

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.
PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter :—

From the Quarter Master General, Fort Saint George, 16th March 1866, No. 2924 ;
to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

In Order of Government, No. 3749, dated 21st October 1864, Government
was pleased to sanction the use of three rooms in the old Artillery Barracks in the
Fort at Bellary for a Garrison Prison, as a temporary expedient.

*Proceedings of Government, No. 2125, 9th
June 1860.*

2. In conveying that sanction, Go-
vernment adverted to a letter from this
Department, submitting a very unfavora-
ble report on the Barracks in question.

3. When the conversion of the three rooms in those Barracks into a Garrison
Prison was recommended by Sir Hope Grant, G. C. B., His Excellency was well
aware of all that could be said against the Barracks. In reply to an urgent repre-
sentation from the Officer Commanding the Ceded Districts, he directed that Officer
to enter a new Garrison Prison in the List of Works to be submitted for entry in
the Budget for 1865-66.

4. These instructions General McLeod stated should be attended to, but
again urgently represented the pressing necessity for some immediate provision
being made of a temporary prison, in which the sentences of District Courts Martial
might be carried out.

5. This temporary provision was made, and a new Garrison Prison was en-
tered in the budget of 1865-66. Funds
were not available, and sanction was
not accorded.

6. Fearing a similar result, the Commander-in-Chief recommended, in the
List of Works proposed for 1866-67 at
Bellary, that the prison should be post-
poned.

7. General McLeod has now brought prominently to the Commander-in-
Chief's notice, that "the present place of
"confinement is objectionable in more
"respects than one for a permanent pri-
son. The rooms are low and small, and in the hot weather close and heated,
"and not properly ventilated for that season of the year. There is no possibility
"of separating prisoners, should it be found necessary. Though the number of
"prisoners at one time has not exceeded thirteen, yet at a large station like this,
"(Bellary) accommodation for a larger number should be available. The arrange-
"ments as regards bathing-rooms, necessities, &c., are most defective."

8. On this urgent representation, the Commander-in-Chief has desired me to
submit the question again for the orders of Government, and His Excellency hopes
that, notwithstanding that the measure was postponed in the budget, the work may
be sanctioned from the reserve, so that a beginning may be made.

ORDER, No. 1173, 28th March 1866.

Communicated to the Department Public Works, in view to a plan and esti-
mate being called for and submitted, on a site for the prison in question being
decided on, in communication with the Military Authorities at Bellary.

*Proceedings of Government, No. 3749, 21st
October 1864.*

2. It is observed that the use of the
old Artillery Barracks, as a Garrison Pri-
son, was only sanctioned as a temporary
expedient.

(True Extract.)

Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Quarter Master General.
" Public Works Department.
" Adjutant General, for information.
Ed. J. E. Cashart.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
6th April 1866.*

No. 63. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Military Department :—

Communicating a letter from the Quarter Master
General with a view to a plan and estimate
for the construction of a Garrison Prison at
Bellary being submitted, after the site for the
building has been selected. (Here enter 28th March 1866, No. 1,173.)

No. 64. ORDER THEREON, 6th April 1866, No. 1,059.

MILITARY WORKS, No. 7.

Communicated to the Superintend-
ing Engineer of the 3rd Division, who
will give his early attention to the
orders in paragraph 1.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division.

Erd. S. T. Augustin.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
16th February 1869.*

No. 449. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Camp at Poolivendla, 12th January 1869, No. 3,578 :—

With reference to entry* of the Garrison Prison in the Budget for 1869-70,

* Item No. 2.

I beg to draw your attention to paragraph 17 of G. O., No. 3,108, dated 8th October 1867, and request to be favored with the plan therein referred to.

No. 450. ORDER THEREON, 16th February 1869, No. 519.

MILITARY WORKS, No. 22.

The Superintending Engineer of the 3rd Division will place himself in communication with the Military authorities with a view to the preparation of a plan of the proposed Garrison Prison at Bellary.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division.
„ Military Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Govt. of 1869 Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,

3RD DIVISION.

&c., &c., &c.

Dated February, 16th.

Recd.

Encl.

G. O., 16th February 1869, No. 519.

FEBRUARY.

Nos. 449-450

Garrison Prison at Bellary.—The Superintending Engineer of the 3rd Division requested to place himself in communication with the Military authorities, with a view to the preparation of a plan of the proposed Garrison Prison at Bellary.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
18th August 1870.*

Read the following papers :—

No. 287. From the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Bellary, 30th June 1870, No. 763.

