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19TH FEBRUARY 1884, No. 454 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

READ—the following letter from Colonel T. E. TENNANT, Inspector-General of Jails, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 4th February 1884, No. 37:—

With reference to your letter, No. 207 C., dated 29th January 1884, I have the honor to forward, for information, copy of a letter I addressed on the 31st ultimo to the Superintending Engineer, VI Circle, stating that, in my opinion, the works at the district jail, Palamcottah, ought to be proceeded with and completed without delay.

2. The cellular blocks were not occupied until June 1883, after the hot weather was over. I therefore deemed it expedient to delay pronouncing a decided opinion on the experiment until the medical officer had sufficient time to observe the effect of cellular confinement on the health of the prisoners.

3. The system of separate confinement has only been partially in force, owing to the large number of prisoners still kept in association wards. The cells have been occupied only by night, but so soon as the remaining four blocks are completed, I shall be in a position to introduce the separate system by day as well as by night.

4. You will observe, in paragraph 3 of my letter to the Superintending Engineer, that I suggest blocks 3 B, 5 A and 4 A should consist only of 32 cells in each block, instead of 39. This arrangement will make these blocks of uniform length with blocks 4 B and 5 B completed, and I find that there will be sufficient accommodation without these extra cells.

5. The progress report for April 1883, received with your endorsement, No. 1082 C., of the 6th June 1883, is returned as requested.

ENCLOSURE.

From Colonel T. E. TENNANT, Inspector-General of Jails, to the Superintending Engineer, VI Circle, Trichinopoly, dated Madras, 31st January 1884.

In reply to your letters, No. 714 T.N., dated 25th January 1884, and No. 667 T.N., dated 18th December 1883, I have the honor to state that, in my opinion, the works at the district jail at Palamcottah should be proceeded with and completed without delay.

2. Until proper accommodation is provided, it will be impossible to give full effect to the cellular system; the present arrangement of placing some prisoners in cells and keeping the remainder in association, is detrimental to discipline.

3. Blocks No. 3 B and No. 5 A are to consist of 39 cells in each block. I would suggest that each of these two blocks as well as No. 4 A should consist of only 32 cells in each block instead of 39. This arrangement will make these three blocks uniform with Nos. 4 B and 5 B completed.

4. On the accompanying tracing (return requested) block No. 4 A is shown as consisting of 39 cells, but the length of the block is marked 252' 0", which I presume is a mistake.

5. I have to apologize for the delay in replying to your letter.

19TH FEBRUARY 1884, No. 454 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

ORDER—dated 19th February 1884, No. 454 W., Public Works.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineer, VI Circle, for information and guidance.

2. The work should now be proceeded with to completion.

(True Extract.)

Major, R.E.,
Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Superintending Engineer, VI Circle.
.. Judicial Department.

Exd. E. Fernandez.
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BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
CIVIL WORKS.

Govt. of (1884) Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated February, 19th.

Recd.

Encl.

G.O., 19th Feb. 1884, No. 454 W.

FEBRUARY.

New Jail at Palamcottah

Letter from the Inspector-General of
Jails suggesting, with remarks, the comple-
tion of the — without delay, communicated
to the Superintending Engineer, VI Circle.

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The cutting is much
less than one-twelfth of
the grant, but as the
report is for the first
month of the year,
it may be accepted.

With reference to
Supy. Engrs remarks
Clause B. attention is
invited to G.O. No 1123 W
of 3rd May 1882, and
No 1137 W of 16th April
1883, from which it
will be seen that
the construction of the
4 blocks is deferred
for the present.

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Office Division.

S. W.

The construction of the 4 blocks in question was deferred pending report on the suitability of those already constructed by the proper authorities.

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S. A. W.

Dr. V. C. 4/6

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Sixth Circle, Supply & Office Division.
Abstract of Progress Report for the Month of *April* 1883.

Funds, &c.		Grant for the year.	Expenditure during the year.	
IMPERIAL.				
MILITARY.				
	Original Works		150	
	Repairs		"	
	Total Military		150	
CIVIL BUILDINGS.				
Postal.				
	Original Works		"	
	Repairs		"	
	Total		"	
Telegraph.				
	Original Works		"	
	Repairs		"	
	Total		"	
Salt.				
	Original Works		"	
	Repairs		"	
	Total		150	
	Total Civil Buildings		"	
MISCELLANEOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.				
	Original Works		"	
	Repairs		"	
	Total Mis. Pub. Impts.		150	x
	Total Imperial			
PROVINCIAL.				
CIVIL BUILDINGS.				
	Original Works		216,273	11,737
	Repairs		27,310	11,52
	Total		243,583	12,889
COMMUNICATIONS.				
	Original Works		20,000	"
	Repairs		"	"
	Total		20,000	"
	Carried over		263,583	12,889

