

25TH JANUARY 1883, No. 205, JUDICIAL.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following papers :—

From Colonel T. E. TENNANT, Inspector-General of Jails, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Trivandrum, 16th December 1882, No. 337.

I have the honor to forward, for the information of Government, the accompanying letter from Surgeon W. O'Hara, Superintendent of the District Jail, Nellore, No. 232, dated 3rd December 1882, reporting the removal of the prisoners from the jail, in consequence of its being inundated during the recent heavy and destructive flood.

2. In 1874, owing to a breach in the Pennair river embankment, the jail buildings were then inundated, and the prisoners were with some difficulty removed from the jail. In my letter, No. 283, dated 19th October last, I recommended the construction of a new District Jail at Nellore. The present buildings are in a dilapidated state, the jail has been condemned on sanitary grounds and the late floods have again shown the necessity for changing the site. I would, therefore, suggest that the construction of a new District Jail at Nellore be at once sanctioned.

3. The new jail should be a cellular prison, built on the same plan as that sanctioned for Tanjore; the detail plans for the latter jail have already been prepared and sanctioned. With some slight modifications these plans might be adopted for the jail at Nellore.

G.O., dated 10th January 1883, No. 93 W., Public Works.

Read—the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, Second Circle, dated 28th December 1882, No. 1004, N.L.

In acknowledging the receipt of your memorandum, No. 2405-C, of the 23rd instant, I have the honor to state that the revised estimates for the reconstruction of a portion of the District Jail at Nellore were forwarded to you yesterday with my No. 993 of 25th December 1882.

2. The buildings now estimated for are to be constructed on the site of some old buildings which became unsafe and were consequently removed.

3. If these are in an unsafe position as regards floods, then the whole jail is so, as they are situated within the main wall of the District Jail.

4. I will, however, enquire whether any portion of the jail premises was flooded when the breach occurred in the river embankment early this month, and will address you further.

Order—dated 10th January 1883, No. 93 W., Public Works.

Copy of the above forwarded to the Judicial Department, with reference to the orders in that department, No. 2209, dated 21st December 1882.

2. The further report promised by the Superintending Engineer will be awaited. Meanwhile the estimates submitted will be held over.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. C. RAWSON, Captain, R.E.,
Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Judicial Department.
„ Superintending Engineer, Second Circle.

ORDER—dated 25th January 1883, No. 205, Judicial.

The estimate for the reconstruction of a portion of the buildings in the compound of the Nellore Jail will be held in abeyance, and early orders issued in the Public Works Department for the preparation of the necessary plans and estimates, in conjunction with the Inspector-General of Jails, for an entirely new building.

(True Extract.)

C. G. MASTER,
Chief Secretary.

To the Public Works Department.
„ Inspector-General of Jails.
„ District Magistrate, Nellore.

J. W. Dept.

Govt. of (1883) Madras.

JUDICIAL.

No 344 Wap 31 Jan 83.

Communicated to
the Sup. Engineer, Second
Circle who will arrange
for the preparation of plans
and estimates for a new
building as early as is
practicable.

for J. D.
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Issued

Recd.

Encl.

G.O., 25th January 1883, No. 205.

JANUARY.

No 344 Wap 31 January 83.

Jails.

Directing that the estimate for the reconstruction of a portion of the buildings in the compound of the Nellore Jail be held in abeyance, and that early orders be issued in the Public Works Department for the preparation of plans and estimates, in conjunction with the Inspector-General of Jails, for an entirely new building.

With order

To
The Sup. Engineer, Second Circle

No 172 N.L.

Superintending Engineer's Office
2nd Circle, Masulipatam
26th May 1883.

From

The Superintending Engineer,
2nd Circle.

To

The Chief Engineer
Public Works Department.

Sir,

I have the honor to request
you will authorize my obtaining copies
of the detailed plans and estimates
of the Tanjore jail at a cost not
exceeding Rs 50.

2. On the receipt of G.O. No 344 W
of the 31st January last, directing the
preparation of an estimate for a District
jail at Nellore on the same plan
as that sanctioned for Tanjore,
I applied to the Superintending Engineer,
2nd Circle for a copy of the
block plan and detailed plans of
the Tanjore jail.

