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To

The Public Works Dept

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No. 2318 W. d/13 August 96
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Proceedings, dated 15th July 1896,
No. 1178.

Subject.

Passing orders on the proposals
of the Inspector General of Police
re the accommodation of the
Police School in the Vellore Fort
and requesting the Public Works
Dept to arrange for the
necessary repairs in connection

therewith
No. 2164 W. d. 27-7-96
.. 2751 C. d. 7-7-96
.. 1816 C. d. 2-4-96
.. 909 W. d. 13-3-96
.. 2461-2 W. d. 5-10-95
.. 2616 C. d. 27-8-96
.. 3243-4 W. d. 17-12-94
No. 3789 M. d. 27-6-90
No. 1559 C. d. 19-3-96
.. 102 C. d. 8-1-96
.. 2183 W. d. 2-9-95

Communicated
to the Subg Engr IV
to the Engr IV
Circle who will have
the repairs referred to
in para 2 of the 20.
Carried out without
delay and submit
the reports called
for in paras 3 & 5.

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Subg Engr IV
Engr IV Circle
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Copy of letter from the Director of Public Instruction dated 3rd June 1896, No.C.130.

I have the honour in returning Endorsement No.364, dated 15th February 1896, to enclose a letter from the Inspector General of Police and two letters from the Assistant Inspector of Schools, Arcot (late fifth) Division and to recommend that the alterations and additions suggested by the Assistant Inspector be carried out. I personally inspected the barracks when I visited Vellore in April last and consider that the improvements are necessary for the accommodation of the offices of the Assistant and Sub-Assistant Inspectors of Schools.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read again G.O. No. 1030, J., dated 15th June 1896.

Read the following papers:-

From the Superintending Engineer, 4th Circle, dated 10th December 1895, No. 489/W, submitting for sanction of Government estimates amounting to Rs. 4,500 for converting the barracks in the Vellore Fort into Public offices.

Endorsement of the Public Works Department, dated 8th January 1896, No. 102 C, on the above.

Forwarded for the approval of Government in the Judicial and Educational Departments.

Endorsement, No. 364, dated 15th February 1896.

From the Inspector General of Police dated 19th March 1896, No. 1215.

With reference to Judicial Department Endorsement No. 364, dated 15th February 1896, on letter from the Superintending Engineer, 4th Circle to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, No. 489/W, dated 10th December 1895 regarding the conversion of the barracks in the Vellore Fort into public offices, I have the honour to report that the accommodation provided in the plan for the offices of the Deputy Inspector General and Assistant Superintendent of Police is sufficient.

2 The papers have been forwarded to the Director of Public Instruction as directed by Government.

3 I am writing to Government in a few days regarding a proposal, which I have been considering for some time past, viz, the institution of an experimental Inspector's school. My idea is to locate it at Vellore for reasons I will explain in my letter. That proposal, if sanctioned, will necessitate our having the use of two largish rooms for three or four months of the year, say from January to April 1897 and I should be very much obliged if Government would postpone allotting rooms in the barracks at Vellore to the Educational Department until it has considered my proposals.

Endorsement

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Enclosure of the Public Works Department dated 19th March 1896, No. 1030, on letter from the Superintending Engineer, 4th Circle, dated 13th March 1896, No. 116 W, stating that the conversion of the Old European Barracks in the Fort at Vellore into public offices may be held in abeyance.

From the Director of Public Instruction, dated 3rd June 1896, No. C/130.

Order thereon No. R. No. 1030, dated 15th March 1896.

The Inspector General of Police will be requested to report what accommodation is necessary for the Police constables referred to in the Executive Engineer's letter to the Superintending Engineer dated 11th March 1896, No. 717 S. S.

From the Inspector General of Police dated 15th July 1896, No. 2679.

With reference to G. O. No. 1030, Judicial, dated 15th June 1896, as regards accommodation for constables in the Vellore Fort, I have the honour to say that accommodation is required for 3 Head Constables and 37 constables.

2. On this point, however, I venture to say that I disagree with the Executive Engineer in the opinion expressed in his letter under reference. In the Fort at Vellore there are at present two sets of buildings possibly available for use as Police lines, one of the old European barracks of which the plan is given in the papers sent with the above order, the other the Mahal adjoining the Mahal where the Palkondah Zenda and his followers are now located.

3. I have already told Government that if the Police training school is sanctioned I consider it should be held in part of the building, formerly the European barracks (letter dated 19th March 1896, No. 1215) and to that opinion I adhere.

4. These buildings will not do at all suitably as lines for Police Constables. They are situated in a part of the Fort

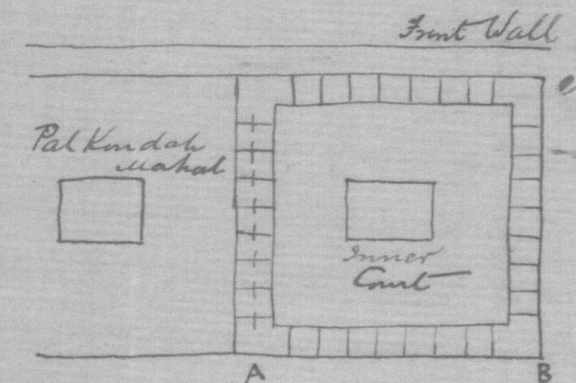
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where there are now no Native houses and are very close to the Taluk Police Station in front of it. It will be objectionable to have a number of women and children ^{living} in these quarters, and will, to a great extent, spoil that part of the fort. The buildings ~~are~~ also are not, in my opinion, suitable for use as lines unless they undergo very considerable alterations.

