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22ND JUNE 1886, No. 1641, JUDICIAL.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—again G.O., dated 15th May 1886, Mis. No. 1277, Judicial.

READ—also the following paper:—

From H. R. GRIMES, Esq., Inspector-General of Jails, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Ootacamund, 4th June 1886, No. 162.

In reply to the 2nd paragraph of the order of Government, dated 15th May 1886, No. 1277, Judicial, I have the honor to report that the jail at Koraput, being a subsidiary jail, is entirely under the charge of the Agent as District Magistrate, the statistics and accounts of the prisoners in this jail are not submitted to my office separately, as is the case with those of central and district jails, neither is there any record that my predecessors have ever inspected it as one of the jails under their immediate control. Under these circumstances, I am in no way responsible for the lamentable condition of the prisoners or of the jail buildings at Koraput.

2. In regard to the remarks of the Agent, that the cause of the over-crowding of the Koraput jail is that there is often no room for all the hill convicts of the Agepey in the hill jail at Párvatipur, and that I will not permit hill prisoners to be transferred to the Vizagapatam jail, although that jail may be considerably below its strength, because the climate of the latter place is inimical to the hill man, I have the honor to report the hill jail at Párvatipur was originally constructed to contain 105 prisoners in all; that the accommodation was in September 1885 increased by utilizing one workshop as a ward which contains 9 prisoners and by the erection of a temporary shed which contains 26 prisoners,

thus allowing of accommodation for 35 additional prisoners or a total of 140. Further, on my recent inspection of this jail, I found the capacity of the original four wards was calculated at 39 superficial and 741 cubical feet to each prisoner which only allows of 21 prisoners being locked up in each ward, whereas if the standard capacity, as allowed in all the other jails is allowed in this jail, viz., 40 superficial and 600 cubical feet to each prisoner, the four wards could contain 26 prisoners each; also allowing the other two work sheds to be occupied as wards would give accommodation for an additional 18 prisoners, so that the total number the jail can now contain on an emergency would be 178 prisoners. If more accommodation than this is required, two additional sheds, to contain 26 prisoners in each, can be built, one on each side of the main entrance, the jail then would be capable of accommodating 230 prisoners. I annex a statement showing the daily average number of prisoners for the last six months, from which it is apparent the Párvatipur jail has not been over-crowded during that time.

3. In regard to my objection to transfer hill prisoners to the Vizagapatam jail, I admit that such has been the case, and I hope, from the following extracts from records in this office, the Government will consider I have been justified in so doing. The cry for the last 23 years has been that the mortality amongst the hill prisoners of the Vizagapatam Agency when transferred to the zillah or Vizagapatam jail has been appalling. In the year 1862 Mr. D. F. Carmichael, Magistrate and Acting Agent of Vizagapatam, in writing to Government on the question of building subsidiary jails in his district, remarks in the latter portion of his letter:—

Vide G.O., dated 23rd Dec. 1862, No. 2114. "The returns of deaths of hill men in the zillah jail here are of a most melancholy character."

Again, Mr. Carmichael writes on 15th April 1863, recommending the building of a jail at Párvatipur:—

"Under these circumstances, I trust the Government will sanction the preparation of the necessary estimates and will give orders for the execution of the work during the ensuing official year. The mortality of hill men at the coast jail is, as I have already brought to notice, truly deplorable."

Vide Proceedings of Government, Judicial Dept., dated 19th Sept. 1871, No. 1307. The Agent, when he was Assistant Agent of Koraput and Jeypore in 1871, in writing to his immediate superior, remarks:—

"I refer to the gross hardship that is inflicted on a Jeypore prisoner in being sent 150 miles to Vizagapatam to expiate an offence which a Magistrate deems to be deserving of a longer imprisonment, than one month. Such a punishment is to a hill man what transportation is to a North Arcot Brahmin, and, in point of fact, every sentence of imprisonment exceeding the duration of one month has tacked on to it the utterly illegal adjunct of a punishment of deportation &c., &c. I do not myself think that Párvatipur, though unquestionably superior to Vizagapatam, would prove a healthy place for men accustomed to the cold climate of Jeypore, and I strongly advocate the erection of a jail at Koraput for prisoners of this division."

Here it will be seen that Mr. Turner who in 1871 strongly objected to Jeypore prisoners being sent to Párvatipur even, in 1886 considers that they may be sent to Vizagapatam.

