Public Works (1897) Department.

G.O., No. 2139 W.

DATED 4 Aug 97

[Despatch Abstract.]

Central and District Jails at Coimbatore:

Estimate of Rs. 4,150 for strengthening with iron straps, the frames of the doors and windows in the — sanctioned for execution when funds are available.

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AUGUST.

Central and District Jails at Coimbatore

Estimate of Rs. 4,150 for strengthening, with iron straps, the frames of the doors and windows in the —, sanctioned for execution when funds are available.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

Read—the following papers:—

From A. G. CARDEW, Esq., M.A., Inspector-General of Prisons, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Camp Cannanore, 10th May 1897, No. 1110 C.

At the request of the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, I have the honour to transmit, for the sanction of Government, plans and estimate amounting to Rs. 4,150 for strengthening the frames of the doors and windows in the Central Jail, Coimbatore, which have been duly countersigned by me.

2. The preparation by the Public Works Department of these documents, was authorized by Government in G.O., No. 459, Judicial, dated 5th March 1896.

No. 1112, Judicial.

Approved and transferred to the Public Works Department for execution when funds are available.

26th May 1897. (Signed) W. FRANCIS,
Ag. Under Secretary.

From J. HANNAN, Esq., Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Coimbatore, 17th July 1897, No. 393/W.

With reference to your memo., No. 490 D., dated 9th June 1897 (the enclosures to which are herewith returned), I have the honour to inform you that the Superintendent of Central Jail, Coimbatore, has stated in his letter, No. 1941, dated 9th July 1897, to the Inspector-General of Prisons, that it is necessary that the latrine windows of the District Jail blocks should be strengthened. He also has stated that, although the aperture is only 6½ inches wide, there is nothing to prevent a prisoner cutting away the wooden frame into which the iron bars are set, and thus making it quite large enough for a man to pass through.

The above statement has been approved of by the Inspector-General of Prisons.

Order—No. 2139 W., dated 4th August 1897.

The estimate amounting to Rs. 4,150 for strengthening, with iron straps, the frames of the doors and windows in the Central and District Jails at Coimbatore is sanctioned for execution when funds are available.

2. This sanction has been registered as Provincial No. 36 W. of 1897-98, and classified as "Civil Buildings—Original Works."

(True Extract.)

Under Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, with six enclosures.
„ Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
„ Judicial Department.

Exd. T. K. Narayana Aiyangar.

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Improvements to the jails at Coimbatore

P.W. Department.

B & R
Civil works

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

C.P.

Read the following.

Print

From the Inspector-Genl of Prisons, No 1110 C d/ 10th May 1897

Endt in the Judicial Dept, No 1112 d/ 26th May 1897

Letter from the S.E. IV C No. 393 W d/ 17/7/97

No. 2139 W 4.8.97

The estimate amounting to Rs 4,150 for strengthening, with iron straps, the frames of the doors and windows in the Central and district jails at Coimbatore is sanctioned for execution when funds are available.

A.SH. 21.7.97

2 This sanction has been registered as Provincial No 36 W of 1897-98 and classified as "Civil Buildings, Original Works".

22/7/97

T / B.

Maj

To
The S. E. IV circle with 6 enclos
" Exar, P.W. Accts
" Judicial Dept

16/8/97

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1,500—13-4-97.

H.E. 23.7.97 R 2.8.97

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Dw

On the similar proposal in connection with the Cannanore Central Jail, W remarked that if the Jail authorities wanted the latrine windows strengthened it was no business of ours & he ordered the estimate to be sanctioned.

The draft G.O. sanctioning the estimate is now with the Chief Secy. for counter-initials.

RWR
22/7/97.

W.
Under the circumstances I have initialed the draft G.O.

CWB
23.7.97.

23/7/97

Public Works (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 7728

Order

From
The Supg. Engineer,
4th Circle.

No. 393/W

Dated 17th July 1897

Received Do. Despd: 4.8.97

Enclosures 6 + 9 (3 plans)

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SUBJECT.

Central Jail at Coimbatore. Returns plans & estimate amtg. to Rs 4,150 with copy of letter from the Supdt. of Central Jail in connection with the strengthening of the latrine windows in the —

DW

For orders
RWR 21/7/97

Recd 5. P.M.

H.E.
I wrote a note on a similar proposal last week — what action was taken thereon?
CWB 22/7/97

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Supg: Engrs office 4th Circle
Coimbatore 17th July 1897.

No. 393/W

From

J Harman Esq.
Supg: Engr
Fourth Circle

To,

The Chief Engineer
P.W. Department.

Sir,

Encl: 6.
1. Estimate
1. Report.
3. Plans
1. Letter of the Inspr. Gl. of Prisons.

With reference to your Memorandum No. 490D dated 9th June 1897, (the enclosures to which are herewith returned), I have the honor to inform you that the Superintendent of Central Jail Coimbatore, has stated in his letter No. 1944 dated 9th July 1897 to the Inspector General of Prisons, that it is necessary that the latrine windows of the District Jail blocks should be strengthene He also has stated that although the aperture is only 6½ inches wid there is nothing to prevent a prisoner

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cutting away the wooden frame into which the iron bars are set, and thus making it quite large enough for a man to pass through.

The above statement has been approved of by the Inspector General of Prisons.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obedt. Servt.

Superintg: Engineer
4th Circle.

Public Works
~~Judicial~~ (1897) Department.