5 What I propose is that the two rooms marked in the plan for the Deputy Assistant Inspector of Schools and Assistant Inspector of Schools (Blocks 5 and 6) should be handed over to the Police Department for use as a police school, that as ~~prepp~~ proposed originally, the Assistant Superintendent's office and Deputy Inspector General's office be placed in the adjoining two rooms marked so in the plan (Blocks 4 and 3), that the building marked as "not available for occupation" be pulled down so as to give greater space and air to the inside buildings. Then, if thought necessary, a wall might be built across the open Court as shown in red pencil in the plan and the Police buildings thus separated off entirely from the buildings shown in the plan as proposed Executive Engineer's office. It would be better, however, perhaps to let this part of the Scheme stand over until next year, when the success or otherwise of the Police school will be known. It may be found advisable to provide more accommodation for the Police school in which case the buildings marked for the Executive Engineer might be handed over to this department for our use.

6 The Mahal is a big upper storied building divided up into numerous small rooms, now used, I believe, as a store house for famine tools. Mr. Thomas the Superintendent, thought that provision could be made here for the Taluk Police. I have inspected the place and I think, with some alteration we could get accommodation for 26 men which would suit very well and perhaps for the accommodation for eleven more men. The difficulty is that our men strongly object (and I think reasonably) to being accommodated upstairs, and on the

down stair floor we can only use two sides of the Mahal which will only provide 26 sets of quarters. The other two sides are so arranged as to prevent any through-through communication back and front, one side being the side adjoining the Palkondah Mahal and the other side running close along the outer wall of the Fort. The following is a rough sketch of the building.



A.B.C.=are the proposed quarters; for the Police 36 quarters could be made here.

The building has a verandah round the inside court and if doors were made along the line A.B.C. all the small rooms on the ground floor could be converted into Police lines. Along the other sides no doors can be opened through the rooms, backed as they are, on one side by the quarters occupied by the Palkondah Zemindar and on the other by the high Fort wall.

7 If the Fort wall were removed and some godowns there cleared away the rooms on that side might also be used to accommodate the Police. I fear, however, that destruction of the wall would be an expensive matter.

8 At all events, I hope the Government will not prevent my having the European Barracks for use as a school leaving the Mahal to accommodate the Police of the Post Station if the Public Works Department officers consider that the conversion of the lower story of that building can be carried out. I would suggest that the matter

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referred to them for opinion if the Government think necessary.

9. I may say that I had another idea which I have alluded to in my letter regarding the Police school sent to-day. This is that, if the school becomes, (as the one in Bengal), a permanent institution, with resident pupils, this Mahal would do well to accommodate the Police pupils. We shall however not be able to judge on this point until next year. I would prefer to leave matters as regards the Mahal alone for the present.

10. The immediate and important consideration, as far as I am concerned at present, is the repair and re-roofing of at least two of the rooms in the European Barracks for use as a Police school. I inspected these rooms the other day and found that although the walls and wood-work of the doors and windows were apparently in excellent order the roof requires immediate repair. In fact the rooms cannot be used for any purpose until the roof is repaired.

11. The estimate prepared by the Executive Engineer is for the repair of the whole building and what I would urgently ask is that the repairs as estimated of blocks Barracks- 3, 4, 5 and 6 may be immediately carried out so that I may take over the rooms before the close of the year ready for the opening of the school in January next. Unless this is done the school cannot possibly be opened and the scheme will fall through. The cost will apparently be under Rs. 3000 as the estimate for putting the whole of the buildings into repair amounts to Rs. 4500 and I only require less than half.

12. I request the very early orders of Government upon the matter.

Order No. 1178, dated 15th July 1896

The Government considers that it is of importance that the police school should be accommodated in suitable quarters, and the two rooms in the Vellore Fort referred to by the Inspector General of Police and numbered 5 and 6 in the plan enclosed in the letter from the Superintending Engineer, 4th Circle No. 489-W, dated 10th December 1895 embodied in the G.O. read above will accordingly be, for the present, handed over to the Police Department for the use of the school. The proposal to locate the offices of the Assistant and Deputy Inspectors of schools in these two rooms will be deferred until the future of the police school is more definitely ascertainable.

The school is to be opened in the early part of 1897 and the Public Works Department will be requested to issue very early orders for putting these two rooms and also rooms Nos. 3 and 4 in which the offices of the Deputy Inspector General of Police and the Assistant Superintendent of Police should respectively be located, into thorough repair.

3 The Public Works Department will be requested to report whether room No. 7 which has at present no roof should be repaired or should be demolished in order to afford more light and air to the other rooms on that side of the barracks.

4 Action regarding the Mahal should be for the present deferred. It may perhaps be required for the use of the boarders of the police school should that institution eventually be placed upon a permanent basis, and the proposal to locate the taluk constables in it cannot therefore be immediately considered. It may, however, be observed that the Inspector General does not explain

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way there is any reason to transfer these constables from their existing quarters, and also that it is not clear why an entrance to the rooms on the side of the ground floor of the Mahal which adjoins the Palkonda Mahal cannot be made through one of the rooms on the sides marked AB, BC, in the sketch in the Inspector General's letter.

5 Should the police school eventually become a permanent institution the other rooms in the barracks which in the plan have been marked as having been allotted to the Executive Engineer of North Arcot and his Sub-divisional officer and overseer, would be essentially required for its use, and no substitutes for them appear to exist. The Public Works Department will accordingly be requested to state whether any strong objection exists to the postponement of their occupation by these officers for the present and until the future of the school is definitely settled.

(True extract)

W. S. S. S.

Ag. Under Secretary,
for Chief Secretary.

To

The Inspector General of Police.

" Director of Public Instruction.

" Public Works Department. ✓

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