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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
22nd May 1863.

No. 514. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Judicial Department :—

Sanctioning the enclosure of a certain piece of ground, and the erection thereon of wards and buildings necessary to complete the District Jail at Nellore. } (Here enter 12th May 1863, No. 771.)

No. 515. ORDER THEREON, 22nd May 1863, No. 1,429.

Miscellaneous. Communicated to the Revenue Board.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. SEWELL,
Acting Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, with Proceedings Judicial Department, No. 771.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Read the following letter from the Inspector General of Jails, to the hief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 18th pril 1868, No. 11.

reference to the Order of Government noted in the margin, I have the honor to forward a ground-plan of the District Jail at Nellore, and to explain that it consists of two separate quadran-

partment, 5th August 1867, No. 1261.

enclosure, each quadrangle having a yard in the centre. The smaller own as the old Jail, and is occupied by under-trial males, debtors, State nd females. It also contains a store-room, a forge, and a small room office. It never could have been a good building at any time, and it aterially improved. Pot ventilators have recently been inserted in the the direction of the Superintendent. This part of the Jail, as I am as not been recently unhealthy. The new Jail consists of ten wards, two l, and three on each side. They were formerly badly ventilated, and ere of solid wood. Doors of iron grating have now been supplied, and re thoroughly ventilated both at the sides and through the roof. They ee from damp, and in good repair. The convicts sleep on raised earthen At the time of my inspection in February last, there were three sick out of a population of 265, viz., two cases of fever, and one of abscess. anes of the men generally were very good

ie prevailing winds are from the west, the south and south-east. The Jail ith of the town and close to it. I do not consider the site a bad one, for is in the vicinity of a bazaar, and of an old burial ground now disused, in. The principal fault is that the outer wall is so near the wards. h reference to the concluding sentence of the 5th paragraph of the quoted, I beg to state that I did not consider it impossible to add t he I was of opinion that it could not be adapted so as to accommodate prisoners with a proper degree of separation between each, and I there- l to retain it for male convicts exclusively. At the time of my visit, 4 male convicts, of whom 118 had been sentenced for upwards of one 116 of the class to be confined in a District Jail. If this number could n as representing a fair average, the six side wards of the new Jail would convicts, and the four end wards might be altered for the reception lasses of prisoners by putting in doors and windows on the outside, those on the inside, substituting ventilators high up; but the Super- s the average number of short-sentenced convicts, during the last five g been 299, which is a reason against giving up any of the convict

refore, now submit a proposal showing how, by enlarging the Jail area, ccommodation for female convicts, under-trial prisoners, &c., &c., ed without building upon the site of the old Jail. There is a piece of ng the Jail wall on the east which belongs to Government, and which ned can be made over to the Jail without objection. It is about 600 80 feet broad. I recommend that this piece of ground, with the about 160 feet at the northern end, which it is proposed to retain as

a site for the Jailer's quarters, should be enclosed by a wall of the same height as that of the Jail, and that the old wall between the points marked A. F. on the plan of the ground herewith forwarded may be knocked down. The undermentioned buildings may be erected on the new ground, viz. :—

One Barrack for under-trial males, consisting of two wards, each ward to contain 12 persons, and to measure 30′ × 16′.....	24
One ward, measuring 35′ × 16′ for 14 female convicts, with a verandah in front 8 feet wide.....	14
One ward, measuring 15′ × 14′ for under-trial females.....	4
One ward, measuring 20′ × 15′ for male State prisoners.....	3
One ward, measuring 15′ × 14′ for males afflicted with contagious diseases.....	2
One ward, measuring 12′ × 10′ for females afflicted with contagious diseases.....	1

The two wards last specified ought to have verandahs all round.

5. There is a piece of ground adjoining the northern wall of the Jail immediately in front of the entrance, and measuring about 150′ × 75′ feet. Upon this ground quarters for debtors may be built; two buildings, each measuring 20′ × 15′, will be required with small out-houses.

6. The Superintendent of the Jail reports that the house now occupied by the Jailer is unhealthy, because it is shut in between the Jail wall and the Court-houses, and because it is close to a paddy field. He, therefore, recommends that new quarters should be built for him on the spot above indicated, and which is noted on the plan.

7. The store-room and office may be built one on each side of the entrance, as shown on the old plan, and the solitary cells in the old Jail square.

8. The Superintendent was not able to select any new site in the vicinity of the present Jail. That chosen by him is a high gravelly plain about two miles to the south-east of the town, and about 600 yards from the large tank. It is extensive, airy, and well adapted for a Jail. The Executive Engineer is of opinion that water can be had thereon, although at a considerable depth. I did not consider it necessary to sanction boring, pending the decision of Government.

9. Five original letters from the Superintendent of the Jail on the subject in question are herewith enclosed.

No. 115. ORDER THEREON, 12th May 1868, No. 771.

The Governor in Council sanctions the enclosure of the piece of ground, which is stated to be Government land, described in paragraph 4 of the Inspector General's letter above recorded, and the erection thereon of the wards and buildings detailed in paragraphs 4, 5, 6, and 7, necessary to complete the District Jail at Nellore.

2. Orders for the preparation, at an early date, of the necessary plans and estimates will be issued in the Public Works Department.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Public Works Department.
,, Inspector General of Jails, with seven enclosures returned.
,, Revenue Department.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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