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P. W. CURRENT No. 6292

Govt. of { 18 } Madras.

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Recd: 16.8.95

To

The P. W. Dept

No. 2158 W/3 29th August 1895

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Communicated to the Supdg. Engineer VI circle.

2. The record room named in G.O. No. 560 W dated 11th March 1895 and the extension now ordered (G.O. No. 560 W dated 11th March 1895) should be enlarged in one plan and estimate which should be countersigned both by the Collector and the Inspector General of Police.

Proceedings, dated 7-8- 1895
No. 1640

Subject.

Approving the I.G's proposal to provide accommodation for a Police Station in the Srirangam Dt. Jamidari Police, Madura Dt. & stating that the necessary orders will be issued in the P.W. Dept

No 560 W of 11-3-95

DESP. 30 AUG. 95

MPB 23/8/95

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Dy. VI Circle
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P. W. CURRENT No. 6348

Govt. of { 1895 } Madras.

Recd: 19.8.95

To

The Public Works Dept

No 2353 Con/ 23-7-95
204 W dt/ 23-1-94
2429 W dt/ 21-7-93
1534 W dt/ 19-5-92

Rw 15.1.95 land

No. 2157 W/3 29th August 1895

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Communicated to the Supdg. Engrs & Dy Supdg Engrs IV circle.
IV Circle

Proceedings, dated 7th August 1895
No. 1647.

Subject.

Requesting the Hon the Judges of the High Court to favour Govt with their opinion as to the advisability of constructing a separate Court house for the D.M. Munsiff of Chittore; ordering that the necessary steps be taken for the conversion of the old Jail buildings at Chittore into Police lines; and requesting the Inspector General of Police to state whether he has any objection to this course being taken.

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Judicial Department.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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Read the following paper-

From the Executive Engineer North Arcot Division to the Superintending Engineer IVth Circle d/ 6th July 1895 No 199 S.E.

I have the honor to report that the old jail buildingsat Chittoor are rapidly falling to pieces and that, if they are to be used at all, the purpose for which they are to be employed must be at once decided.

2. The history of the matter is somewhat complicated, several departments being involved and I think it best to give a short history of it, as far as I can gather it from the defective records in my office, supplemented by what I have ascertained from other officers concerned.

3. In the latter end of 1894 the District Jail at Chittoor was abandoned and shortly afterwards the Superintendent of Police applied for the whole of the buildings for the use of the Police Department and this was agreed to in G.O.No 811 dy 6th February 1895 Judicial. As a result of this, estimates were prepared for converting the old jail into Police lines and were sent to the Superintendent of Police with this office No 056 d/ 8th August last. These estimated amounted to Rs.12000 and were as follows-

/a/ Converting the two main wards into lines for 56 constables Rs.4800.

/b/ Converting the debtors and female wards into quarters for 8 head constables Rs.1700.

/c/ Converting jail Hospital into Police station Rs.1500.

/d/ Converting the condemned cells into a place of arms Rs.850.

/e/ Demolishing sundry buildings making drill grounds and drill shed and building two latrines Rs.1350.

These estimates received the approval of the Superintending Engineer

Engineer and apparently of the Inspector General of Police but for some reason of which there is no record in my office the estimates were returned. I believe the reason to be as follows:-

The Superintendent of Police now occupies as an office the building originally intended for the Munsiff's Court, the District Munsiff being located in a smaller building close by, which is entirely unsuitable for him. I am informed that Government in the Judicial Department have decided that if suitable accommodation cannot be found for the Munsiff elsewhere the Superintendent of Police will have to vacate the building which he has for many years past used as his office. It was therefore probably for this reason that the estimates for converting the old jail into Police lines were returned and fresh estimates were called for with the object of making the same buildings into an office for the Superintendent of Police. Estimates for this purpose were submitted to you with this office No 107 S.E.d/ 6th May 1892. They amounted to Rs.18200 and were made up as follows-

/a/ Converting the two main prison wards into Police office Rs.8300

/b/ Demolishing sundry buildings, making drill ground and shed, building latrine and converting a portion of the Civil debtors ward into armourers' shop Rs.1500.

