ublic Works (1896) Department.

G.O., No. 9230

DATED 14-3-96

[Despatch Abstract.]

Jails: Proc: Indl Dept requesting that necessary instructions be issued for the preparation of plans and estimates for strengthening the windows of sleeping wards in Central and District Jails, Comt to to officers of the P.W.Ds. for necessary action.

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PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated March, 14*th*.

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Proceedings, Judicial Department, requesting that necessary instructions be issued for the preparation of plans and estimates for strengthening the windows of sleeping wards in Central and District —, communicated to officers of the Public Works Department for necessary action.

No. 923 W., 14TH MARCH 1896.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

READ—the following paper:—

G.O. No. 459, Judicial, dated 5th March 1896.

Read—the following letter from the Inspector-General of Prisons, dated 25th February 1896, No. 239 C:—

I have the honour to request the sanction of Government to the preparation by the Public Works Department of estimates for strengthening the windows of sleeping wards in jails. These windows usually consist of iron bars fixed in a wooden frame. If the wooden frame is cut through or burnt, the bars can be worked free, and escape effected.

2. In 1891 an escape of this character occurred from the Vellore Central Jail. Some Burman convicts there confined cut through the wood-work of one of the windows in a sleeping ward until they were able to get a bar loose. This they twisted back, and *seven* men then got out of the window and escaped. In 1892 *five* hill men confined in the Vizagapatam District Jail escaped in a similar manner. A bar was worked out of the wood and exit thus obtained. On the night of the 10th instant a further escape of *eight* convicts occurred from the same jail in the same manner. The lamp was used to burn away a part of the bottom frame of the window and a bar thus removed.

3. The foregoing are only instances, amongst others, of escapes effected by considerable numbers of prisoners in this manner. If the iron bars had been let into iron struts instead of into wood, such escapes would not have been possible. In order to prevent such escapes in future, it is necessary to protect the windows by placing iron struts at the top and bottom and, when the iron bars are slender, to add a middle cross bar. The work is not such as can be done departmentally, at any rate in District jails.

4. I further request that a note may be recorded in the Public Works Department directing that, whenever fresh windows are built for jails, the bars be let into iron. Unless this is made a standing rule, it is sure to be forgotten at some future date.

Order—No. 459, Judicial, dated 5th March 1896.

The Public Works Department will accordingly be requested to issue the necessary instructions for the preparation of plans and estimates for strengthening the windows of sleeping wards in Central and District jails.

2. The attention of that department will be invited to the request in paragraph 4 of the Inspector-General's letter.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. FRANCIS,
for Chief Secretary.

No. 923 W., 14TH MARCH 1896.

ORDER—No. 923 W., dated 14th March 1896.

Communicated to officers of the Public Works Department for necessary action with respect to existing jails, and for information and guidance as regards future constructions.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. McNEIL CAMPBELL, Colonel, R.E.,
Joint Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To Superintending Engineers.
„ the Consulting Architect to Government.

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