

5TH JANUARY 1887, No. 11, JUDICIAL.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper:—

From H. R. GRIMES, Esq., Inspector-General of Jails, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 25th November 1886, No. 340.

I have the honor to submit the report of the committee, ordered by Government in its order, dated 22nd December 1885, No. 3469, Judicial. The cause of the delays in the assembling of the committee has already been reported on by me in my letters, dated respectively 13th May and 21st August 1886, and the committee would have assembled in September last as sanctioned in G.O., dated 28th August 1886, Mis. No. 2320, but was unable to do so owing to the Sanitary Commissioner and myself being directed to be present in Madras during the visit of the Finance Committee to this Presidency. Further delay then occurred owing to the change of officers in the appointment of the Sanitary Commissioner.

ENCLOSURES.

PROCEEDINGS of a committee convened by G.O., dated 22nd December 1885, No. 3469, Judicial, to report upon the condition of the District Jail at Nellore, and the necessity for building a new one.

PRESENT:

L. A. Campbell, Esq., District Judge.  
W. G. Underwood, Esq., District Magistrate.  
Surgeon-Major J. A. Laing, Acting Sanitary Commissioner.  
H. R. Grimes, Esq., Inspector-General of Jails.

We, the undersigned members of a committee appointed by Government in its order, dated 22nd December 1885, No. 3469, Judicial, assembled on the 12th November 1886 at Nellore, and inspected the district jail and its surroundings, as also the site proposed for the new jail.

2. We examined the returns of the hospital from the year 1881 up to the date of our meeting, and have ascertained that the jail cannot be considered an unhealthy one, as will be observed from the accompanying statement of admissions to hospital and deaths for the last six years. The mortality in 1885 was quite exceptional, and cannot be attributed to any insanitary state of the jail. The deaths, four in number, were owing to the following causes:—

(1) Meningitis.  
(2) Pneumonia.

(3) Abscess.  
(4) Rupture of the spleen.

The medical officer considers that these deaths were not due to anything connected with the surroundings or local condition of the jail, nor to the work or food of the convicts. We further ascertained that in the year 1883, when cholera was prevalent in Nellore, there were only two cases of it in the jail, and there was not a single death amongst the convicts during that year from any cause. Again, in the current year, up to the date of our meeting, no deaths have occurred, and on a perusal of the weighment registers, we find that the majority of prisoners, during the past five years, have gained weight. The jail is well supplied with excellent water.

3. We are of opinion that, since the proposal to build a new jail in 1883, the introduction of the railway to Nellore has altered the aspect of affairs, and that should the jail become overcrowded from any unforeseen circumstances, it will now be easy to relieve it by transferring the prisoners to jails in other districts; but at present the accommodation is far in excess of existing requirements. The jail can contain 278 prisoners of all classes, the average daily strength for the past three years has been as follows, viz. :—

|         |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |       |
|---------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-------|
| In 1884 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 78.96 |
| " 1885  | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 88.34 |
| " 1886  | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 66.94 |

4. Taking all these circumstances into consideration, we are of opinion that the condition of the Nellore jail is satisfactory, and there is no necessity to build a new one.

5. We are of opinion that it is desirable to extend the area of the jail, which can be done if a piece of the high ground to the west of the present jail limits is acquired, the acquisition of this land would be advantageous, as a means of increasing the jail garden, and thereby giving full employment to the convicts in the immediate vicinity of the jail, and should excessive floods again occur, as happened in 1874 and 1882, the convicts could be at once removed to it, and, if necessary, accommodated in huts until the floods subsided.

(Signed) L. A. CAMPBELL,  
District Judge.  
( " ) W. G. UNDERWOOD,  
District Magistrate.  
( " ) J. A. LAING,  
Ag. Sanitary Commissioner.  
( " ) H. R. GRIMES,  
Inspector-General of Jails.