Vide G.O., Judicial, 13th Oct. 1875, No. 2221. Again, in 1875 the Government, in their order on a letter from the Inspector-General of Jails, regarding the alterations to the Párvatipur jail, remark:—

"The Government are convinced that it is not desirable to keep hill prisoners in the plains where their health suffers seriously from the change of climate."

Letter from Inspector-General of Jails, to Government, dated 6th February 1878, printed in G.O., dated 22nd February 1878, No. 388. In 1878 the Inspector-General of Jails writes regarding the alterations and additions to the Vizagapatam and Párvatipur jails:—

"In the mean while the high rate of mortality amongst the prisoners in the coast jails prevails, and the urgent necessity for providing a jail exclusively for the confinement of prisoners belonging to the hill tribes increases annually as the operations of the magistracy and the police extend in the Jeypore country."

In 1879 the Inspector-General of Jails again remarks in a letter to Government regarding a special police guard and temporary establishment for Koraput jail:—

"With reference to the mortality amongst the hill men in the district jail at Vizagapatam, it ought to be explained that out of the fifty-five deaths amongst this class of prisoners during the period mentioned by the District Magistrate, twenty deaths occurred from cholera. The death-rate, however, amongst the hill men is appalling high and it is quite clear that some thing ought to be done to obviate the necessity for these people being brought to the coast."

Vide Proceedings of Govt., dated 26th April 1879, No. 940.

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Again the Inspector-General of Jails writes to Government in his letter, dated 23rd February 1880, No. 28:—

"I must again earnestly urge the importance of losing no time in making the necessary alterations to enable the hill prisoners to be removed from the coast jails. The death-rate and mortality amongst the hill prisoners confined in the Vizagapatam jail is perfectly appalling. With regard to the class of prisoners to be received into the Párvatipur jail the Agent concurs in opinion with me that all prisoners sentenced to imprisonment exceeding two months by Magistrates and Agents in Jeypore above ghâts and by the Magistrates of Gunipur and Rayaguddah and in the Agency Tracts of Párvatipur should be committed to the hill jail at Párvatipur. Prisoners in these hill tracts sentenced to sixty days and under can be received into the jails at Koraput and Gunipur."

This proposal of the Inspector-General of Jails was approved of by the Government.

In 1882 the Inspector-General of Jails still writes to Government:—

"However urgent was the necessity for providing these buildings two years ago, the necessity now is still more pressing since the completion of the Párvatipur jail, in which the whole accommodation is urgently required for

hill men. Government have only to examine the appalling rate of mortality amongst the hill prisoners confined in the Vizagapatam jail to see the pressing need of getting rid of the subsidiary jail and remand prisoners who now crowd the Párvatipur jail and occupy valuable space required for the hill prisoners."

The subsidiary jail and sub-magistrate's cutcherry was completed some time in 1883, therefore the hill jail at Párvatipur is entirely available for the class of prisoners it was intended to accommodate as approved of by Government in its Proceedings, dated 16th March 1880, No. 661 W. In 1885 some hill prisoners were transferred to the district jail at Vizagapatam, and after being there some months I received the following request from the Superintendent of the Vizagapatam Jail, dated 4th February 1886:—

"I have the honor to bring to your notice that there are nine hill prisoners in this jail (*vide list attached*), of whom six are available for transfer. I request you will order their transfer to some hill jail, as the low country does not appear to agree with them. Several of them I find are losing in weight, and are becoming anæmic, and one has already died."

The transfer of these men was immediately ordered to Párvatipur, and they were so affected from the change of climate to the coast, that one of them died on his retransfer to Párvatipur.

4. After all these facts regarding the inimical effects of the climate of Vizagapatam on the health of the hill prisoners of the Vizagapatam Agency, I cannot but think that Government will agree with me that it is not desirable to transfer these prisoners to the district jail at Vizagapatam.

ENCLOSURE.

Párvatipur Hill Jail.

Month.	Number remaining at the end of month.			Daily average number.			Accommodation.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
November 1885.	131	..	131	137.37	..	137.37	132	8	140
December "	126	..	126	128.48	..	128.48			
January 1886 ..	139	..	139	118.23	..	118.23			
February "	118	..	118	128.89	..	128.89			
March "	96	..	96	103.70	..	103.70			
April "	117	..	117	95.70	..	95.70			

* This was the available accommodation in September 1885; since March last the accommodation has been increased by allowing five more prisoners to be locked up in the four main wards and by allowing two more workshops to be occupied as wards to hold nine prisoners each. The jail will therefore on an emergency have accommodation for 170 males and 8 females, or a total of 178 prisoners.