I HAVE the honour, with reference to G. O., No. 519, dated 16th February 1869, to forward, for the approval of Government, the accompanying plan for Garrison Prison proposed to be constructed at Bellary.

2. The plan has been approved of by the Local Military authorities.

REFERRED to the Military Department, with reference to the Order in this Department, No. 519, dated 16th February 1869.

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R.E.,
5th July 1870. Secretary to Government, D. P. W.

REFERRED to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief.

OOTACAMUND, (Signed) J. MICHAEL, Major,
25th July 1870. Offg. Deputy Secretary to Government, Mily. Dept.

No. 288. From the Officiating Quarter-master General, to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated Head Quarters, Ootacamund, 1st August 1870, No. 612.

I HAVE the honour to return the letter in the Department Public Works with plan for a new Military Prison at Bellary, received with your reference of the 25th instant.

2. Before according approval, His Excellency would wish to be informed whether the proposed plan has been submitted to, and approved by, the Inspector-General of Jails. The estimate appears to be very high, and His Excellency would submit whether some modification might not be made so as to reduce the cost to Rupees 40,000, the amount entered in the Budget Estimate, without limiting accommodation.

3. In regard to the urgency for this prison, the Commander-in-Chief considers that the erection of cover for the Artillery at Bellary is a more emergent work, and should first be considered when allotting funds; His Excellency refers to the new Artillery Barracks complete, with family quarters for a Battery. This was entered in the Budget of 1870-71 as urgently required, but, in consequence of the reduction of the allotment for Military works, it was struck out from the Budget by Order of Government, No. 225, of 20th January 1870.

REFERRED with letter No. 2,712, of 1870, to the Public Works Department.

OOTACAMUND, (Signed) A. T. WILDE, Major General,
5th August 1870. Secretary to Government, Mily. Dept.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
18th August 1870.*

No. 289.

ORDER THEREON, 18th August 1870, No. 1,974.

MILITARY WORKS, No. 29.

THE foregoing letter from the Quarter-master General will be communicated to the Superintending Engineer of the 3rd Division who will, if possible, modify the design for a Military Prison at Bellary with a view to obtaining the same extent of accommodation at a less cost, and will then submit the plan for the approval of the Inspector-General of Jails.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, with Plan.
,, Military Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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PUBLIC WORKS.

To

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,

3RD DIVISION.

&c., &c., &c.

Dated August, 18th.

Recd.

Encl.

G. O., 18th August 1870, No. 1,974.

AUGUST.

Nos. 287-289

Military Prison at Bellary.—Letter from the Quarter-master General returning, with remarks, the plan for a Military Prison at Bellary, communicated to the Superintending Engineer of the 3rd Division with instructions.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Military Department,
26th October 1870.*

Read the following papers:—

No. 454. From the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Fort Saint George; dated Cuddapah District, 24th September 1870, No. 1419.

I have the honor, with reference to G. O. No. 1974, dated 18th ultimo, to return the plan for Garrison Prison at Bellary with the following explanation.

2. The circumstances under which this department was called upon to prepare an estimate, &c., for this building, will be found in the Proceedings of Government in the Military Department, recorded with G. O., No. 1059, dated 6th April 1866, in the Public Works Department.

3. On the 7th September 1866, with my letter No. 1678, I complied with the above order by submitting the necessary plan and estimate amounting to Rupees 39,025, to the Quarter Master General, for the approval of his Excellency the Commander-in-Chief; these papers were returned with a letter* from the Honorable R. S. Ellis, C.B., Sanitary

Commissioner, which necessitated the preparation of an entirely fresh plan, as Government, in the absence (vide G. O., No. 519, dated 16th February 1869,) of furnishing this office with a copy of the plan of European Prison at Wellington, ordered the preparation of a plan for the Prison at Bellary, in communication with the Military authorities.

4. Having in view the remarks of the Sanitary Commissioner upon the plan originally submitted, Colonel Palmer, the Executive Engineer, prepared the one submitted with my letter No. 763, dated 30th June last, and which had received my approval and that of the Local Military authorities. The building on this plan is estimated to cost 50,110, and as the plan has been designed to afford a proper scale of accommodation, and was prepared, as far as practicable, upon the suggestions of the then Sanitary Commissioner, I trust Government will consider that the design is not altogether due to this department, and that the cost, if considered to be great, is also due entirely to this circumstance.