District Jail, Nellore.

| Years.                                | Admissions | Deaths | Total | Remarks. |
|---------------------------------------|------------|--------|-------|----------|
| 1881                                  | 2          | 516    | 518   |          |
| 1882                                  | 2          | 516    | 518   |          |
| 1883                                  | 2          | 516    | 518   |          |
| 1884                                  | 2          | 516    | 518   |          |
| 1885                                  | 2          | 516    | 518   |          |
| 1886                                  | 2          | 516    | 518   |          |
| Total                                 | 12         | 3096   | 3108  |          |
| 11. Simple continued fever.           | 1          | 1      | 2     |          |
| 12. Febricula.                        | 1          | 1      | 2     |          |
| 15. Ague.                             | 1          | 1      | 2     |          |
| 16. Remittent fever.                  | 1          | 1      | 2     |          |
| 18. Malignant cholera.                | 1          | 1      | 2     |          |
| 34. Acute rheumatism.                 | 1          | 1      | 2     |          |
| 37. Muscular rheumatism.              | 1          | 1      | 2     |          |
| 38. Chronic rheumatism.               | 1          | 1      | 2     |          |
| 43 (a). Primary syphilis.             | 1          | 1      | 2     |          |
| 43 (b). Secondary syphilis.           | 1          | 1      | 2     |          |
| 43 (c). Tertiary syphilis.            | 1          | 1      | 2     |          |
| 44 A-39. Cancer of the liver.         | 1          | 1      | 2     |          |
| 45. Fatty tumour.                     | 1          | 1      | 2     |          |
| 49. Phthisis.                         | 1          | 1      | 2     |          |
| 55. Anemia.                           | 1          | 1      | 2     |          |
| 67. General dropsy.                   | 1          | 1      | 2     |          |
| 60. Meningitis.                       | 1          | 1      | 2     |          |
| 90. Tetanus.                          | 1          | 1      | 2     |          |
| 99. Hysteria.                         | 1          | 1      | 2     |          |
| 111. Conjunctivitis.                  | 1          | 1      | 2     |          |
| 128. Ulceration of cornea.            | 1          | 1      | 2     |          |
| 190. Inflammation of external meatus. | 1          | 1      | 2     |          |
| 225. Valvular disease of the heart.   | 1          | 1      | 2     |          |
| 271. Inflammation of glands.          | 1          | 1      | 2     |          |
| 306. Bronchitis.                      | 1          | 1      | 2     |          |
| 314. Asthma.                          | 1          | 1      | 2     |          |
| 316. Pneumonia.                       | 1          | 1      | 2     |          |
| 366. Caries of tooth.                 | 1          | 1      | 2     |          |
| 460. Dyspepsia.                       | 1          | 1      | 2     |          |
| 466. Dysentery.                       | 1          | 1      | 2     |          |
| 480 (c). Hernia.                      | 1          | 1      | 2     |          |
| 483. Ascari lumbricoides.             | 1          | 1      | 2     |          |
| 484. Diarrhoea.                       | 1          | 1      | 2     |          |
| 486. Colic.                           | 1          | 1      | 2     |          |
| 487. Constipation.                    | 1          | 1      | 2     |          |
| 490. Fistula in ano.                  | 1          | 1      | 2     |          |
| 491. Haemorrhoids.                    | 1          | 1      | 2     |          |
| 513. Jaundice.                        | 1          | 1      | 2     |          |
| 524. Splenitis.                       | 1          | 1      | 2     |          |
| 585. Gonorrhoea.                      | 1          | 1      | 2     |          |
| 586. Balanitis.                       | 1          | 1      | 2     |          |
| 589. Bubo.                            | 1          | 1      | 2     |          |
| 704. Premature labor.                 | 1          | 1      | 2     |          |
| 755. Peritonitis.                     | 1          | 1      | 2     |          |
| 769. Synovitis.                       | 1          | 1      | 2     |          |
| 818. Inflammation of cellular tissue. | 1          | 1      | 2     |          |
| 825. Guinea worm.                     | 1          | 1      | 2     |          |
| 841. Herpes.                          | 1          | 1      | 2     |          |
| 843. Eczema.                          | 1          | 1      | 2     |          |
| 859. Ulcer.                           | 1          | 1      | 2     |          |
| 861. Boil.                            | 1          | 1      | 2     |          |
| 862. Carbuncle.                       | 1          | 1      | 2     |          |
| 865. Whitlow.                         | 1          | 1      | 2     |          |
| 894. Itch.                            | 1          | 1      | 2     |          |
| 905. General debility.                | 1          | 1      | 2     |          |
| 992. Scald.                           | 1          | 1      | 2     |          |
| 1,066. Rupture of spleen.             | 1          | 1      | 2     |          |
| 1,104. Fracture.                      | 1          | 1      | 2     |          |
| 1,115. Contusion.                     | 1          | 1      | 2     |          |
| 1,116. Sprain.                        | 1          | 1      | 2     |          |
| 1,117. Wounds.                        | 1          | 1      | 2     |          |
| Total.                                | 12         | 3096   | 3108  |          |