ORDER—dated 22nd June 1886, No. 1641, Judicial.

The foregoing letter of the Inspector-General of Jails will be communicated to the Agent in Vizagapatam, with the remark that no hill jail has been sanctioned at Koraput, and that the only jail there appears to be a sub-jail under the control of the District Magistrate. The only special circumstance in connection with this jail is that the retention therein of prisoners undergoing sixty days' imprisonment and less has been sanctioned.

2. The Government entirely agree with the Inspector-General of Jails that it is out of the question to permit a return to the former practice of sending Jeypore prisoners to the coast jail at Vizagapatam. The Government are, however, of opinion that the present state of the Koraput sub-jail cannot be allowed to continue. The Agent will accordingly submit, at an early date, plans and estimates for a pukka-roofed jail building of sufficient accommodation to provide for the requirements of the place. As regards the amount of accommodation, the Agent will submit a statement showing the average, as well as the maximum, number of prisoners monthly under detention in the Koraput sub-jail during the years 1885 and 1886, under-trial prisoners being separately shown. It appears doubtful whether prisoners undergoing sentences of more than sixty days' imprisonment have not been retained at Koraput. The Agent will further report whether this is so, and it will be understood that in future any prisoner sentenced to more than sixty days' imprisonment is to be transferred to Párvatipur; and, should the Koraput jail be full, while accommodation is available at Párvatipur, that prisoners sentenced to imprisonment for periods between thirty and sixty days should be drafted to Párvatipur to relieve the jail at Koraput.

3. If it is found that under these instructions additional accommodation is absolutely necessary at Párvatipur, the Inspector-General of Jails will be at liberty to bring the matter to the notice of Government.

(True Extract.)

E. F. WEBSTER,
Chief Secretary.

To the Inspector-General of Jails.

„ Agent to the Governor, Vizagapatam.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

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G.O., 22nd June 1886, No. 1641.

JUNE.

Koraput Jail.

Communicating, with remarks, to the Agent in Vizagapatam a letter from the Inspector-General of Jails regarding the sub-jail at Koraput, and calling for plans and estimates for a pukka building to provide for the requirements of the place.

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Judicial Department.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

READ the following paper

From the Agent to the Governor in Vizagapatam dated 9th May 1886 No. 229, requesting provision of funds for the construction of a new office for the Special Assistant Agent.

Order thereon 18th June 1886 No. 1312.

In G.O. 15 May 1886 No. 1277 Judicial, on the representation made by the Agent, the Government directed the submission of estimates for the repairs and additions needed to the Police hospital at Koraput, and in G.O. 22nd June 1886 No. 1641 Judicial, for the construction of a pukka roofed jail building at the same place. In the Agent's letter dated 27th July 1886 No. 577, recorded in G.O. 17th September 1886 No. 2486 Judicial, he stated that he considered that the above works should be first carried out, but neither has at present been begun, so far as the Government is aware. Estimates for the Police Hospital were returned to the Agent on the

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the 16th April last, and none for the Jail appear to have been submitted. Until these works are put in hand, the Government will not sanction the undertaking of further work.

2. Meantime, the execution of the repairs etc. to the Hospital and Jail should be expedited, and when the Agent again addresses Government regarding the Special Assistant Agents Office, he should state approximately what the cost of the buildings will be.

/ True Extract /

A. G. Corcoran.
Ag. Under Secretary

To the Agent ^{to the Governor} Vazapattam.
" Public Works Department
with G.O. 1641 of 22 June 1886

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Proceedings, dated 18 June 1887
No. 1312

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No: 1785 of 5th July 1887

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2ND NOVEMBER 1887, No. 2904 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

READ—the following papers:—

From Colonel C. A. PORTEOUS, Acting Inspector-General of Police, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 16th September 1887, No. 4612.

With reference to G.O., No. 1277, dated 15th May 1886, Judicial Department, I have the honor to forward, for sanction, Public Works Department plans, estimates, &c., amounting to Rs. 10,000, for the improvement of police hospital at Koraput, Jeypore district, together with the letter, No. 213 V.Z., dated 25th August 1887, from the Superintending Engineer, I Circle (in original), with its enclosures.

2. It will be observed from the plans and estimates and specification report that iron roofing is recommended; but the Agent to the Governor, Vizagapatam, and the Superintendent of Police, Jeypore, are not in favor of it, and I entirely concur with them.