3. The Superintending Engineer

forwarded me a tracing of the block plan, but stated that he could not undertake to make copies of the plans of all the Buildings, unless I could send a Draftsman, or authorise him to entertain one, and that it would probably take a Draftsman a little more than a month to complete them.

4. It is manifest that, if the Jail at Melmore is to be the same in all details as that under construction at Langone, we must have complete working drawings of the latter work, with copies of the Estimates.

5. I therefore request sanction for the sum of Rs 50 and an allotment of funds.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most Obedt Servant.

S. W. Rindall
Superintending Engineer,
and Civil.

B No. 344 M.C., 31.1.83

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No. 1623 & 9 June 1883.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the

Read the following

From

The Superintending Engineer
2^d Circle

To

The Chief Engineer
P. W. D.
Madras

Dated 26th May 1883

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No. 172 N.L.

Tanjore Jail - Detailed
Plans and Estimates of - Requests
to authorize his obtaining copies
of - at a cost not exceeding Rs 50

Letter from the Superintending
Engineer Second Circle

M.C. No. 172 N.L. 26th May
1883.

The entertainment
of a temporary draftsman
in the Tanjore Division Office
to enable the Superintending
Engineer Sixth Circle
to furnish the Superin-
tending Engineer Second
Circle with copies of all
plans and working
drawings of the new
Tanjore Jail is sanctioned.
The total cost should
not exceed Rs (50) fifty.
This sum is appropriated
from the reserve with
Government under
Establishment Temporary
and will be debited to
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again to the Nellore Division.

2. This sanction has been registered as Provincial No. 20 of 1883-84 and classified as Establishment Temporary.

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To
The Supg. Insp. Second Circle
" Supg. Insp. South Circle
" Insp. P.W. Works

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22ND DECEMBER 1885, No. 3469, JUDICIAL.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following papers:—

From Captain C. B. HENDERSON, R.E., Executive Engineer, Northern division, to the Superintending Engineer, II Circle, dated 31st October 1885, No. 231.

I have the honor to state that in G.O., No. 344 W., of 31st January 1883, plans and estimates for a new jail at Nellore were ordered to be prepared. There was some delay in obtaining copies of the plans of the new jail at Tanjore, but when they were received, as soon as other more urgent work was disposed of, I entrusted the preparation of the plans and estimates for Nellore jail to Mr. Whitely, who was my assistant. Mr. Whitely was soon transferred from this division before much progress had been made, and since then I have not been able to continue the work.

2. Hearing that the Inspector-General of Jails at his visit to Nellore had expressed his opinion that a new jail is not required, I addressed the Superintendent of the Nellore jail on the subject, and he forwarded, for perusal, a letter in which the Inspector-General of Jails states that he is opposed to the building of a new jail at Nellore, but perhaps it would be well to complete the estimates and plans.

3. I need hardly point out that if the Inspector-General does not approve of the construction of a new jail, there is no prospect of one being built, and that it would be a waste of much valuable time to complete the plans and estimates, for they would probably be useless if, after a lapse of some years, a new Inspector-General had a different opinion. I therefore think that you might refer the matter to the Chief Engineer for orders.

No. 718-N.L.

Referred in original (to be obligingly returned) to the Chief Engineer, Public Works department, for orders.

BEZVADA, (Signed) J. L. L. MORANT, Lt.-Col., R.E.,
6th November 1885. Superintendent of Works, in charge of II Circle.

No. 1848-C.

Referred to the Judicial department, with advertence to G.O., in that department, No. 205, dated 25th January 1883, for favor of information whether the preparation of plans and estimates for a new jail at Nellore may be held in abeyance.

(By Order.)

CHEPAUK, (Signed) D. MacN. CAMPBELL, Capt., R.E.,
13th November 1885. Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

From H. R. GRIMES, Esq., Inspector-General of Jails, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, dated Cannanore, 28th November 1885, No. 340.