Of these four deaths the Hospital Assistant says that remittent fever occurred in a very old man. Two of the others, cancer and hernia, have evidently nothing to do with jail. The death in 1884 was admitted into jail in bad health. I have tried to explain fully in my annual report that the four deaths in 1885 were not due to jail condition. † Age 52 years. He was admitted in bad health, was kept alive for two years in the jail by extras and treatment, doing no work, but died at last.

NELLORE,  
18th November 1886.

(Signed) W. PRICE, M.D., Surgeon-Major,  
Officer in Medical charge, District Jail, Nellore.

ORDER—dated 5th January 1887, No. 11, Judicial.

The opinion of the committee, that a new jail is unnecessary, is accepted by the Government. Steps should be taken to acquire a piece of the high ground to the west of the existing jail.

(True Extract.)

H. E. STOKES,  
*Ag. Chief Secretary.*

To the Inspector-General of Jails.

- „ Sanitary Commissioner for Madras.
- „ Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras.
- „ District Magistrate, Nellore.
- „ Judge
- „ Public Works Department.
- „ Revenue Department, with G.O., No. 3469, dated 22nd December 1885.

B. No. 1887 of 21-1-87

Govt. of 1887 Madras.  
JUDICIAL.

Communicated to the  
Supg Engineer II Circle  
in continuation of G.O. No.  
62 W dated 7<sup>th</sup> January  
1886.

2. G.O. No. 344 W dated  
31<sup>st</sup> January 1883 is cancelled.

1. Sd/ J. E. II

Issued

Recd.

Encl.

G.O., 5th January 1887, No. 11.

B. No. 1887 of 21-1-87

JANUARY.

Nellore District Jail.

Accepting the opinion of the committee appointed  
by Government that a new jail is unnecessary, and  
directing that steps be taken to acquire a piece of  
the high ground to the west of the jail to increase  
its area.

With order

No 369. ML

Superintending Engineer's Office  
2<sup>nd</sup> Circle Rezvada  
26<sup>th</sup> August 1887

From

J. W. Randall Esquire  
Superintending Engineer 2<sup>nd</sup> Circle

To

The Chief Engineer  
Public Works Department

Enclos 1

Abstract  
Estimate in  
duplicate

Sir

I have the honor to forward herewith  
for your approval and sanction of Government  
an Estimate amounting to Rs. 6,491 for special  
and emergent repairs to the District Jail at  
Nellore, classed under Original Works under  
Para 909 of the P. W. Code, as the cost of  
the building which is said to have been  
constructed by convict labor, is entered in the  
register of public buildings as Rs. 10,000.

2. The Executive Engineer Nellore  
Division submitted 2 Estimates one for special  
repairs amounting to Rs. 4,388 and the other  
for emergent repairs for Rs. 2,103 and requested  
early sanction to the latter, as the work was  
put in hand by him owing to its emergent  
nature before the rains set in. Both of

these Estimates, I had to embody in one for submission to you, as the work had to be classed under Original Works.

3. I request therefore, you will be good enough to obtain the early sanction of Government to the Estimate, and an allotment of funds to enable the work being finished as early as possible.

4. If it is not possible to allot the whole of the amount at once, please grant the sum of Rs. 2,103 to cover the cost of emergent Repairs undertaken in anticipation of sanction.

5. It having been decided to retain the present Jail, vide G. O. printed with No. 18<sup>th</sup> W. of the 21<sup>st</sup> January last, it became necessary to put the Jail in complete repair. The roof has long been out of order, but was only patched up from time to time as it was supposed a new Jail would be constructed.

I have the honor to be  
Sir

Your Most Obedt. Servt

L. W. Pinnall  
Superintending Engineer, Dhule

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P.W.C. No 6805

From (12)  
The Sup Engineer  
26 Circle

To,  
The Chief Engineer  
Public works Dept

No 369 N.C.