3. The delay in getting the estimate signed by the Police Department was not owing to the objections of the officers of that department to the corrugated iron roofing, but to the irregular channel through which the estimates, &c., were forwarded. They passed between the Executive Engineer, Agent, Deputy Inspector-General and Superintendent several times, but only reached this office on 8th instant.

ENCLOSURES.

From G. T. WALCH, Esq., Superintending Engineer, I Circle, to the Inspector-General of Police, dated Dowlaiswaram, 25th August 1887, No. 213 V.Z.

With reference to G.O., No. 1312, dated the 18th June 1887, I have the honor to forward, herewith, estimates (in duplicate), amounting to Rs. 10,000, together with the plans for improvements to the police hospital at Koraput, and to request that you will be so good as to transmit them to Government for sanction.

2. The estimates and the plans have been countersigned by the Superintendent of Police, Vizagapatam district.

3. The Vizagapatam division officer's letter, No. 889, dated 2nd August 1887, with which the plans and the estimates are received, is herewith sent (to be returned).

4. A specification and report accompany the estimates.

From Lieutenant-Colonel A. T. FRASER, R.E., Executive Engineer, Vizagapatam Division, to the Superintending Engineer, I Circle, dated Waltair, 2nd August 1887, No. 889.

I have the honor, with reference to your No. 166 V.Z., dated 25th July 1887, to forward an estimate for repairing and improving the police hospital at Koraput, amounting to Rs. 9,990.

2. I had some difficulty in getting it countersigned by the Police Department, as will be seen from the attached correspondence, owing to the objection raised to corrugated iron, chiefly on account of its novelty to all concerned.

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3. The use of iron roofing, though not covered by tiles, is universal in Assam for the very reasons I am endeavouring to introduce the system into the Jeypore tract.
4. Wishing to wait till I could show a completed roof, either the Potinghi court-house, or an inspection house, I delayed sending on the estimate for the hospital, all the more that heavy rain for some months and the crippled state of the establishment of the Koraput subdivision, from the effects of fever, afforded little prospect of its early commencement.
5. The iron work, however, takes some time to prepare in Calcutta and send by steamer.
6. I may remark that the difficulties in roofs of wooden construction are great. The Agent to the Governor, not very long ago, had to have up eight carpenters from Cochin, accustomed to work in the coffee districts, for a roof he was making at Anantagiri ghât, and two of them have already died.
7. The plan and estimate for the Koraput jail (Rs. 76,320) have been ready for some time but I have been unable to forward them to the Agent for countersignature as long as the suitability of corrugated iron and tiles for roofing at Koraput was a matter of any question.
8. It is not only the merit of one roof compared with another, but I am of opinion that, if iron and tile roofing is used in the jail, many of the wards can be constructed of sun-dried brick at an important saving of cost and time over the brick-in-clay provided.
9. The largest jails in the North-West Provinces are enclosure walls, and all built of mud pisé work.
10. But till the local officials have an example of corrugated iron roofing, by which to make their minds up, it is no use forwarding the estimate for the Koraput jail to them preparatory to its despatch for sanction.

From the Executive Engineer, Vizagapatam Division, to the Agent to the Governor, Vizagapatam District, dated 9th May 1887.

- In returning the plans and estimates sent back with your No. 207 of 6th instant, I have the honor to point out that G.O., Mis. No. 463, of 3rd March last, states that it is a trial of the method of combined iron and tiled roofing has to be made, and the hospital at Koraput, said to be much in need of it, presents a favorable opportunity of trying the system.
2. All that is required to allow of the Superintending Engineer sending them on for sanction is countersignature of the Police Department that they are satisfied with the plans and estimates.
 3. Perhaps, after seeing the specimen of tiling I have put up, you will have any doubt about the stability of the method set at rest, and can then make a distinct recommendation on which the Inspector-General will sign.
 4. With reference to Colonel Porteous' remark, there are, I would observe (see plans not the sections of the buildings), none of the roofs without walls underneath.
 5. Stoves can be fitted to the fire-places by bricking them up hereafter, without delaying the estimate on this account.

From the Agent to the Governor, Vizagapatam, to the Deputy Inspector-General of Police, Northern Range, Waltair, dated 17th May 1887.

I have the honor to forward, herewith, the plans and estimates for repairing the police hospital at Koraput, together with a copy of the Executive Engineer's letter, No. 266, dated 9th May 1887. The countersignature of the Police Department is necessary to send them on to Government for sanction.

