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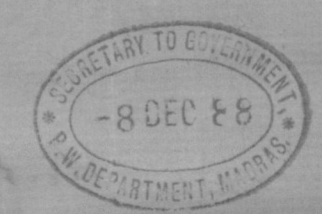
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From
THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
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To
THE Chief Engineer
P.W. Department,

Dated 7th December 1888
Recd.

ENCLOSURES.



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No. 4162.

General Saital Villars

States that the construction
of condemned cells and
gallows in the - was ordered
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No. 4152

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,

V CIRCLE, MADRAS,

Chennai, 7th December 1888.

From

Col. W. M. Burton R.E.

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,

V CIRCLE,

To

THE Chief Engineer
P. W. Department.

Sir,

Enclosures.

With reference to G.O. No. 3546W dated 6th November 1888, I have the honor to state that the work of constructing condemned cells and gallows in the Central Jail at Vellore was ordered to be put in hand on the 23rd May 1888, and a sum of Rs 1076 has been spent on the work up to end of October 1888 and the date fixed for completion in the Contract Bond is 31st December 1888.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most Obedt Servant,

W. M. Burton Esq. R.E.

Supdy: Engineer V Circle

Order thereon

No 3546W of 6 Nov 1888.

Communicated to
the Supdy Engineer V Circle
who will report the
probable date of com-
=pletion of the con-
=demned Cells and
gallows in the Central
Jail at Vellore, for
which funds to the
extent of the sanctioned
estimate have been
provided in the Current
Year's budget.

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St. V Circle.

Govt. of (1888) Madras.

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Encl.

G.O., 9th October 1888, No. 2131.

No. 3546W of 6 Nov 1888

OCTOBER.

Jails.

Passing orders on replies to remarks on sub-jail expenditure made by Government in reviewing the Jail Administration Report for 1887.

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SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,

V CIRCLE MADRAS

9TH OCTOBER 1888, No. 2131, JUDICIAL.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—again G.O., dated 16th June 1888, No. 1335, Judicial.

READ—also the following papers:—

From the Ag. District Magistrate, Nellore, dated 3rd July 1888, No. 696.
" " " Anantapur, " 12th " " 487.
" " District Magistrate, South Arcot, " 23rd " " 56.
" " " Bellary " 30th " " 125.

From J. LEE-WARNER, Esq., Magistrate of the Chingleput District, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Saidápet, 10th July 1888, No. 85 G and B.

In reference to paragraph 22 of G.O., dated 16th June 1888, Nos. 1335-36, Judicial, I have the honor to state that the existing establishment of the sub-jail at Chingleput was fixed by the Inspector-General of Jails himself; and that the order was not communicated to this office. It appears to me that it is capable of reduction, because though the jail has to accommodate the prisoners of the District Court as well as the Local Courts, the premises are well secured by a high wall, and there is not much work to do, the average number of prisoners daily confined during the past year being only 8. I think that the jailor might be reduced from Rs. 20 to Rs. 12, and that one warder is sufficient to help him. The jailor at Saint Thomas' Mount has Rs. 12 a-month, while the same sort of work is performed at Poonamallee by a warder on Rs. 8. I do not see why these two sub-jails should be treated differently. With the Police guards, a warder on Rs. 8 should be sufficient at both places. If these recommendations are accepted, there will be a monthly saving of Rs. 20, as shown in the accompanying statement. The case of the jailor at Chingleput will be a hard one; because he was drawing a high salary in some other appointment, before the last reduction was made; and now he is threatened with another reduction.

From the Acting District Magistrate, Tinnevely, dated 4th Aug. 1888, No. 979.

From H. LE FANU, Esq., Acting District Magistrate of North Arcot, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Chittoor, 8th August 1888, Ref. on Magl. No. 1169.

With reference to paragraph 22 of G.O., dated 16th June last, No. 1335, Judicial, I have the honor to report that all my Divisional Magistrates are unanimously of opinion that no reduction of any kind can be made in the present sub-jail establishment charges. I concur with them.

2. I enclose a statement showing the establishment sanctioned for each sub-jail and the monthly cost thereof. It will be seen from this that the establishment in all sub-jails except Chittoor consists of only one sweeper or scavenger. It is with difficulty that sweepers are to be had for service on the present scale of pay, and any reduction in the pay would only tend to their discontinuing the service.

Supdy: Engineer's Circle

3. The sub-jail at Chittoor has the marginally-noted establishment. It is on a

1. Sub-jailor	..	..	..	..	rs.	20
2. Two warders, on Rs. 8 each	..	..	..	..	16	
3. Sweeper	..	..	..	..	5	
4. Hangman	..	..	..	..	4	
Total	..	..	..	..	45	

very reasonable scale. It was sanctioned in G.O., No. 2818, Judicial, dated 19th October 1886, when the district jail at Chittoor was abolished. No reduction is feasible in this establishment also.