5. I beg to submit copy of the Sanitary Commissioner's letter referred to in the margin of paragraph 3, and also copy of a letter* from the Executive Engineer, and trust Government will be pleased to record their opinion in reference to the suitability of the plan now re-submitted.

6. For the above reasons, I have not sent the plan to the Inspector General of Jails.

Transferred to the Military Department, with reference to the order in this Department, No. 1974, dated 18th August 1870.

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
30th September 1870. Secy. to Govt., P. W. D.

Referred to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, with reference to the Officiating Quarter Master General's letter No. 612 of 1st August 1870, recorded in Proceedings of Government, No. 2455, dated 31st August 1870.

7th October 1870.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Military Department,
25th October 1870.*

No. 455. From the Officiating Quarter Master General, to the Secretary to Government, Military Department; dated Fort Saint George, 13th October 1870, No. 4764.

I have the honor, by desire of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, to return the enclosures received with your reference docket of the 7th instant, relative to the plan of the Military Prison proposed to be erected at Bellary.

2. With reference to the explanation afforded by the Superintending Engineer as to his reason for not having submitted the plan to the Inspector General of Jails, I am directed by the Commander-in-Chief to observe that the Prison Regulations were published subsequently to the Sanitary Commissioner's letter quoted by Colonel Moberly, and it was under paragraph 93 of that Code, that His Excellency wished to be informed whether the proposed plan had been submitted to the Inspector General.

3. His Excellency recommends that this course should be followed, the Minute of the Sanitary Commissioner, by which the Engineer was guided in its preparation, being also submitted with the plan.

No. 456. ORDER THEREON, 26th October 1870, No. 3088.

Resolved accordingly that the proposed plan of the Military Prison at Bellary be referred to the Inspector General of Jails.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) A. T. WILDE, Major-General,
Secretary to Government.

To the Inspector General of Jails, with a plan and 3 enclosures.
(to be returned.)

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Military Department,
27th January 1871.*

Read the following papers :—

No. 498. From the Inspector General of Jails, to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George; dated Ootacamund, 31st October 1870, No. 120.

Military Department, 26th Octr. 1870, No. 3038.

With reference to the order noted in the margin, I have the honor to request you will be good enough to inform me.

I. Whether the Military Prison at Bellary is intended for long sentenced prisoners, or merely for men sentenced for periods not exceeding forty-two days.

II. Whether it is intended that the prisoners should be put to hard labor.

III. The central portion of the proposed building is a Ward measuring $70 \times 22 \times 20$ (to top of wall), and is called a lock-up. For what purpose is this ward intended?

No. 499. From the Inspector General of Jails, to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George; dated Ootacamund, 7th November 1870, No. 123.

With reference to the order noted in the margin, I have the honor to submit the following observations on the plan of the Military prison which it is proposed to build at Bellary. I would have postponed doing this, until after the receipt of your reply to my reference of the 31st ultimo, No. 120, but being about to proceed upon a tour of inspection, I did not consider it expedient to do so.

LOCK-UP.—The dimensions of this portion of the building are $70 \times 22 \times 25$ (20 to top of wall and 30 to ridge-mean height 25). It will, therefore, accommodate 17 persons with an allowance of 90 superficial and 2,264 cubic feet per man; but it does not appear why the excess of cubic space is required, more especially as the ventilation seems to be ample. If the mean height be reduced to 20 feet, each man of 17 will have 1,811 cubic feet of space, which is in the proper proportion to the superficial area of 90 feet, the standard allowance of space for European Soldiers in barracks being 90 superficial and 1,800 cubic feet. If this standard be adhered to, the walls may be reduced 5 feet in height, by which some saving will be effected. In the absence of specific information as to the use to which this large ward is to be put, and as to what the requirements of the station in respect of an ordinary lock-up for British Soldiers may be, I shall merely observe that the provision seems to be large, but that if really necessary for the reception of intoxicated or disorderly soldiers, it would be preferable either to add to the number of cells, or to construct a sufficient number of small wards to contain three or four men each.

CELLS.—The cells measure $10 \times 13 \times 17\frac{1}{4}$, which gives 130 superficial and 2,242 cubic feet. If the height of the walls be reduced to 14 feet, each cell will then contain 130 superficial and 1,820 cubic feet, which, with good ventilation, ought to be quite sufficient, and a saving of three feet all round will be effected.

DOORS.—I am of opinion that solid doors with fixed venetians are preferable to grated doors, through which the inmates of the cells can see what may be going on outside. It would be an inconvenient arrangement as regards supervision, were

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MILITARY.