2. I have inspected the sample of roof mentioned in paragraph 3 of the Engineer's letter, and, so far as my unprofessional opinion goes, the tiles will remain on the roof if the latter is at a sufficiently easy slope and if the lowest course is bolted on or stayed by some upright iron work.

3. I therefore request that you will be good enough to return the plans and estimates to me, as soon as possible, duly countersigned by you, so that the sanction of Government may be obtained without further delay.

From C. H. TRAVERS, Esq., Acting Superintendent of Police, Jeypore District, to the Agent to the Governor, Vizagapatam District, dated 2nd June 1887.

In according with the wishes of Colonel Kilgour, Deputy Inspector-General of Police, in his memorandum of 25th April 1887, attached, I have the honor to return, countersigned, the plans and estimates for repairs of the police hospital, Koraput.

2. As permitted, I beg to express my opinion that an iron roof is specially unsuited to the Jeypore district; buildings with such roofs are miserably cold in the wet and cold seasons, and the heat intense in the hot.

3. Again, why should experiments be tried on, of all buildings in the world, an "hospital" first? The climate of Jeypore is sufficient in itself to try the strong men without experimenting on those struck down with fever and ague.

4. In conclusion, while work is being done at the hospital, I would suggest that a separate building containing two wards be erected near the present one, which is far too small for the requirements of this district. A contagious disease ward is also much required.

Approved, and transferred to the Public Works Department.

(By Order.)

OOTACAMUND,
29th September 1887.

(Signed) A. G. CARDEW,
Acting Under Secretary.

Note by the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department.

The estimate for improvements to the police hospital at Koraput amounts to Rs. 10,000, and provides for improving the existing hospital and latrine building, and for the construction of a dead-house, bath-house and kitchen, all of which are said to be urgently required.

2. The only point which appears to call for remark is the proposal to provide all the buildings with corrugated iron roofing, covered with a layer of tiles, and supported by light iron trusses. The Inspector-General of Police is of opinion that this description of roof is unsuitable; but, on the other hand, the Executive Engineer reports strongly in favor of it, and states that it is almost impossible to procure carpenters for woodwork in the hill tracts of Jeypore.

3. The Chief Engineer does not see any objection to the class of roof proposed, which is very similar to that commonly in use on the Nilgiri hills and on the West Coast.

ORDER—dated 2nd November 1887, No. 2904 W., Public Works.

The estimate, amounting to Rs. 10,000, for improvements to the police hospital at Koraput, is sanctioned.

2. The question of providing funds for the work will be considered later in the year.

3. The attention of the Superintending Engineer is drawn to the Chief Engineer's note above recorded, and to paragraph 3 of the letter from the Inspector-General of Police.

4. This sanction has been registered as Provincial, No. III W. of 1887-88, and classified as Civil Buildings, Original Works.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. O. HASTED, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Superintending Engineer, I Circle, with seven enclosures.

" Examiner, Public Works Accounts, with duplicate abstract estimate.

" Judicial Department.

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G.O., 2nd Nov. 1887, No. 2904 W.

NOVEMBER.

Police Hospital at Koraput
Estimate of Rs. 10,000, for improvements
to the —, sanctioned.

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10TH DECEMBER 1888, No. 3881 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

READ—the following papers:—

From Colonel T. K. GUTHRIE, Inspector-General of Police, to the Chief
Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 22nd November 1888, No. 6054.

I have the honor to forward, for early sanction, Public Works Department plans
and estimates for Rs. 10,540 for the construction of a new Police hospital and out-
houses at Koraput, Jeypore district, in lieu of the estimate for improving the present
building at a cost of Rs. 10,000 sanctioned in G.O., No. 2904 W., dated 2nd
November 1887 (No. 2659, dated 22nd November 1887, Judicial Department).

2. The reasons for constructing an entirely new building are set forth in the
Superintending Engineer's letter, which is herewith forwarded in original, and I concur
in that officer's opinion.

3. It will be observed that tiled roof is now recommended in preference to the
corrugated iron roof, to which objection was taken in the Acting Inspector-General's
letter read in the above quoted Government Order.

Approved and transferred to the Public Works Department.

(By order.)

1st December 1888.

(Signed) A. G. CARDEW,
Under-Secy. to Government.

Note by the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department.

