctioned.
Do.	9	Constructing a residence for the Superintendent of the Central Jail at Vellore.	26,080	G.O., No. 279 W., dated 25th Jan. 1883.	6,820	19,260	19,080	10,000	9	
Do.	10	Repairs to the roof of the Central Jail at Vellore.	10,104	G.O., No. 864 W., dated 16th Mar. 1883.	..	10,104	10,104	..	10	Funds separately provided, vide G.O., No. 1068 W., dated 11th April 1883.
Trichinopoly	11	Constructing a close prison at the Central Jail at Trichinopoly.	..		..	..	5,000	..	11	Appropriation of funds can be considered after the estimate has been sanctioned.
Do.	12	Constructing a District Jail at the Central Jail at Trichinopoly to contain the prisoners of the District Jail, Trichinopoly.	..		..	..	5,000	..	12	Appropriation of funds can be considered after the estimate has been sanctioned.
Canimatare	13	Converting the unused general latrine attached to the District Jail at Canimatare into a Civil Jail for Debtors, and constructing a bathing cistern with enclosure.	4,100	G.O., No. 2162 W., dated 22nd Aug. 1882.	3,174	926	5,104	926	13	

Statement of Provincial Jail Works requiring Funds in 1883-84—cont.

Division.	Item No.	Name of Work.	Amount of Estimate.	Number and Date of Sanction.	Past Expenditure.	Balance of Estimate.	APPROPRIATION. Applied for.	Amount appropriated.	Item No.	Remarks.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Coimbatore	14	Constructing Medical Subordinates quarters with out-houses at the Central Jail at Cannanore.	Rs. 1,500	G.O., No. 3277 W., dated 12th Dec. 1882.	..	Rs. 1,500	Rs. 1,500	Rs. 1,500	14	
Do.	15	Extension to the Workshop accommodation at the Central Jail at Cannanore.	1,750	G.O.s., No. 2892 W., dated 16th Oct. 1882, and No. 323 W., 30th Jan. 1883.	..	1,750	1,750	1,750	15	
Do.	16	Repairing the roof of the Jail Superintendent's quarters attached to the Central Jail at Cannanore.	916		..	916	916	916	16	
Do.	17	Constructing three cells for the condemned prisoners at the District Jail at Mangalore.	..		..	..	1,200	..	17	Appropriation of funds can be considered after the estimate has been sanctioned.
Do.	18	Constructing a close prison at the Central Jail at Coimbatore.	..		..	..	5,000	..	18	Appropriation of funds can be considered after the estimate has been sanctioned.
Nilgiri	19	Constructing quarters for eight warders attached to the District Jail at Ootacamund.	2,853		..	..	2,853	2,853	19	
Presidency	20	Constructing a store-room for keeping paper, &c., of the Printing Department attached to H. M. Penitentiary at Madras.	..		..	..	5,714	..	20	Estimate not yet sanctioned.
Kistna Western.	21	Constructing 20 police-huts for the guard of the Gunter Jail (excluding prison labor Rs. 1,712).	4,848	G.O., No. 909 W., dated 12th April 1882.	4,786	62	..	1,500	21	Convict labor not available to the extent provided in estimate.
South Arcot	22	Sub-jail with out-houses at Mannargudi	5,650	G.O., No. 1063 W., dated 28th April 1882.	5,751	909	..	909	22	
Tanjore	23	Improvements to the Sub-jail at Namilam	1,100	G.O., No. 653 W., dated 1st Mar. 1883.	..	1,100	..	..	23	No funds.
Nagapattam	24	Constructing compound wall with gate around the Sub-jail at Nagapattam.	1,165	G.O., No. 2305 W., dated 14th Oct. 1880.	920	245	..	..	24	Appropriation not necessary under Code 2298, III.
Nellore	25	Constructing Sub-jail at Davi	4,550	G.O., No. 1994 W., dated 18th July 1883.	..	4,550	..	..	25	Full sum provided in the Provincial Budget for 1883-84.
Belary	26	Subsidiary Jail at Alor	10,770	G.O., No. 2143 W., dated 13th May 1878.	..	10,770	..	..	26	No funds.
Coimbatore	27	Constructing an Upper Story to the Jailor's Quarters in the Central Jail at Coimbatore.	1,350	G.O., No. 1998 W., dated 19th July 1883.	..	1,350	..	..	27	To be executed from Jail Funds by the Jail Department.
Presidency	28	Repairing the Civil Debtors Jail at Madras.	2,691	G.O., No. 2185 W., dated 8th Aug. 1883.	..	2,691	..	2,691	28	
		Total ..	..		..	..	..	50,000		

GENERAL.
ACCOUNT.

Gobt. of {1883} Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated August, 15th.

Recd.

Encl.

G.O., 15th Aug. 1883, No. 2276 W.

AUGUST.

Sanctioned Jail Works

The sum of Rs. 50,000 placed by the Financial Department at the disposal of the Public Works Department to be allotted for — distributed among the several works requiring funds.

22ND AUGUST 1883, No. 2362 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

READ—the following papers:—

From Colonel T. E. TENNANT, Inspector-General of Jails, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Ootacamund, 16th September 1882, No. 252.

I have the honor to submit, for the sanction of Government, the accompanying plan and estimate, amounting to Rs. 5,714, for constructing a store-room in the Penitentiary at Madras.

2. The printing and book-binding department at the Penitentiary Branch of the Government Press have been lately considerably extended, and the Superintendent of the Government Press represents that a large store-room is much required for keeping stationery, &c. I have satisfied myself that the proposed store-room is necessary. The work can be carried out departmentally, and funds are available from the Convict Labor Fund.