To

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OF JAILS.

Dated October, 26th.

Recd.

Encl.

G. O., 26th October 1870, No. 3088.

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OCTOBER.

Nos. 454—456.

Referring the proposed plan of the Military Prison at Bellary to the Inspector General of Jails.

P. M. 24th/71

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27th January 1871.

the doors of every alternate cell to be made so as to open into the back verandah. With solid doors the men will not easily be able to carry on any conversation with each other, and to do so may be rendered almost impossible by setting the doors back some 14 or 16 inches, as has been done at the European prison at Ootacamund.

VENTILATION.—It is proposed to carry this out by means of the fixed venetian at the top of the door; by a perforated zinc plate in the lower panel thereof; and by a window and a floor ventilator on the opposite side; but in addition to these means which are specified in the report, it appears from the plan that there are to be two more ventilators in each cell, one at the top of the front wall, and the other at the top of the back-wall. I should be inclined to dispense with the zinc plates, and to place the floor ventilator at the front, the current of air will thus pass in and escape by the window in the back wall. The perforated zinc plates would in all probability be getting constantly damaged by refractory prisoners. A small round aperture defended by wire gauge, and covered on the outside by a wooden or iron slide, should be made in the panel just below the fixed venetian, so that the warder or sentry may be able to see what the prisoners are about. If the walls are reduced to 14 feet, it follows that the extra ventilators at the tops of the walls must be dispensed with, but the windows at the back which measure 3×2, may be enlarged if necessary, and narrow windows let in above the doors.

STORE-ROOMS.—These rooms are small, and I can venture no opinion as to their sufficiency, as I have no information regarding the nature of the stores, or other articles, which are to be kept therein, but I think their proposed position is objectionable inasmuch as it will interfere with the beat of the sentry, and also obstruct a clear view along the verandah. As a general rule, store-rooms ought to be so situated that persons having occasion to go to them should not have an opportunity of communicating with the prisoners in any way. For these reasons, I would recommend a separate workshop of a size commensurate with the requirements.

WASH-HOUSE.—The specification is not sufficiently distinct to enable me to understand all the details of this building, but as it is said to have been constructed in accordance with a standard plan, no remark appears to be required thereon.

LATRINE.—No remark seems to be called for.

GUARD-ROOM.—This is intended for fourteen men each of whom is allowed 80 feet of superficial area, but the height will give 2,042 feet of cubic space per man. If it is necessary that the verandahs of this building should be terraced, the extra height may be necessary, but if not, then the walls might be reduced in height so as to give 1,800 cubic feet per man. It is not said how many sentries there are to be, or whether the sentry or sentries are included in the number for whom space is provided.

DRAINS.—I think some provision ought to be made for carrying off the surface water, whether there is to be an enclosing wall or not. It is assumed that tubs or buckets will be placed in the cess-pools so that the water may be removed.

LABOR.—It is not understood whether the prison is intended for the reception of long sentenced, or of short sentenced prisoners, or whether it is proposed to enforce hard labor, but if so, then some provision in the way of a work-shop seems to be requisite.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Military Department,
27th January 1871.

2. The plan and enclosures received with the order under reply, are herewith returned.

Referred with No. 120, to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, with advertence to Proceedings of Government, dated 26th October 1870, No. 3088.

14th November 1870.

No. 500. From the Officiating Quarter Master General, to the Secretary to Government, Military Department; dated Fort Saint George, 20th January 1871, No. 502.

I have the honor to return the plan for the proposed prison at Bellary, with enclosures, received with your reference docket of the 14th November last.

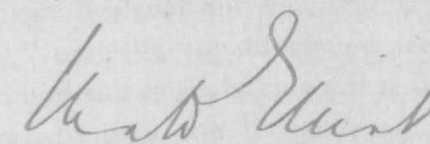
2. The Inspector General of Jails, in his letter No. 123 of the 7th idem, remarks on the excess of space which has been provided in the plan, both in the cells, prisoners' and guard-rooms, and observes that a saving in expense might be made were the regulated area and cubic space adhered to. His Excellency is not aware of any reason for increasing that amount of accommodation, and would recommend that the plan should be modified accordingly, and that the attention of the Superintending Engineer should be called to the remarks of the Inspector General, on the doors of the cells and their ventilation, the position of the store-rooms and the drainage of the buildings generally, with a view to the required changes also being made.

