

G.O. of 1896 Madras.

To

The Public Works Dept

Proceedings, dated 28 February 1896
No. 421.

Subject.

Approving the proposals of the
Inspector General of Police for the
construction of a new Town Station
for the Madras Town Police and
requesting the Public Works Dept
to prepare plans & estimates in
consultation with the Inspector
of Police, Madras.

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for submission of the
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estimates.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers:-

From the Inspector General of Police, of 28th November 1895, No 5795. -

I have the honour to ask sanction of Government to the construction of a New Town Station for the Madura Town Police.

2. The present station of which a plan is enclosed is very unsuitable. The place is shut in from the road by a small entrance, on either side of which is a small room with a small record room behind. Above the lower story, and accessible with difficulty, is the Inspector's room. Behind the front buildings is a Court yard with a thatched shed and again behind that two lock-ups with a very small back yard behind. The lock-ups are roofed by an old fashioned bomb proof roof. They are dark and insanitary.

3. The choice lies between building completely new station or converting the existing buildings into a new station. The objection to a station on the 1st Class Standard Design is that it affords no accommodation for the Inspector's records and gives him a very small room. In fact, the design is not at all suited to a station in a very large town like Madura.

4. Mr. Bandy, the Superintendent at Madura, has worked out another design which, I think, would make a more suitable station. It is shown in the plan enclosed. The advantage of Mr. Bandy's proposal lies in the fact that it will give a good open space in front of the station and that it will give the Inspector a good room with two rooms in addition, one for his records and one for the station house officer. According to the Executive Engineer, Mr. Bandy's design will cost about Rs. 3,200, compared with Rs. 3,000 the cost of erecting a building on the standard plan.

5. There may be objections to Mr. Bandy's plan which have not struck me, but, as regards accommodation, there can be no doubt his design is an improvement on the

the standard design.

6. I saw the station, when in Madura, early in the year and went carefully into the question then. I was much in favour of moving the station altogether to a site near the temple, but the Municipal Council have refused to let us have the site and, in some ways, the present site is a good one. The main objection to it, viz.: the existence of an open smelling drain, just in front of the station, can probably be removed, at all events, when a drainage scheme is worked out for Madura, we may hope that it will not swell, as it does at present.

7. The present accommodation is very bad: the rooms (including the Inspector's) in front of the station, ^{being} almost uninhabitable from the smell of the drain and the noise of the street and the station being so confined that no body of Police can assemble there when required. Col. Porteous left it on record that he considered the improvement of this station a very emergent matter and I agree with him. I request that the Government will sanction the alterations proposed, at a very early date.

From

From the Inspector General of Prisons, of
14th February 1896, No 628.

With reference to Memorandum,
No 3069, Judicial, of 21st December 1895, regarding
the Town Station, Madras, I have the honour
to say that the Superintendent reports that, in
his opinion, the Lockups are not insanitary.
I thought they were so when I inspected the
place, from want of open ventilators and I
thought the opening of ventilators in the
roof was part of the alteration suggested,
I regret I made the mistake and did not
notice that this part of the scheme we
had talked about, when I was in Madras,
was not mentioned in the proposals I sent
up. The alterations suggested by the Superi-
tendent will give a better access to air and
I considered, if ventilators in the roof were
added, all that need be done would be
done. Prisoners are of course kept a very
short time in the Lockup in the Town
Station. I have not the plan here with me,
but my impression is that, if good ventilators
be added to the Lockup, that will be all
that is necessary. I enclose the plan of the
lock up sent by the Superintendent.

Order:- No 421, of 28th February 1896.

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