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Laid upon the Table by the Minister of Lands and Works, and ordered by the House to be printed, October 20, 1876.



MEMORANDUM.

Will Mr. Henry Hunter be good enough to furnish the following for the information of the Government :—

Required to know the cost of the present works at the Cascades so far as carried out under Mr. E. G. Ford's Contract; viz., what he considers would be a reasonable amount to be paid the Contractor for work done in the event of the work being stopped.

Also the value of the Materials on the ground, and the cost of the Materials purchased by the Government.

Also the cost of re-roofing that portion of the old buildings and cells at present uncovered, erecting the outside boundary wall, and putting the building in a proper state of repair.

C. O'REILLY, *Minister of Lands and Works.*
19th October, 1876.

MEMORANDUM in reply to Enquiries from the Hon. the Minister of Lands and Works, dated 19th instant, relative to Gaol Buildings at Cascades.

1. VALUE of work done to date, including probable amount of compensation to be paid in the event of the works being discontinued	£2257
Of this sum £1100 have been already paid to Contractor.	
2. Value of Materials on the ground, including cost of Timber, Iron, and Glass supplied by the Government.....	£1693
This includes Slates and Lead ordered by the Contractor from England and now on the voyage out, the probable cost of which, Mr. Ford informs me, will be about £900 landed here. The cost of the Port Arthur bricks is not included.	
3. Probable cost of re-roofing that portion of the old buildings and cells at present uncovered, erecting outside boundary wall, and putting the building in a proper state of repair, would be	£1795
This includes re-erection of a Mess-room and Workshop at end of the large yard, which was pulled down, and which Mr. Boyd tells me could not be dispensed with. Another building has been pulled down also to make space for proposed new kitchen, &c. I have not, however, calculated upon rebuilding this.	
	£5745

There appears to be an impression that I have stated, or it is inferred from my Report, that the site of these buildings could not be drained. I neither stated, nor did I wish it to be inferred, that I held any such opinion. The site can easily be drained, but, as I said in my Report, "great additional expense must be incurred upon a proper and efficient system of drainage."

HENRY HUNTER, *Superintending Architect Cascades Gaol Buildings.*
18, Macquarie-street, 20th October, 1876.

The Hon. the Minister of Lands and Works.

NOTE.—Paragraph 2 states Value of Materials to be £1693. Of this sum the Iron, Glass, Slates, and Lead represent about £1200, and would remain in the hands of the Government, available for use upon other works. No portion of these would be required in reinstating the old buildings.—H.H.

CAMPBELL-STREET GAOL BUILDINGS.

Addition to Paper No. 99.

[Laid upon the Table by the Minister of Lands and Works, Oct. 25, 1876, and ordered by the House to be printed.]

Lands and Works Office, 23rd October, 1876.

SIR,

WILL you be good enough to forward a Report to me, at your earliest convenience, on the space available at the Gaol in Campbell-street, Hobart Town, for the detention and safe keeping of an increased number of prisoners?

Also the cost of providing the requisite additional accommodation for prisoners in Campbell-street Gaol, if of a similar character to that proposed to be provided for in buildings now in course of construction at Cascades.

Also how far old and new material to be supplied for the Cascades can be utilised in providing increased accommodation for prisoners in Campbell-street Gaol, and the probable cost of such alterations.

I have, &c.

(Signed) C. O'REILLY, *Minister of Lands and Works.*HENRY HUNTER, *Esq., Architect, Hobart Town.**18, Macquarie-street, 25th October, 1876.*

SIR,

IN accordance with your instructions I have visited and carefully inspected the Campbell-street Gaol Buildings, and have the honor to offer the following information in reply to your letter of the 23rd instant.

The buildings in question are capable of accommodating a total number of 330 men; and the number confined therein at the time of my visit was 122. The "Gaol proper" and the "House of Correction" contain together about 83 cells,—the other sleeping accommodation being afforded in open dormitories. These dormitories might be converted into separate cells; but the best method of effecting this, and the probable cost, would require some consideration, more than the time allowed me to report at present will permit.