3. The estimate allows for asphaltting the floor. I would, however, recommend that concrete and Portland cement should be used, as this style of flooring is harder and more durable than asphalte.

From Colonel H. L. PRENDERGAST, R.E., Superintending Engineer, Fifth Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Chepauk, 18th June 1883, No. 1059.

With reference to your memorandum, No. 1748 C., dated 29th September 1882,

1 Detailed Estimate

2 Abstract Estimates.

1 Letter of Inspector-General of Jails, with

1 Estimate.

1 Plan.

I have the honor to submit an estimate of Rs. 6,425, prepared in the regular form, for the construction of a new store-room and boundary wall for the Printing Office at H. M's Penitentiary at Madras.

2. The estimates provides for a floor of concrete in Portland cement in lieu of asphalte as suggested by the Inspector-General of Jails in his letter, No. 252, dated 16th September 1882.

From Colonel T. E. TENNANT, Inspector-General of Jails, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Ootacamund, 21st June 1883, No. 161.

I have the honor to invite attention to this office letter, No. 252, dated 16th September 1882, forwarding plan and estimate, amounting to Rs. 5,714, for constructing a store-room in the Penitentiary at Madras.

2. The Superintendent of the Government Printing Press brings to notice how urgent is the need of store-room accommodation. I therefore request you will be good enough to obtain the early sanction of Government, so that the work may be commenced without delay.

3. I would suggest that a portion of the grant of Rs. 30,000 provided in the budget for a new District Jail at Kurnool be made available for the work.
4. The work will be executed departmentally.

No. 1217 C., Public Works

Copy of the above forwarded to the Superintending Engineer, Fifth Circle, with request that he will lose no time in disposing of the points referred to him in this office memorandum, No. 1199 C., dated 25th June 1883.

28th June 1883.

(Signed) C. BOWEN, Major, R.E.,
Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

From the same Officer, dated Chepauk, 6th August 1883, No. 1716.

- I have the honor to submit a plan and estimate of Rs. 6,280, prepared with reference to your memorandum, No. 1199 C., dated 25th June 1883, for constructing a new store-room and boundary wall for the Printing Office at the Madras Penitentiary.
- | | |
|--|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Plan. 1 Detailed Estimate. 1 Abstract Estimate in duplicate. 1 Report and Specification. 1 Letter of Inspector-General of Jails, with 1 Estimate. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Teakwood struts have been provided in the roof trusses instead of wrought-iron rods. |
|--|---|

The verandah entrance is now made 9 feet high, i.e., 6 feet from floor to spring of arch and 3 feet for the rise of arch.

ORDER—dated 22nd August 1883, No. 2362 W., Public Works.

The estimate, amounting to Rs. 6,280, for constructing a store-room and boundary wall for the Printing Office at the Madras Penitentiary, is sanctioned for execution by the Jail Department.

2. The sum of Rs. 6,280 is appropriated for the work from the Provincial Reserve.

3. This sanction has been registered as Provincial No. 99 W. of 1883-84 and classified as Civil Buildings, Original Works.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. H. SANKEY, Major-General, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Inspector-General of Jails, with six Enclosures.
 „ Superintending Engineer, Fifth Circle.
 „ Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
 „ Judicial Department.

Edw. A. F. Goodall.
Spare Copies

BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
CIVIL WORKS.

Govt. of 1883 Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated August, 22nd.

Recd.

Encl.

G.O., 22nd Aug. 1883, No. 2362 W.

AUGUST.

Madras Penitentiary

*Estimate for constructing a store-room and
boundary wall for the Printing Office at the —,
sanctioned for execution by the Jail Depart-
ment.*

3RD AUGUST 1883, No. 1640, FINANCIAL.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper:—

From Colonel T. E. TENNANT, Inspector-General of Jails, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, dated Ootacamund, 31st July 1883, No. 196.

With my letter, No. 4, dated 11th January 1883, I had the honor to submit for sanction an estimate, amounting to Rs. 10,104, for repairs to the buildings in the Central Jail at Vellore. I then explained the urgency for these repairs and stated that the amount required was available from the Convict Labor Fund; but no orders have as yet been passed on my letter.

2. The Superintendent now reports that further damage has been done to the buildings by the late rains, and that immediate repairs are absolutely necessary. I therefore request that orders may be passed, and that the repairs be taken in hand at an early date.

3. I also request orders may be passed on my letter, No. 252, dated 16th September 1882, forwarding a plan and estimate, amounting to Rs. 5,714, for building a Store-room in Her Majesty's Penitentiary. The Superintendent of Prisons can commence the work at once if sanctioned.

4. I take this opportunity of respectfully inviting attention to the numerous estimates submitted for sanction and awaiting orders. In surrendering the Convict Labor Fund there were ample funds to meet the requirements, and a list of works has since been submitted to the Chief Engineer. Several months have, however, elapsed since sanction was sought, and valuable building time is being lost.

ORDER—dated 3rd August 1883, No. 1640, Financial.

With regard to the repairs to the Vellore Jail, it is observed that the estimate was sanctioned in Public Works Proceedings, No. 864 W., of the 16th March 1883, which was communicated to the Inspector-General. In Financial Department Proceedings, No. 690, of the 4th April following, the necessary instructions were given to the Accountant-General.

2. Paragraph 3 of the letter will be disposed of in the Public Works Department, the estimate having been submitted to Government in that Department.

3. In separate Proceedings, the sum of Rs. 50,000 has already been placed at the disposal of the Public Works Department in addition to the amount (Rs. 10,104) required for the Vellore Jail repairs.

(True Extract.)

To the Inspector-General of Jails.
" Public Works Department.
" Accountant-General.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

John R. O'Connor
for Acting Chief Secretary.