As the Police hospital at Koraput is reported to be unsuitable in design and in
bad repair, the Chief Engineer considers it advisable to erect a new building in place
of improving and repairing the old one, the excess expenditure involved being only
Rs. 540.

2. The roof trusses should not be placed over door and window openings, and the
design of the main building should be altered accordingly. Four inches of concrete
under the asphalt flooring is considered sufficient.

(Signed) H. R. MEAD, Colonel, R.E.,
Ag. Chief Engineer, P.W.D.

ORDER—dated 10th December 1888, No. 3881 W., Public Works.

The estimate, amounting to Rs. 10,540, for constructing a new Police hospital
with subsidiary buildings at Koraput, is sanctioned in supersession of the estimate of
Rs. 10,000 sanctioned in G.O., No. 2904 W., dated 2nd November 1887, for improve-
ments to the existing building.

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10TH DECEMBER 1888, No. 3881 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

2. Attention is drawn to the note by the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, above recorded.

3. This sanction has been registered as Provincial No. 122 W. of 1888-89, and classified as Civil Buildings, Original Works.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. R. MEAD, Colonel, R.E.,
Ag. Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Superintending Engineer, I Circle, with seven enclosures.
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BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
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G.O., 10th Dec. 1888, No. 3881 W.

DECEMBER.

New Police Hospital with
subsidiary buildings at
Koraput

• Estimate for a —, sanctioned with remarks.

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18TH APRIL 1889, No. 698, JUDICIAL.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—again G.O., dated 15th December 1888, No. 2578, Judicial.

READ—also the following papers:—

From H. G. TURNER, Esq., Agent to the Governor in Vizagapatam, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Vizagapatam, 27th February 1889, No. 139-1.

In G.O., No. 2578, Judicial, dated 15th December 1888, Government, while approving the Agency budget of petty construction and repairs for 1889-90, treated as a reserve Rs. 2,600—not Rs. 3,100 as observed by Government—therein provided for constructing quarters for the Deputy Tahsildars and gumastas at Koraput and Nowrangapur, and have called for explanation “as to whether quarters have hitherto been provided for officers of this class on the hills, and, if so, whether rent is charged, and at what rates.”

2. In reply I beg to submit the enclosed statement, from which it will be observed that quarters for Deputy Tahsildars and their establishments have already been provided at Government expense at each of the stations of Paderu, Pottinghi and Bissemkatak, i.e., at one station in each of the three Assistant Agents' divisions. The Special Assistant Agent's establishment at Koraput also live in houses similarly provided by Government.

3. No rent is charged for any of these buildings, while their annual repair has always been carried out at the cost of Agency funds.

4. Thus there remain but two hill stations in the Senior Assistant Agent's division and four in the Special Assistant's where accommodation to the Deputy Tahsildars and their establishments has not yet been provided. As for these, I beg to inform Government that the three stations in the former division (including Bissemkatak) will ere long be transferred to the Ordinary, and, consequently, no quarters need be provided there at Government expense, except at Bissemkatak, where there is yet some difficulty in procuring houses, and where mud and thatch houses built at Government cost already exist.

Of the remaining four stations in the Special Assistant's division, it has been proposed to take in hand during 1889-90 quarters for the Deputy Tahsildars and their gumastas at Koraput and Nowrangapur, at a cost of Rs. 1,000 for the Deputy Tahsildars and Rs. 300 for their gumastas.

5. But Government have taken exception to this, and called for the above explanation, in submitting which, I beg to urge to the notice of Government, first, the necessity of providing free of rent, or at a very nominal one, substantial accommodation to Deputy Tahsildars and their gumastas serving in these inclement climates; secondly, the accommodation already provided, which Mr. Taylor remarks as consisting of “wretched mud huts;” and, lastly, the fact that no private accommodation of a respectable kind is available at any of these places at any cost.

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6. With reference to the first point, Mr. Taylor says that "unless sufficient assurance of protection against the elements is held out to the officers concerned, I do not see how we can expect to improve upon the usual stamp of men hitherto obtainable for the posts of Deputy Tahsildars and their establishment," and I fully concur in his views. For, notwithstanding the liberality of Government in recently sanctioning an increased scale of pay to hill Sub-magistrates and their gumastas, there is yet considerable difficulty in procuring the right stamp of men to serve in the Agency Tracts. And even if one or two could be induced to go, half their time is spent in suffering, due to want of proper protection, which is the first and most absolute necessity in such unhealthy climates.