/c/ Converting jail Hospital into Police station Rs.1470.

/d/ Converting the condemned cells into a place of arms and a record room Rs.1930.

I have heard nothing more of these estimates and there, as far as this office is concerned, the matter rests.

4. I should perhaps have mentioned that an estimate amounting to Rs. 5690 for putting on an upper story to the present Police office was forwarded to you with this office No 219 S.E.d/ 11th July 1892 but as that estimate appears to have been prepared simply on the requisition of the Superintendent of Police and does not appear to be absolutely necessary it need not be taken into account at present. The proposal

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to locate the Superintendent of Police in the Collector's official residence may also be disregarded as Government has decided that it should still be kept up as a Collector's house.

5. At this juncture it seems that no one is likely to move in the matter unless I do and I beg to submit the following points and proposals for the consideration of Government. The requirements of the case are /1/ either /a/ A new office for the Superintendent of Police or /b/ A new Court for the District Munsiff /2/ Accommodation for about 50 constables and 8 Head constables. As regards /1/ /a/ the Superintendent of Police is very comfortably settled where he is. He has accommodation which he can get on with, although no doubt he is rather cramped for space. I regard the estimate amounting to Rs.15200 alluded to in para.3 supra, as both inadequate and unsatisfactory. Inadequate because since it was prepared the roof has fallen in in many places and unsatisfactory because the building could never make a good Police office. In this opinion I have the support of Col. Smart S.E. who in February 1893 wrote to the Superintendent of Police as as follows-

× . × "The approximate cost /of converting the old jail into a Police office/ may be taken at Rs.15000. In my opinion it would be much better to go to the expense at once of a new building" ××. If the Superintendent's office were placed in the old jail, accommodation would still have to be found for the constables. I therefore strongly deprecate the proposal to put the Superintendent of Police's office in the old jail and I think it best to leave him where he is.

6. The District Judge proposed to build an upper storey to his court and in this office No 587 d/ 22nd December 1894 I reported on this, giving my reasons why I did not think it advisable and as you have agreed with me I presume the idea will be given up. This reduces us to what I believe will be the best place viz. a new Munsiff's court nearly opposite the judge's court where there is a suitable site which I

believe

believe could be acquired at very small cost.

7. The constables could then be accommodated in the old jail. The estimates enumerated in para.3 supra would have to be modified to the the following respects. The whole jail wards would have to be reroofed some of the materials being used again. Some savings could be made by reducing some of the rates and by substituting country for teakwood. The cost of estimate /a/ would probably be raised to about Rs.7500

/b/ would be raised to about Rs.2000

/c/ might be given up entirely

/d/ do do or at very small cost the building might be made into constables quarters.

/e/ might be given up or largely reduced.

I consider that 56 constables and 8 constables might be accommodated at a cost of about Rs.11000 and if my proposals are accepted the estimates will be revised.

8. My proposals therefore are to build a new Munsiff's Court, to leave the Superintendent of Police office as it is and to convert a portion of the old jail into quarters for constables, but this latter work must be carried out immediately if it is done at all as the buildings are rapidly decaying and should, if not restored at once, be dismantled and cleared off the face of the earth.

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Endorsement of the Superintending Engineer 4th Circle d/ 17th July 1895 No 279/W.

Copy to the Chief Engineer P.W.D. for such action as he considers necessary. The whole of the correspondence in connection with this matter will be found in Judicial proceedings d/ 29th August 1893 No 1752 with G.O. No 2429 W d/ 21st September 1893.

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Endorsement of the Public Works Department d/ 23rd July 1895 No 2858 C:—

Referred to the Judicial Department for consideration.

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Order

Order d/ 7th August 1895 No 1647.