With reference to your endorsement, dated 19th November 1885, No. 1968, on a letter from the Executive Engineer of Nellore to the Superintending Engineer, II Circle, regarding the construction of a new jail at Nellore, I have the honor to report, from a personal inspection of the district jail at Nellore and of the proposed site for

the new jail in February last, I am of opinion that it is not necessary to incur expenditure on a new jail for Nellore. I found the buildings of the existing jail in excellent order, the water-supply more than sufficient and of excellent quality, the health of the prisoners exceptionally good, out of 108 prisoners of all classes in the jail on the date of my inspection, there was only one patient in hospital suffering from a boil, there had been only one death in the jail during the year 1884 and no deaths during the year 1883, although cholera was very severe in the town of Nellore during that year, the health of the prisoners has continued to be good during this year, and, although the proposed site for the new jail is preferable to the existing site in some ways, the great objection to it is that water will be difficult to obtain. I made the following remark in my memorandum to the Superintendent on the inspection of the jail: "The existing jail is, in my opinion, quite sufficient for requirements, it has the advantage of a plentiful and good water-supply, is healthy, and I certainly see no reason to advocate its removal." I certainly am still of the same opinion, and I believe the Judge, Mr. L. A. Campbell, will corroborate it. I had not an opportunity of speaking to the District Magistrate, Mr. Grose, on the subject.

2. After the remarks I had made on my inspection of the jail, I received a letter from the Executive Engineer forwarded by the Superintendent of the jail, desiring to be informed if he was to continue the preparation of the plans and estimates which had been called for, to which I replied that I was not aware that there had been so much correspondence on the question of building a new jail at Nellore, but that, as

G.O. Public Works, dated 11th September 1884, No. 2225-W. the Government, in the order marginally quoted, had directed the preparation of the estimates for the Collector's cutcherry and the new jail, those orders should be

carried out. I meant to imply by this, that it was not in my province to counter-order orders passed by the Government, and I should, on the plans and estimates for the new jail being submitted to me, have informed the Government what I now do, that a new jail for Nellore is unnecessary.

3. The letter of the Executive Engineer, Nellore, to the Superintending Engineer, II Circle, bearing your endorsement, is returned.

ORDER—dated 22nd December 1885, No. 3469, Judicial.

The Sanitary Commissioner and the Inspector-General of Jails will take an early opportunity of visiting Nellore, and these officers and the District Magistrate and the District Judge will form themselves into a Committee for the purpose of reporting upon the condition of the district jail and the necessity for building a new one. Meanwhile, the preparation of the plans and estimates for a new jail need not be proceeded with.

2. The Inspector-General of Jails should have submitted his views to Government directly he had come to the conclusion that a new jail was unnecessary.

3. The Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras will be requested to state whether there is anything on record in his office regarding the alleged insanitary condition of the Nellore jail.

(True Extract.)

W. L. H. A.
Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Sanitary Commissioner for Madras.
" Inspector-General of Jails.
" Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras.
" District Magistrate, Nellore.
" District Judge, Nellore.
" Public Works department.

Ed. A. Raitt.

Govt. of (1885) Madras.

JUDICIAL.

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.	(3) Abscess.
(2) Pneumonia.	(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 weight registers, we find that the majority of prisoners, during the past five years, have gained weight. The jail is well supplied with excellent water.

Nellore Jail.

Directing certain officers to form themselves into a Committee for the purpose of reporting upon the condition of the — and the necessity for building a new one, and requesting the Surgeon-General to state whether there is anything on record in his office regarding the alleged insanitary condition of the jail.

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S. E. II Circle - ✓
Despatch 7-1-86.