E.D.
~~5375~~

CURRENT No. ~~2011~~
7728 (S7)

C.S. (H.E. the Gov. ... see ... 1897)

CHIEF SECRETARY
13. MAY. 1897
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

H.E. The Gov.
(For approval. The fund order quoted at the head to the execution reports in that branch in G.O. No. 459 dated 5th March 1896!)
21/5/97

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Judl. No. 1112 d/ 26th May 1897.

~~Order~~

A.S.H. 24.5.97

Approved & transferred to the Public Works Dept. for execution when funds are available.

21/5/97
Francis.
Asst. Under Secretary.

18/5/97

From

The Inspector General of Prisons

No. C 1110.

Dated 10th May 1897.
Received ~~13th~~ 1-6-97
Registered ~~13th~~ ~~2~~01-6-97
Enclosures ~~5.~~ 7* (*3 plans)
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923 ... /5/6

SUBJECT.

Transmits for the sanction of Government, Countersigned Plans and Estimate amounting to Rs 4150 for strengthening the frames of the doors and windows in the Central Jail Coimbatore

For check
Curr.
D.W.
22/5/97

To the Public Works Dept.

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C 21/5/97
R 25/5/97

O.L.S. 188 R 4/8

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Copy of a letter No.1944, dated 9th July 1897, from the Superintendent, Central Jail, Coimbatore:-

In returning the papers forwarded with your No. 2683, dated 24-6-97, I have the honour to inform you that it is necessary that the latrine windows of the District Jail Blocks, should be strengthened.

2. Although the aperture is only 6½ inches wide, there is nothing to prevent a prisoner cutting away the wooden beam into which the iron bars are set, and thus making it quite large enough for a man to pass through.

(True copy).

A G Cardew.
Inspecl Genl of Prisons.

No. 539 M
16 JUL 97
FOURTH CIRCLE

5-3-29
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Form No. 1-A—1,000—25-10-93.

Camp Cannanore
Office of Inspector-General of ~~Jails,~~ Prisons

No. C 1110

Dated 10th May 1897.

CURRENT No. 2011.

From

A. G. CARDEW, Esq., M.A.,
Inspector-General of ~~Jails,~~ Prisons

To

The CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

Sir,

5 Enclosures.
1 Estimate
1 Report
3 Plans

At the request of the Superintending Engineer, 4th Circle, I have the honour to transmit for the sanction of Government plans and estimate amounting to Rs 4,150 for strengthening the frames of the doors and windows in the Central Jail Coimbatore which have been duly countersigned by me.

2. The preparation by the Public Works Department of these documents was authorized by Government in G.O. No. 459 Judicial, dated 5th March 1896.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,

A. G. Cardew
Inspector-General of ~~Jails.~~ Prisons

JUDICIAL.

JAIL (189) DEPARTMENT.

SUPG. ENGINEER P.W.D. FOURTH CIRCLE
No. 734 W
10 JUN. 97
Encl. 1

From

THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF JAILS,

To

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

Cur. 734 W
10-6-97

SUPG. ENGINEER P.W.D. FOURTH CIRCLE
No. 539 W
16 JUL. 97
Encl. 7

Dated
Despatched
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P.W.E. 7 / 5375/97
7-7-97

ENCLOSURES.

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Public Works Department.

Current No. 5375
Letter No. 1112
Dated 26th May 1897.
From the Judicial Dept.

NOTE BY TECHNICAL SECTION.

Name of work Strengthening with iron Straps the frames of doors and Windows in the Centre Jail, Coimbatore –

Amount of Estimate Rs. 4,150 –

With reference to Chief Engr's Memorandum No. 923 W, D/14th March 1896, plans & Estimate for the above work have been prepared by the S.E. IV Circle and submitted for sanction of Govt. through the Inspector General of Prisons –

It is stated in the report accompanying the Estimate that the Windows in the Coimbatore Central Jail are provided with iron bars, which are let into the Wooden frames about 1½ to 2 inches on each side & that it is not possible to fix the ends of the bars into flat iron bars without removing the Windows from

D.W.C. 490 D 9th June 1897

G.O. 2

To the Supdt. Engineer IV circle.

With reference to letter from the I.G. of Prisons No. C1110 dt 10.5.97, the undersigned has the honour to request to be favoured with an explanation for the necessity of strengthening the latrine windows. These windows are only 3 feet ~~long~~ length by 6½ inches broad inside, and it is thought that a prisoner would scarcely have the opportunity of squeezing himself through such a very small space.

8/6/97.

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250—28-4-97.]

To The Supdg. Engr., IV Circle with papers in original – to be returned D.W. 9/6/97

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from the walls, taking them to pieces and refixing them, which way of doing will be very costly.

It is therefore proposed to fix flat iron bars 1½"×¼" to both sides of the frames (along top & bottom of frames) & bolted through at intervals of about 8" and the nuts rivetted as shewn on plans accompanying the Estimate.

The windows in the Quarantine ward (20 in number) are stated to be very weak & unsafe and it is proposed to replace them with new teak panelled windows with iron bars let through the frames and the ends rivetted over flat iron bars fixed on the outside of the wooden frames as is done in the case of windows in Strong rooms of Treasury. A plan is submitted for these windows.

Rates fair.

The plans & Estimate have been countersigned by the Inspector General of Prisons & approved by the Judicial Dept.

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3/6/97.

BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
CIVIL WORKS.

Govt. of {1896} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated March, 14th.

Recd. *Encl.*

G.O. No. 923 W., 14th Mar. 1896.

Original with G.O 1329 W/97 in press
+ file with Despl.

MARCH.

Jails

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.

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.WD.

To Superintending Engineers.
„ the Consulting Architect to Government.

Exd. T. K. Narayana Aiyangar.
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