Dated 26 August/87.

Encls. 2

District Jail at  
Nellore. Forwarding  
for approval and sanction  
of Govt an estimate  
amounting to Rs 6491  
for special & emergent  
repairs to -

Public Works Department.

Current No. 6805

Letter No. 369 N.C.

Dated the 26<sup>th</sup> August/87

From the S.E. II Circle.

10/9/87

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NOTE OF REMARKS.

1. The accompanying esti-  
-mate provides for special  
and emergent repairs to  
the District Jail at Nellore.  
The amount of estimate  
is Rupees 6,491.
2. Para 2 of the S.E. II letter says:-  
"The Executive Engineer Nellore  
Division submitted 2 esti-  
-mates one for special  
repairs amounting to  
Rs 4,388 and the other for  
emergent repairs for Rs 2,103  
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to the latter, as the work  
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work had to be classed  
under Original Works."

3. The rates are fair, except  
a lump sum of Rs 118<sup>which</sup> is  
provided in the estimate  
for trimming top of walls  
which cannot be checked.

4. Petty General Supervision  
& Contingencies are separately  
charged within 3 & 2  
percent respectively.

5. The estimate has  
been countersigned  
by the Supt<sup>g</sup> District Jail  
Vellore, but has not been  
approved in the Judicial Dept<sup>y</sup>.

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*Ent Mas his Com W.*

B & R  
C. R. W. R.  
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 15<sup>th</sup> Sept 1887

Read the following

From the Supt<sup>g</sup> Engr. II Circle. A. Engr 369 C.V.L. d/26' - 8-87

The estimate amounting  
to Rs. 6491, for repairs to the  
District Jail at Vellore, is  
sanctioned.

2. As funds are not  
available with the Govt.,  
the Supt<sup>g</sup> Engrs will  
<sup>if possible,</sup>  
propose a transfer of funds  
to the extent required from  
the grants for other works  
in the Circle.

3. This sanction has been  
registered as Provincial  
C.V. 89 m of 1887-88 and  
classified as Civil  
Buildings, Original  
works.

*Dec 24/87*

To the S. C. II circle  
with 1 enc.  
" Engr. R. W. A. with the  
duplicate abstract  
estimate  
" Judicial Dept<sup>y</sup>  
(To the Chief Secy. for papers  
of counter initials)

*W. W. R.*  
*9.9.87*

*Dec 10/9/87*

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Govt. of 1887 Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

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G.O., 15/9/1887, No. 2479 W.

District jail at Bellary

Sanction of Rs 649 for  
repairs to the — Sanction  
with remarks

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INDIAN TELEGRAPH.

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To (Person)

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From (Person)

Suptg Engr  
2nd Circle

G O 2479 W 15<sup>th</sup> Instant  
please transfer rupees  
2733 surrendered in my  
984 K S 14<sup>th</sup> Instant  
to district jail  
Nellore please wire  
orders

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MADRAS 30-9-87

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 4<sup>th</sup> Oct 1887

Read the following

II Circle d/30<sup>th</sup> September 1887.

The sum of Rs. 2733 surrendered by the S. E. II was resumed and added to the reserve from which the following appropriations have already been made.

Providing lightning conductor to the Roman Catholic Church at Wellington - Vide C. No. 7374  
sent to Accty \_\_\_\_\_ Rs. 790

Providing a separate stair case for the Stationary Office Madras - Vide C. No. 7481  
sent to Accty \_\_\_\_\_ Rs. 538  
Rs. 1328

The balance of the reserve available is Rs. 1597. The S. E. may therefore be informed that Rs. 1597 being the available sum has been appropriated and that the difference will be provided later in the year on application by him.

Draft order is submitted for approval.

The telegram was sent at once  
Wm 4.10.87

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A sum of Rs. 1597 being the available balance of the reserve with the Govt. under Provincial is appropriated for repairs to the District Jail at Nellore

Ordered that the following deferred telegram be sent to the Deputy Engineer II Circle.

"Your telegram 30<sup>th</sup> ultimus. Rs. 1597 allotted for District Jail Nellore. Balance will be provided on application later in the year."

Wm 4.10.87

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B-N<sup>o</sup> 2616 W d/4 Oct 1887

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*[Handwritten signature and text: "W. J. ..."]*