4. While, however, it is not possible to economise on the existing scale under existing circumstances, it would be quite possible to economise largely if very sim-

ple steps were taken. It is most desirable to abolish the existing jail altogether. It is antiquated and in bad order, and absurdly large for the purposes to which it is put. Condemned prisoners should be accommodated at Vellore. The delay in making provision for them there is most unreasonable. The civil debtors could also be transferred to Vellore, where, if Government ordered it, accommodation could readily be found for them. The jail itself should be removed to the building constructed for that purpose at Græmspett. As Chittoor is the head-quarters of the Sessions Judge, it would be necessary to make some additions to the sub-jail building there, which would no doubt cost money; but the first cost would be the last. It has been proposed to utilize the Græmspett sub-jail, which is on the standard plan as a record room, for which it is utterly unfit. If my proposal is accepted, there would be an immediate saving of Rs. 40 per mensem. I should think that the saving would, in three years, cover the cost of the addition to the sub-jail at Græmspett.

5. The site and building of the old district jail must be valuable. It is, indeed, the site which I would have fixed on for the Railway station had I been consulted. The retention of this antiquated jail is an anomaly, and causes much anxiety to the officer in charge, for he is continually in fear of escapes from it. The sooner it is abandoned the better and the more economical. It will cost in repairs probably from Rs. 200 to Rs. 300 a year. In fact I am only abstaining from spending money on it in the hope that its abolition may be sanctioned.

From the Collr. & Dist. Magistrate, Nellore,	dated 9th Aug. 1888, No. 804.
" " " Nilgiris	" 29th " " 829.
" Collr. & " Salem,	" 8th Sept. " " 1187.
" Ag. District Magistrate, Cuddapah	" 15th " " " 787.

ORDER—dated 9th October 1888, No. 2131, Judicial.

The foregoing papers contain the replies of District Magistrates and the Inspector-General of Jails to the remarks on sub-jail expenditure made by Government in reviewing the Jail Administration Report for 1887.

2. In paragraph 22 of G.O., 16th June 1888, No. 1335, six districts* were

* Anantapur.	Cuddapah.
Bellary.	Tinnevely.
Nilgiris.	Kistna.

mentioned in which the cost of rations in sub-jails was specially high and the Magistrates concerned were called on to explain why the outlay was higher than in 1886.

Four of these Magistrates now report that the rate per head, shown at page 16 of the Jail Report for 1887, is wrong and misleading, because the expenditure on rations includes charges for under-trial prisoners and others who were not at the time in the sub-jails at all, but in charge of the Police. It is evident that this procedure is wrong and renders any comparison of the cost per head impossible. The Government, accordingly, resolve to lay down the following rules:—

- (1) the charge for rations of under-trial prisoners, convicts and persons in custody and *en route* through the station to another station, shall be debitable to the sub-jail for each day that they are confined therein.

- (2) the charge for rations of prisoners of these classes when in charge of the Police shall be debited to the sub-head "Criminal Courts."

With regard to the explanation submitted by the District Magistrate of Tinnevely, the Government consider the rate of 2 annas a head per diem for sub-jail convicts to be in ordinary circumstances excessive, and endeavours should be made to reduce it.

3. Six District Magistrates* were also called on to report whether the establishment charges cannot be reduced. The District Magistrate of North Arcot proposes to close the sub-jail held in the old District Jail building at Chittoor, transferring civil debtors and prisoners

* Nellore.
Kistna.
North Arcot.

Chingleput.
South Arcot.
Salem.

under sentence of death to the Vellore Central Jail, and utilizing the sub-jail building at Græmspett. This proposal will be referred to the Inspector-General of Jails for remarks, and meantime the Public Works Department will be asked to state when the condemned cells and gallows, the estimate for which was approved in G.O., dated 13th August 1887, No. 2157-W, Public Works, will be completed. The proposals of the District Magistrate of Chingleput in his letter, dated 10th July 1888, No. 85, are approved, and, if possible, the Jailor at Chingleput whose salary will be reduced, should be provided for elsewhere. The question of amalgamating sub-jails, as suggested by Mr. Grimes, has already been referred for the remarks of certain District Magistrates in G.O., 21st July 1888, No. 1542. As regards scavengers, the papers read above show that there are great differences in the rates of pay prevailing in different districts. The District Magistrate of Salem suggests a general reduction to Rs. 3, while in the North Arcot district, where Rs. 4 and 5 are given, it is said to be difficult to get scavengers at those rates. The Government will, accordingly, refrain from laying down any uniform rate, but are of opinion that Rs. 4 per mensem should be regarded as the maximum pay, and District Magistrates should endeavour to reduce salaries to that rate wherever it is now exceeded.

4. The reply of the District Magistrate of Kistna has not yet been received. Its submission should be expedited.

(True Extract.)

J. F. PRICE,
Ag. Chief Secretary.

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

Exd. W. H. French.