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6th Circle, *Suppl. & Office* Division.
Abstract of Progress Report for the Month of April 1883.
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Funds, &c.	Grant for the year.	Expenditure during the year.	
Brought forward ..	263,583	12,889	/
MISCELLANEOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.			
Original Works ..	"	"	
Repairs ..	"	"	
Total ..	"	"	
Total Provincial ..	263,583	12,889	/
Incorporated LOCAL FUNDS.			
CIVIL BUILDINGS.			
Original Works ..	"	"	
Repairs ..	"	"	
Total ..	"	"	
COMMUNICATIONS.			
Original Works ..	2660	"	
Repairs ..	19,750	160	
Total ..	22,410	160	/
MISCELLANEOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.			
Original Works ..	"	"	
Repairs ..	"	"	
Total ..	"	"	
Total Local ..	22,410	160	/
Excluded Local Funds.			
SPECIAL.			
CIVIL BUILDINGS.			
Original Works ..	"	"	
Repairs ..	"	"	
Total ..	"	"	
COMMUNICATIONS.			
Original Works ..	"	"	
Repairs ..	"	"	
Total ..	"	"	
MISCELLANEOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.			
Original Works ..	x	"	
Repairs ..	"	911	
Total ..	"	"	
Total Special ..	"	911	/
Total for Imperial, Provincial, Local, and Special ..	285,993	14,110	/

REMARKS.

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Executive Engineer's report as follows.

- Palace restorations are progressing fairly.
 - Dindigul Sub-Collector's Cutcherry. Roofing with tiles half done.
 - Tiruvadanai Sub-Magistrate's Cutcherry. Walls are raised 12 feet.
 - Cumhuni Gudalur Road. Rs 9,000 have been advanced to the President Madurai Local Fund Board.
 - New Jail at Palamcottah. No progress at present pending sanction to proceed with the 4 blocks of cells remaining to be constructed.
 - Sub-Magistrate's Cutcherry at Virudupetty. Foundation and basement fully completed and the superstructure was raised 2 feet. Doors and windows and some wood work for roof have been made up. Work in progress.
- 2 The expenditure and the progress on the works will, it is expected, be more satisfactory in the next report as the final issue of Budgets have now been received.

W. M. M. Lieut Col R.E.
Superintending Engineer Circle

25/5/83

Ans 1123 W 3-5-83
1137 W 16-4-83

P.W. C.No. 4502
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BUILDINGS AND ROADS BRANCH.

South CIRCLE.

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DIVISION.

REMARKS FOR GUIDANCE.

Form "E" is intended for submission by Superintending Engineers to the Chief Engineer, and is merely a general abstract for each division. It will be open to the Chief Engineer to call for, or to Superintending Engineers to submit, reports for individual works in form "B" or "C" where such a course may appear desirable.

It is to be understood that these returns are not accounts, and that although the figured entries should be as accurate as circumstances will allow, promptitude and regularity in their submission is of more importance than minute accuracy. No annas or pies should appear in them. Great care should be taken that the "name of the work" is in all cases absolutely the same designation as that under which it has been sanctioned.

Progress Report for the Month of

April 1883.

Dated

25th

May 1883

Received

28th

May 1883

No 1082 C

Referred, with advertisement to Clause (E) of the Subordinate Engineer's Regulations, to the District Engineer, who will be good enough to report whether the experience of the last three months has been such as to warrant the proceeding with the same plan at the Palamcottah Jail on the same plan as those already constructed.

(Return requested)

(By order)

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Major R.

To Dy. Engr. W. S. G. & Co. P. W. D.
The District Engineer, P. W. D.

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No 37.

Madras, 4th February 1884

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From:

Colonel J. C. Tennant,

Inspector General of Jails.

To

Colonel J. Shaw-Stewart, R.C.

Chief Engineer and Secretary to Government, P. W. D.

Fort Saint George.

Sir,

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I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

J. E. L. L. L.
Inspector General of Prisons.

Enclosure

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No.

Madras, 31st January 1884

From

The Inspector General
of Jails.

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To

The Superintending Engineer,
6th Circle.
Trichinopoly.

Private

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I have seen
(Signed) J. E. Tennant,
Inspector General of Ships.
(True copy)

J. Tennant
Inspector General of Ships.

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Govt. of (1883) Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

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Dated

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By

Encl.

G. O. 19th July 1882 No. 454W.

Recd Sail at Palam-
Cottah.

Letter from the Insp.
Genl of Sails regarding,
with remarks the completion
of the — without
delay, carried to the
L. Co. V. Circle.

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