In Government Order d/ 26th April 1894 No. 993 it was decided that the most suitable plan of providing for the various public offices required at Chittoor was

/1/ to construct an additional storey to the District Court House in order to accommodate the District Munsiff in the same building with the District Judge,

/2/ to permit the Superintendent of Police to retain his present office building,

/3/ to accommodate the District Forest Officer in the building to be vacated by the District Munsiff,

and /4/ to locate the Police lines, the Police School and the Police station in the abandoned jail buildings.

The Honorable the Judges of the High Court were requested to report whether they accepted these proposals and pending the receipt of ~~the~~ information on this point the preparation of plans and estimates was deferred. Their reply has ~~—~~ not yet been received but it appears from the Executive Engineer's letter d/ 22nd December 1894 and that of the Superintending Engineer 4th Circle d/ 17th July 1895 that the walls of the District Court are of doubtful stability and that there is no means of properly lighting the lower floor of the Building in the event of the construction of an upper storey. Under these circumstances the idea of accommodating the District Munsiff in the District Court must be given up and as it appears to Government the best plan is to construct a separate court house for that officer; the Honorable the Judges of the High Court will be requested to favor Government ~~with their opinion~~ with their opinion on the subject.

In his letter d/ 6th July 1895 the Executive Engineer Mr. Clerk brings to notice the necessity of passing immediate orders as to the conversion of the jail buildings into Police lines &c. He remarks that they are rapidly falling into pieces and could either be restored

restored at once or entirely dismantled. His proposals a

/a/ that the main prison wards should be conve

lines for 56 constables at an approximate cost o

/b/ that the debtors and female wards should be con

into quarters for 8 Head constables at a cost of appro

-ly Rs.2000.

He considers that the other three works for which estimates were originally prepared should be dispensed with.

* Converting Jail Hospital into Police station Rs.1500
Converting the condemned cells into a place of arms Rs.850
Demolishing sundry buildings in order to make drill grounds drill sheds and building two latrines Rs.1550.

Proposals /a/ and /b/ commend themselves to Government and the necessary steps may be taken for the conversion of the jail buildings into Police lines in the manner suggested. The Inspector General of Police will be requested at once to state whether he has any objections to this course being taken and whether he concurs in Mr. Clerk's proposals to dispense with the other three items for which estimates were originally prepared.

/True Extract/

Ag. Under Secretary,
for Chief Secretary.

To

The Revenue Department.
.. Public Works Department.
.. Honorable the Chief Justice of the High Court with C.L.
.. Inspector General of Police.

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No. 2155 W / 29-8-95 of 191 .

Dated

To whom given

For Current Reg. No. of 191 .

When given

Signature of the Clerk taking

Initials of the Record-keeper.

29TH AUGUST 1895, No. 2153 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

**Buildings and Roads.**
**Civil Works.**

READ—the following paper :—

From N. F. MACKENZIE, Esq., Under Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department (Civil Works—Buildings), to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Simla, the 21st August 1895, No. 332-B.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 1666 W., dated the 8th July 1895, and in reply to communicate the sanction of the Government of India to the anticipated excess expenditure of Rs. 1,266 over the sanctioned estimate amounting to Rs. 7,79,150 for Government House at Ootacamund on the understanding that no further expenditure on the same account will be incurred during the year 1895–96, and that the estimate for the building will be finally closed on the 31st March 1896, any further expenditure which may be necessary being thereafter met under the provisions of paragraph 10, Chapter VI, Volume II of the Public Works Department Code.

2. The sanction accorded in paragraph 1 above has been registered as No. 19-B. of 1895–96.

ORDER—dated 29th August 1895, No. 2153 W., Public Works.

Communicated to the officers concerned with reference to G.O., No. 1665 W., dated 8th July 1895.

(True Extract.)

Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle.
„ Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
„ Military Secretary to His Excellency the Governor.

Exd. C. M. Brisson.
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