

Judicial Department.



PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following paper:—

From the Inspector General of Prisons,  
dated 9<sup>th</sup> January 1894, no. 187:-

In Home Department Letter No. 4213  
dated 24<sup>th</sup> April 1894 the Government of  
India directed that the provision of cubicles  
or separate compartments for each prisoner  
to sleep in should be undertaken at an  
early date. The subject is a very difficult  
one to deal with, as cubicles made of any  
solid substance such as corrugated iron  
would so reduce ventilation as to be out  
of the question. The only feasible plan  
appears, in most instances, to be the provi-  
sion of cubicles of wire-netting supported  
on an iron framework which will undoubtedly  
do much to promote order, check unnatural  
vice, card playing &c. and to render confine-  
ment more rigorous and unpleasant. The  
work of providing such cubicles can, however,  
only be taken up gradually, and it is

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proposed at present to deal only with  
the Trichinopoly and Coimbatore Central  
Jails. In the association words of the  
Trichinopoly Central Jail it is proposed  
to introduce cubicles of wire-netting  
of the character already referred to. These  
would be fastened with a bar, so that  
one lock would unfasten 10 or 12 cubicles,  
and the need for a separate padlock for  
each would be avoided. At the  
Coimbatore Central Jail it is proposed  
to convert 3 Blocks. Nos. 6, 8, and 10  
into cells by running a passage down  
the middle. These three Blocks  
consist each of a number of small  
wards to hold 3 prisoners each. By  
closing the side-doors of these wards,  
by opening a door at one end of the block  
and by making a passage right down  
the centre of the block, it will be  
converted into a double row of cells.  
The inner wall and door of the cells  
will, it is proposed, be of wire-netting  
on an iron frame and the cells will  
be fastened in the same way as already  
described. The Blocks will then supply  
excellent cells for Habitual Criminals.  
Sanction of Government is now requested  
to the preparation by the Public  
Works

Works Department of Plans and estimates  
for carrying out these works at the two  
Jails mentioned.

Order 19<sup>th</sup> January 1895 No. 124

The Public Works Department will  
be requested to issue necessary orders for  
the preparation of plans and estimates for  
providing Trichinopoly and Coimbatore Jails with  
cubicles.

(True Extract)

Lancel Davidson  
for ~~of~~ Chief Secretary.

To

The Public Works Department  
" Inspector General of Prisons.

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To  
The Public Works Department

Communicated to the  
Sub-Engineers Fourth and  
Sixth Circles for the prepa-  
ration of the required  
estimates.

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Requesting the Public Works  
Dept to issue the necessary  
orders for the preparation of  
plans & Estimates for providing  
Trichinopoly & Coimbatore  
jails with cubicles.

With order.

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