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Subject: Royal Commission on Fremantle Prison. Commis-
sioner's remarks re Officer's Quarters.

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HON. COL. SEC. -

Captain Pennefather's report on the Fremantle Prison reveals the fact that the officers' quarters ^{were} ~~are~~ in a deplorable condition in regard to accommodation, cleanliness, sanitation and common decency. These matters have mostly been remedied, and blocks 1 and 2 are now satisfactory.

There is still the matter of drainage of No. 3 block, which is receiving attention.

I inspected these blocks with the Medical Officer and the Superintendent, and the existing conditions may be termed satisfactory in view of the buildings being very old.

Kindly note.

6th May, 1912.

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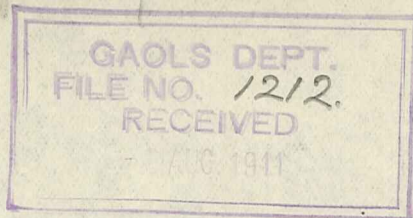
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No 1 Blood Subsidy

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Comptroller Generals remarks

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Officers Quarters

Steps are being taken to remedy matters. I however, know of no quarters, with but two bedrooms, in which husbands and wife and six or seven children are living. There are but two Officers in Quarters with five and four children respectively, and they have four rooms and a kitchen. The Quarters are not what they should be, but there is no necessity to make things appear worse than they really are.

23/5/11

sd Oct Rmt.
Comptroller General

Ministers remarks

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I have already discussed this question with the Comptroller General and approve of action being taken to remedy existing conditions by making six quarters into three, and providing a kitchen for each. An estimate is now being obtained

11/7/11

sd J. D. Connolly. Col Secy

Extract from Captain Pennefather's report on Fremantle
Prison, dated 29/4/1911, file, 878/1911.

(19). OFFICER'S QUARTERS.

A good deal of discontent was shown by some of the married officers in regard to the condition of & accommodation afforded in the quarters provided for them by the Government. I inspected the quarters & found nothing to complain of in three of the blocks, but the others, to put it mildly, far from what they should be in regard to accommodation, cleanliness, sanitation & decency. These remarks apply more particularly to two of the three blocks where there are six cottages enclosed in one undivided yard, the sanitary arrangements being all open to view & in common use by men, women, boys & girls. There is practically no privacy or decency & the effect of such a state of affairs must tend towards immodesty, if nothing worse. As to accommodation in one or two instances there are the husband & wife with families of six or seven children, ranging from infants up to people of both sexes of the ages of 18 & 19 years, all dwelling in one house with only two bedrooms: this speaks for itself. It is hardly necessary for me to add that an officer coming off duty to such a home, where he cannot get much rest or peace, is hardly fitted for his next duty at the prison, & this naturally causes irritation & discontent. The fact that some of the buildings are infested with vermin adds to the discomfort. I need not dwell further on this matter as I understand it is receiving attention, & steps are likely to be taken shortly to remedy the existing conditions.