7. If, therefore, Government approve my proposals and hold out this additional incentive of suitable accommodation—which I am informed is allowed to the Deputy Tahsildar at Udayagiri in Ganjam Hills—I have every hope to replace the present old and unsuited staff in the hills by a set of young men well qualified and of respectable character.

8. A substantial building for each of the Deputy Tahsildars at Koraput and at Malkangiri and Nowrangapur will cost something more. But one or two sets of buildings may be taken in hand every year as Agency funds permit. During 1889-90, I propose that quarters may be built for the Deputy Tahsildar and his establishment at Koraput, and that the work may be carried out by this department instead of by the Public Works Department.

9. In conclusion, I beg to recommend also that where accommodation is already provided, the mud and thatch houses should be replaced by substantial ones in due course.

ENCLOSURE.

STATEMENT showing the quarters provided to the Deputy Tahsildars and their Establishments in the Hills.

Name of Division.	Name of Station.	Whether quarters built at cost of Government.	Whether rent is charged.	Remarks.
1. Principal Asst. Agent's Division.	Paderu ..	Deputy Tahsildar's quarters built in 1885-86 at cost of Government. Gumastah's quarters sanctioned in G.O., No. 2218, dated 27th September 1887.	No.	Will be built.
2. Senior Asst. Agent's Division.	Gunupur ..	None at present	..	..
	Rayaghada ..	Do.	..	Will be transferred shortly to Ordinary.
	Bissemkatak ..	Do.	..	Do.
3. Special Asst. Agent's Division.	Pottinghi ..	Deputy and Tahsildar and clerks live in Government quarters.	..	..
	Koraput ..	Do. do. do.	..	..
	Jeypore ..	None at present.	..	..
	Nowrangapur ..	Do.	..	..
	Malkangiri ..	Do.	..	..

Reference to the above.

The Agent has not replied to the last sentence of the Order, No. 2578, dated 15th December 1888. He will now supply this omission, and, pending receipt of the information, the directions contained in the first sentence of that order must hold good.

15th March 1889.

To the Agent to the Governor, Vizagapatam.

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

From H. G. TURNER, Esq., Agent to the Governor, Vizagapatam, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Vizagapatam, 26th March 1889, No. 215.

In reply to your reference, C. No. 894 of 1889, dated 15th March 1889, I have the honor to state that the question of the Koraput sub-jail was first mooted by me in March 1886, and that Government, in their order, No. 1641, dated 22nd June 1886, directed me to submit plans and estimates for a pukka-roofed jail building at Koraput.

2. In paragraph 14 of my letter, No. 243, dated 6th March 1886, embodied in G.O., No. 1277, dated 15th May 1886, I strongly advocated that "directly the time comes for pukka works, then the aid of the professional must be called in." Government agreed with me on this point, and referred my letter to the Public Works Department for early notice. This was done by the Public Works Department, and in G.O., No. 2486, Judicial, dated 17th September 1886, Government observed that "the work of constructing the jail will be carried out by the Agency officers unless it is possible to locate an Assistant Engineer at Koraput with a view to the construction of the other buildings required."

This condition was brought to pass, and an Assistant Engineer was appointed to the division shortly after in connection with the Koraput-Pottinghi road.

In conformity to my views originally expressed on the subject and approved by Government, I asked the Public Works Department to prepare plans and estimates for the sub-jail at Koraput. These were accordingly submitted to me on the 31st March 1887, when I returned them because I did not agree to the site then selected, and because I took exception to the corrugated iron roofing provided for in the estimate. The latter objection was settled in February 1888 by the Superintending Engineer, who agreed with me on the point.

A revised plan was accordingly submitted in June 1888 for my approval, which was communicated to the Public Works Department on the 8th idem.

Since that time I have been expecting the plans and estimates of the Public Works Department, but none have been received up to date.

On the receipt of G.O., No. 2578, Judicial, dated 15th December 1888, reminding me on the subject, I sent an urgent reminder to the Executive Engineer, who has not replied to the communication up to date.

Under these circumstances, my reply, referred to in your reference under reply, was submitted.

It will thus be seen that the Koraput sub-jail is not a work that is intended to be carried out by this department, and that consequently the question of the Agency budget is altogether separate from it. With this view, and in order that the Agency works sanctioned for 1889-90 may be commenced as early as possible after the commencement of the official year, a reply on the question of providing Deputy Tahsildars in the Agency Tracts with proper quarters, the amount provided for which in the Agency budget for 1889-90 was held under reserve by Government pending my explanation, was submitted for early consideration.

