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G.O., 11th Dec. 1890, No. 1974.

DECEMBER.

Parvatipur Hill Jail.

Approving, with remarks, the Inspector-General's proposals regarding extension of buildings in connection with the — and awaiting estimates.

No. 149 W d / 7th Jan'y 1891

Comd^d to the S. E. I
Circle in conn^{ty} of G. O.
No. 1084 W dated 11 April
1890

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7. Estimates are being prepared for carrying out Colonel Porteous' proposals in paragraph 9 of his letter contained in the Government order under reply, viz., (1) lowering the outer-wall to 9 feet, (2) removing the present office and locating it over the main gate and guard room, (3) doubling the size of the hospital. I hope shortly to submit them to Government.

8. If Government will sanction estimates being made for my suggestions in paragraph 6, I will call for them.

ENCLOSURE.

STATEMENT showing the cubical contents and superficial area of the jail buildings and also the number of prisoners to each block, with its present condition.

Name of building.	Superficial area.	Cubical contents.	Number of prisoners.	Remarks and condition of building.
Quarantine shed	744	8,252	13	Requires thatching.
No. 3 temporary shed	736	7,928	13*	Requires repairs to roof; roof falling in.
„ 2 work-shed	494	4,816	8*	Used as a weaving shed by day.
„ 2 temporary shed	829	8,624	14 }	In fair order, require re-thatching.
Female block	329	6,348	10 }	
No. 1 temporary shed	900	8,000	13	Requires repairing and re-thatching.
Solitary cells	583	7,377	6 }	In fair order.
Hospital ward	354	6,779	8 }	
Office	492	6,320	25 }	Under repairs by Public Works Department.
No. 3 block	827	14,995	25*	
„ 1 „	827	14,995	25 }	In fair order.
„ 2 „	827	14,995	25 }	
„ 4 „	827	14,995	25 }	In fair order and require more ventilation.
„ 1 work-shed	482	6,873	11 }	
„ 3 „	482	6,873	11 }	
Total number of prisoners	..	..	207	

Cubical contents allowed for each prisoner, 600 cubic feet, Jail Code, section 1163; in blocks and in hospital, 800 cubic feet, Jail Code, section 1219; and in solitary, 1,000 cubic feet, Jail Code, section 1164.

* Not used for locking up at night.

PARVATIPUR,
23rd September 1890.

(Signed) S. C. WHITE,
Superintendent, Hill Jail.

ORDER—dated 11th December 1890, No. 1974, Judicial.

The Inspector-General's proposals are approved and the estimates awaited. The Inspector-General has not stated whether estimates are under preparation for constructing a verandah along one side of each barrack—a proposal appearing in paragraph 9 of Colonel Porteous' letter read in G.O., dated 20th March 1890, No. 526, Judicial.

2. The delay in replying to the G.O., dated 20th March 1890, No. 526, is not satisfactory. The Superintendent should have been able to measure the buildings himself, and should have done so instead of calling in the aid of the Executive Engineer.

(True Extract.)

J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

To the Inspector-General of Jails.
„ Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras.
„ Agent to the Governor, Vizagapatam.
„ Public Works Department.

Exd. A. Raitt,

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper:—

From Colonel J. M. SMITH, Acting Inspector-General of Jails, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Ootacamund, 24th October 1890, No. 341.

I have the honor to reply to paragraph 3 of G.O., dated 20th March 1890, No. 526, Judicial, on the subject of the Párvatipur Hill Jail.

2. On receipt of the Government order, I, on 20th April, sent for measurements to show the capacity of the jail. I only received the answer on the 10th October, and the Superintendent of the Jail explained that, after repeated reminders, he only got the measurements from the Executive Engineer on the 20th September.

3. Government remarks that, from the papers before it, the actual capacity of the Párvatipur jail cannot be ascertained. The jail was built originally to hold 105 prisoners. Mr. Grimes, in his letter, No. 162, dated 4th June 1886, stated that, though the jail was built to hold 105 prisoners, he had increased the accommodation by putting 5 more men into each of the 4 main wards and 18 men into two work-sheds. This only makes a total of 143, but he began with showing accommodation for 140. How he got that room, there is nothing to tell me in this office. In Statement A of the report for 1887, accommodation was shown for 204. This accommodation was got by erecting temporary sheds for prisoners, and the number was reduced in the report for 1888 to 143 by the removal of temporary sheds. In the statement of 1889, I find 143 as the number for which there is accommodation.

4. I attach a copy of a statement received from the Superintendent which shows accommodation for 207 prisoners. It shows also the superficial area and cubical contents of each building. The jail *proper* consists of four blocks to hold 25 prisoners each, one hospital to hold 8, solitary cells to hold 6, and one female ward to hold 10. This gives a total accommodation for 124. The other 83 prisoners are accommodated in the three work-sheds, one quarantine shed, and three temporary sheds. The quarantine shed and one temporary shed are outside the jail walls.

5. It is contrary to sanitary principles to have convicts sleeping in sheds they have been working in during the day, and I think the temporary sheds are also objectionable. The jail *proper* was originally built to hold 105. In Mr. Grimes' letter referred to above, he explains that the cubical capacity of the 4 blocks after they were built allowed for 5 prisoners more being put into each; this 20 added to 105 gives room for 125 prisoners in the jail *proper*. I have shown in paragraph 4 that the Superintendent's statement shows room for 124 in the jail *proper*.

6. There is certainly not room enough in this jail for the number of Hill prisoners sent to it, and temporary sheds have per force been erected. Government approves in the Government order I am answering of permanent buildings being substituted, and I would suggest, what I think is perfectly feasible, that each of the four blocks should be doubled in length. There is ample room for this, if I am to trust the ground plan. This would give us room for 100 more prisoners, raising our capacity to 224. The hospital is to be doubled in capacity, which gives room for 8 more or a total of 232. This accommodation is not sufficient. I think, therefore, in the yard where the present office stands, I would erect a block for 25 prisoners. Thus the jail would hold 257 prisoners. I attach a rough plan (which please return) of the jail as it is prepared by the jailor and not in proper proportion. I have marked on it the extensions I propose. The present office is to be built over the main gate.