3. The proposed lock-up-room is much larger than is required, if two rooms, each capable of accommodating four men were provided in lieu, it would suffice. There is no necessity for the provision of a work-shop for hard labor.

No. 501. ORDER THEREON, 27th January 1871, No. 327.

Ordered that the foregoing correspondence be communicated to the Public Works Department.

(True Extract.)



Lieut.-Colonel,

Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Public Works Department, with four enclosures and
Proceedings of Government, 26th October 1870, No. 3088. 20 spare Copies.
,, Quarter Master General.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Military Department,
30th April 1874.

Read the following papers:—

No. 360. Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department.
From the District Engineer, Bellary, dated 14th January 1874.

ORDER THEREON, 31st March 1874, No. 274.

Adverting to G. O.,* dated 19th February 1874, No. 573, it is referred for consideration in the Military Department, whether a Garrison Prison should now

be constructed at Bellary, plans and estimates for which were called for in the under-mentioned orders:—

G. O., No. 519, 16th February 1869.
„ No. 1974, 18th August 1870.
„ No. 4, 2nd February 1871.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

Referred to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief.

(Signed) J. STURROCK,
Acting Under-Secretary to Government,
for Military Secretary.

9th April 1874.

No. 361. From Brigadier-General R. C. STEWART, Adjutant General, to Colonel A. C. SILVER, Secretary to Government, Military Department; dated Head Quarters, Ootacamund, 20th April 1874, No. 21.

Adverting to Proceedings of Madras Government, in the Public Works Department, dated 31st March 1874, No. 274, referred to the Commander-in-Chief with your docket of the 9th instant, I have the honor, by order of his Excellency, to state that it was not intended that soldiers under sentence of penal servitude should undergo their imprisonment at Bellary, nor was this class of Prisoners included in the number for whom prison accommodation was to be provided; there is therefore no reason why the prison at Bellary should not be constructed as already proposed.

No. 362. ORDER THEREON, 30th April 1874, No. 1358.

Ordered that the Adjutant General's letter above recorded be communicated to the Public Works Department.

(True Extract.)

Mineral
Secretary to Government.

To the Public Works Department. With 104/100 copies.
„ Adjutant General.
„ Quarter Master General.
Exd. R. Stephenson.

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Dated January, 27th.

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G. O., 27th January 1871, No. 327.

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JANUARY.
Nos. 498-501.

Communicating to the Public Works Department, correspondence in connection with the plan for the proposed Military prison at Bellary.

of the 3rd in such reference to the letter of the
24th Sept 70. At 1419. At Col. Brookerly and
informed the respective members of the
proposed Military Prison at Bellary.

At 1419. At Col. Brookerly and
proposed Military Prison at Bellary.

With 104/100 copies.

Military Buildings

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Government of Madras.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT,

Fort St. George, the

9th February 1885.

From the Public Works
Department, no. 211-W, dated
26th Jan'y /85.

From the Adjutant General,
B. A.
no. 283-Prisons, dated 6th Feby /85.

In returning the extract
from the Proceedings of Government
G. W. D.
no. 211-W, dated 26th Jan'y 1885, re-
ferred under your endorsement
Memorandum no. 480 of the 28th
idem, I am directed to inform
you that the proposal to con-
struct a new Garrison Prison
at Bellary has been abandoned.

Order. The reply of the
Adjutant

Pub. Works 1874 Dept.
no. 211-W, dated 26th Jan'y 1885.
Govt. of Madras.

MILITARY.

THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Secy, Secy, &c.

Dated April, 30th.
Recd. May 7th

Encl.

G. O., 30th April 1874, No. 1358.

APRIL

Nos. 360-362.

Communicating letter from the Adjutant
General, representing the necessity for the erec-
tion of a Garrison Prison at Bellary.

19-5-74
Pittman & Co.

To Mr. Bellary
Bells with C. 19/5/74

Copy

274 of 31st March 1874
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Comm. to Mr. Bellary &c.

Adjutant General communi-
cated to the Public Works
Department -

/ True Extract /

Wm. Herbert
Offg. Secy. to Govt. St. Cal.

To
The Public Works (Dept.)

W. 346. W. 13 Feb. 1855

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Communicated to
the S. E. III Circle,
with reference to go.
No 211 W. 16 Jan. 1855

2. The orders calling
for plans & estimates
for a new garrison
prison at Bellary
may be omitted from
the Supt Engr's return
of unanswered references.

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By 10. Feb. 1855

B. W. 346. W. 13 Feb. 1855

With order