The accommodation to be provided, under the Contract works in progress at the Cascades, is, as I have stated in a former Report, for a total number of 77, and in cells only. At Campbell-street, in what is called the "Gaol proper," (debtors' division formerly) there are already 50 cells, each 7 feet 2 × 4 feet 6 inches, exceedingly well arranged, lighted, and ventilated, with spacious airing yards attached. Of this number an average of 20 cells, Mr. Atkins informs me, is sufficient for present strength of the Establishment.

By erecting divisions in some of the old "Debtors' wards," now occasionally used as dormitories, an additional number of about 30 cells upon the two floors might be obtained, 12 of which could be made larger than the rest for inmates who require entirely and continued separate treatment, with special exercise yards attached. The latter number (12) would be on the ground floor. This then would give, besides the average (20) of present requirements, complete cells in *one* block and under *one* roof, with yards, &c. for an increased number of 60 men. The cost of the necessary alterations, &c. here could not, I believe, exceed £500, as there would be no boundary walls or other expensive works to erect.

In the "House of Correction" there are 33 cells set apart for special characters under separate treatment. The dormitory accommodation here is for about 215 beds, and portions of this space could be, as I have already said, divided from time to time as required into cells for short sentence men—if the dormitory system be considered, as I should think it, highly objectionable.

In the event of this establishment being made the principal and permanent Gaol, it would be necessary, in order to render it more secure, to raise the outer back wall and to roof over the yards in rear of the present House of Correction, put down floors, &c., for the purpose of forming workshops for different tradesmen. This would be work similar to that in the alterations in progress at the Cascades, and for which the materials in hand and to be purchased would be available. The probable cost would be, inclusive of materials, about £1600. The outer walls in Campbell-street would also I think have to be raised along the whole length, at a probable expense of £400 or £500. At certain points too it might be found requisite to erect watch-towers with galleries, &c., as at the Pentridge Stockade, (which I recently visited) for the purposes of additional security and supervision.

No further Mess Room or Kitchen accommodation would be wanted, as there is ample already for upwards of 300 men. All the Officers' and Constables' quarters, stores, &c. appear to be well adapted, and would also be found ample in extent. The Bathing and Lavatory arrangements are likewise good.

A division for Females would under the above circumstances, I presume, be required. For this the only site so far which presents itself, for a separate and complete establishment within the present boundaries, and yet capable of being entirely cut off from the rest, is a strip of ground, formerly stone-breaking sheds but now unoccupied, about 44 feet wide, and extending from Brisbane to Melville streets, a distance of about 300 feet.

Much additional and valuable space for Gaol purposes might be gained by the removal to a better position of the Police Office and Watch-house buildings, which are at present, it is well known, wretched, inconvenient, and most unhealthy quarters.

The adoption of the course you would propose,—namely, the conversion of the Campbell-street establishment into the permanent Gaol,—would, I imagine, render it quite unnecessary, in the event of stopping the works at the Cascades, to re-erect and restore the buildings, walls, &c. there already pulled down. Therefore the expenditure included in the item No. 3, contained in my Memorandum of the 20th instant, (£1795,) would be saved. The rows of cells there might be pulled down, and the stone and other material probably be worth carriage to Campbell-street, for use in the requisite alterations there.

As regards the new materials, timber, slates, lead, glass, and iron, the whole of them, I have no doubt, could be worked in without any loss, and would be exactly suitable for roofing in and flooring the yards I have referred to.

I would, in concluding, beg to express my thanks to Mr. Atkins, the Superintendent of the Campbell-street Gaol, for his attention in accompanying me all through the Establishment, and for the information he so kindly afforded me, which, in my opinion, his long experience renders of much importance and value.

I have, &c.

(Signed) HENRY HUNTER.

The Hon. the Minister of Lands and Works.

MEMO.

Campbell-street Gaol.

	£	s.	d.
Cells (Debtors' wards) giving additional accommodation of 60 cells	500	0	0
Roofing yards, &c.	1600	0	0
Raising walls, &c., Campbell-street	500	0	0
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To be paid at Cascades for work done, and compensation to Contractors, &c.	2600	0	0
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Deduct value of materials in hand and to be purchased, included in the above item, £1600, say	1000	0	0
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This would afford, I may say, as much accommodation, and very much indeed superior, as at the Cascades,—the cost of which will be little if any short of £3000, and then no airing yards for the men.—H.H. 25. 10. 76.