ORDER—dated 18th April 1889, No. 698, Judicial.

The Government accept the Agent's opinion that the provision by the State of accommodation for the taluk establishments in the Agency Tracts is necessary, and approve the proposed expenditure, as detailed in the margin, during 1889-90. But there seems no reason why accommodation should be given free, and the buildings referred to will be undertaken on the understanding that rent at rates not exceeding 10 per cent. The rents should be recovered

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Dy. Tahsildar's quarters, Koraput ..	1,000
Do. Gumastah's quarters, Koraput ..	300
Do. quarters, Nowrangapur ..	1,000
Do. Gumastah's quarters, Nowrangapur ..	300
Total ..	2,600

of the officers' salaries, or of the cost, will be levied on the pay bills.

2. The explanation given in the second letter from the Agent is accepted, but should have been furnished before. The officer responsible will be called upon, in the Public Works Department, to account for the delay in the submission of the plans and estimates for the Koraput sub-jail, which were returned with the Agent's approval on the 8th June 1888.

(True Extract.)

J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

To the Agent to the Governor, Vizagapatam.
" Accountant-General.
" Public Works Department.

Exd. A. Raitt.

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G.O., 18th April 1889, No. 698.

APRIL.

Quarters for Deputy Tahsildars,
Vizagapatam Agency.

Approving, with remarks, the proposed expenditure on the accommodation required for the Deputy Tahsildars and their gumastas at Koraput and Nowrangapur, and desiring that the officer responsible be called on, in the Public Works Department, to account for the delay in the submission of plans and estimates for the Koraput Sub-Jail.

Lt. I. Clerk

Communicated to
the Supg. Engineer I Circle
for early report with reference
to para 2 of the foregoing
proceedings

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Case 6738.

From the Supg. Engineer
I Circle

No. 163 V.L. of 16th July 1889.

Still jail at Koraput.

Submitting with remarks
Division Officer's letter explaining
the cause of delay in the submission
of plans and estimates for a —

No. 375 of 25th July 1889

Transferred to the Judicial
Department for consideration with
reference to G.O. 698 of 18th April 1889

2. There has undoubtedly
been great delay on the
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part of the Executive Engineer
in completing the plans and
estimate in question -

(Signed) A.R. Drake Brockman
Lieut Col R.E.
Asst Secy to Govt I.W.D.

N^o. 1354 W of 20. 5. 89.
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" 2904 W " 2. 11. 87.
" 1786 W " 6. 7. 87.

Asst. Secy. 11/11/7

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read again G.O. 184 April 1889 N^o 698.

Read the following paper:-

Endorsement from the Public Works Deptt N^o 5752
dated 25th July 1889, transferring with remarks, letter
from the Superintending Engineer First Circle, regarding
the plans and estimates for a Hill jail at Koraput.

Order, 6th August 1889 N^o 1337.

As observed by the Public Works Department, there has
undoubtedly been great delay on the part of the Executive
Engineer in completing the plans and estimates called for,
and the explanation offered amounts to nothing and
is unsatisfactory.

2. But there has apparently been a mis-
apprehension as to the nature of the jail to be erected
at Koraput. The Government has never sanctioned
the creation of a Hill jail at that place and was at pains
not to mislead in G.O. 22nd June 1886 N^o 1641 to point out to the late
Agent that his reference to a Hill jail at Koraput
was erroneous. What is required is a punka-roofed Sub-
jail building, and for this an expenditure of Rs
76000 would obviously be excessive; even if allowance
is made for the extra cost of buildings in the Hills.

3. The question of the improvement of the
Koraput

Koraput Sub Jail which Mr Turner represented in March 1886 as being an urgent one, has been under discussion for the past three years without anything being accomplished. The present Agent will be requested now to take it up, ascertain the accommodation needed in the manner shown in G.O. 22nd June 1886. No 1641, and communicate with the Executive Engineer with a view to the early completion of estimates and the construction of the building.

(True & Correct)

W. B. Boddam

Captain R. E.
Under Secretary, P. W. &
for Chief Secretary.

To
The Public Works Dept. &
Agent Vizagapatam.

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To

Mr. P.W.D.

Proceedings, dated 6 Aug 1889
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Subject

No. 1254107 10. 6. 89

No. 23210/2/23 1889

Communicated to
the Suptg. Engineer I
Circle with reference
to his letter No. 16302.
of 16 July 1889.

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with order 17.4.89

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