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
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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	Remarks.	With excep- tion of ulcers and boils, which are frequent- ly due to the irrita- tion caused by fetters, it will be seen that these admis- sions are not due to jail life or conditions.
1881	2	2	Total.	110
1882	2	2	1,117. Wounds.	139
1883	1	1	1,116. Sprain.	127
1884	1	1	1,115. Contusion.	108
1885	1	1	1,104. Fracture.	63
1886	1	1	1,066. Rupture of spleen.	48
Total	516	512	992. Scald.	565
			905. General debility.	3
			894. Itch.	7
			865. Whitlow.	412
			862. Carbuncle.	3
			861. Boil.	1
			859. Ulcer.	1
			843. Eczema.	1
			841. Itch.	1
			825. Filaria worm.	1
			819. Abscess.	1
			818. Inflammation of cellular tissue.	1
			769. Syphilis.	1
			755. Tetanus.	1
			704. Premature labor.	1
			670. Orchitis.	1
			659. Bubo.	1
			566. Balanitis.	1
			555. Gonorrhea.	1
			524. Splentis.	1
			513. Jaundice.	1
			491. Hemorrhoids.	1
			490. Fistula in ano.	1
			487. Constipation.	1
			486. Cere.	1
			484. Diarrhea.	1
			483. Ascariasis.	1
			480 (c). Erythema.	1
			466. Dysentery.	1
			460. Dyspepsia.	1
			366. Caries of tooth.	1
			315. Pneumonia.	1
			314. Asthma.	1
			306. Bronchitis.	1
			271. Inflammation of glands.	1
			225. Valvular disease of the heart.	1
			190. Inflammation of external meatus.	1
			128. Ulceration of cornea.	1
			111. Conjunctivitis.	1
			99. Hysteria.	1
			90. Lethargy.	1
			60. Meningitis.	1
			57. General dropsy.	1
			55. Anemia.	1
			49. Phthisis.	1
			45. Pity tumour.	1
			44 A-59. Cancer of the liver.	1
			43 (c). Tertiary syphilis.	1
			43 (d). Secondary syphilis.	1
			43 (e). Primary syphilis.	1
			38. Chronic rheumatism.	1
			37. Muscular rheumatism.	1
			34. Acute rheumatism.	1
			18. Malignant cholera.	1
			16. Remittent fever.	1
			15. Ague.	1
			12. Febricula.	1
			3. Chicken-pox.	1
			11. Simple continued fever.	1

* Of these four deaths the Hospital Assistant says that remittent fever occurred in a very old man. Two of the others, cancer and hemia, 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.)


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.

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Govt. of 1887 Madras.
JUDICIAL.

Communicated to
the S.E. Circle in
continuation of G.O.
No 62 W dated 7th

January 1886.
G.O. No 344 W of
31st January 1883 is
cancelled.

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

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.

S.E. II Circle
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Budget Department

Fort St George
Accountant General's Office
23 March 1887

From
J. G. Clogston Esq
Accountant General to the Government
of Madras.

To
The Engineer of
Public Works Accounts
Madras

Sir,
I have the honor to forward for your
information and guidance copy of Govern-
ment Order Judicial & P.W.D. Miscellaneous
dated the 8th February 1887, sanctioning
the execution by Public Works Department
of certain repairs to the Nellore Jail
at a cost of Rs 100

Yours
J. G. Clogston
Accountant General

(True copy)

W. R. Ratter
Superintendent of Prisons Branch

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Enclosure 2 of Madras Government No. 3608, dated 9th March 1887
 Copy

Judicial Department
 Proceedings of the Madras Government

Read the following paper -
 From the Inspector General of Jails, Madras,
 dated 21st January 1887 at 2.23.

The Public Works Department having
 consented to carry out certain repairs to
 buildings in the Bellary District jail at a
 cost of Rs. 410 (four hundred and ten) requiring
 professional supervision, I addressed the
 Accountant General and asked that
 Officer to place that amount at the dis-
 posal of the Superintending Engineer 2nd
 Circle, through the Examiner Public Works
 Accounts. That Officer has informed me
 that he is unable to do so without the form-
 al sanction of Government. I have the
 honor therefore to request you will be good
 enough to obtain the formal sanction of
 Government to the amount being placed
 at the disposal of the Public Works Depart-
 ment.

Order 8th February 1887. 1887. Miscellaneous.
 Sanctioned

(True Extract)

To Inspector General of Jails, Madras.
 The Accountant General.

By H. B. Stuart
 Under Secretary

(True Copy)

By H. S. Groves
 Asst. Comm. General

(True Copy)

H. B. Stuart

Endorsement No 360 P
dated 9th March 1887.

Copy forwarded to the
Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department,
for favor of such orders
as may be necessary.

D. P. Guavay
Examiner,
Pub Works, Secy. to Govt.
Madras.

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The amount
will be treated
as an addition to
the grant under
Provincial.

From
D. C. Gordon Esq.
Cassim: Pub. Works Accounts
Madras
To
The Secretary to
Government
Pub. Works Department
Endorsement No. 360 P. dated
9th March 1887
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Forwarded endorsement
No. 360 P. dated 9th March 1887
on copy of Accountant
General's letter regarding
the operation of certain
repairs to the bellows paid
by the Pub. Works Department.

The E. 2. of P.W. Accts

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With order

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