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[Despatch Abstract.]

REFORMATORY SCHOOL FOR FEMALE JUVENILE OFFENDERS.

Requesting the Governments of Bombay, Bengal, the North-West Provinces and Oudh and the Punjab to state whether the question of establishment of a-- has ever been raised in their Presidencies and Provinces and , if so, how it has been disposed of .

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Read as in G. of I. 19 July 94, and 1917.
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"Now is one very little girl in
"the female block. The proper
"place for her would be a Reformatory
"She must become more depraved
"by daily intercourse with the adult
"female convicts. She is a very
"fit subject for a Reformatory;
"too as she is already labelled 'Habi-
"tual' although only about 12 years
"old."

It is certainly very desirable to have a Reformatory school for girls for whom penal offences, but the law must be changed before one can be established, & a room for the few girls who are to be received at the present Reformatory School will be a certain waste of money which might be better employed in other provision which we have at less than two thousand times

11 July 94

I don't think this would do.

* G. of I. 19 July 94. and 1917 Issues objection to

Dr. Jolly 1894 the S. Et y Union
forwarded a copy of an extra
from remarks recorded by
Beauchamp, a visiting Officer
visitor at H. Bi Residency
Madras, and suggested
the belief that the Govt
pleased against the construc
of a new Reformatory
that a small yard be
to the new school for the
confinement of female juv
convicts committed to the
had not then come to any
decision as regards the
location of the Reformatory
school, the consideration of
question had to be post
at the time and Govt can
aware that for the

matter would be dealt with at an early date. The Govt having now come to a definite conclusion on the subject, viz that the school should be retained at its present site, the matter is submitted for orders.

2. There were 122 female juveniles in the Gaols of this Colony during 1892, 115 during 1893 and 5 during 1894, or an average of 111 during the past 3 years. A provision of separate accommodation for all these juvenile offenders in a Reformatory school will involve considerable expenditure unless it were found possible to procure a suitable site for same (which seems to be highly doubtful). Further, there is the initial legal difficulty that the Reformatory schools Act of 1876, Reformatory schools can be established for the confinement of "youthful offenders" sentenced to transportation or imprisonment. The term "youthful offender"

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is defined in section 3 as meaning "any boy who, being at the time under the age of sixteen years, has been convicted of any offence punishable with imprisonment or transportation. From this definition of the term "youthful offender" it will appear that the case of juveniles was not contemplated by the legislature and that no school can be established for them under the present Act. Mr Cardew's proposal cannot therefore be carried out without an amendment of the existing law. The Neglected Children Act 1881 & the Reformatory Schools Act part section 2 (4) of the latter

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"Males" to be something repugnant
" to the subject or context, words
importing the masculine
gender shall be taken to include
females"

The expression "boys" cannot include
girls however because such an
interpretation would be repugnant to
the preamble which expressly says
"whereas it is expedient to provide
Reformatory schools for male
juvenile offenders"

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female Juveniles

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In file 14/7/95
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In file 1. Ellis on subject of
2.6.07 dated 3/8/95

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P.S. By 19th July 1895 at No 589
It is ~~never~~ ~~contemplated~~ ~~necessary~~ desirable
that female youthful offenders
should be confined in a Re-
formatory school, but as the
Reformatory schools Act, 1876.
does not provide for the case
of female juveniles in such institutions, it often
happens that ~~female juveniles~~ cannot be
necessary to remand a witness
~~to be detained without bail~~
before taking steps ~~to have them~~
~~bound over to prosecute~~ or ~~to enter into~~
~~recognizances~~ in the matter.
Mr Miller
Engineer will doubtless
be made as to whether this
question has ever been raised
in other Provinces and, if so
how it has been dealt with
2. Mrs Cadenis proposal that
a small yard for girls be
added to the present Reformatory
school cannot be approved

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To The Secy. to the Govt. Bombay / Bengal

R. & W. P. & Mad. / Punjab.

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Sir,

The Govt. of Bombay & their Secy. has recently made a proposal to this Govt. that provision be made in the Reformatory schools Chingleput & for the confinement of female youthful offenders therein. H. E. the C. in C. however, though agreeing in the principle underlying the proposal, was unable to carry it out as the present Reformatory schools Act, 1876, does not provide for the case of female juveniles. I am now directed to request that, with the permission of H. E. the C. in C., the Govt. of Madras may be informed whether the question of establishment of a Reformatory school for female juveniles has ever been raised in your Secy. / Province and if so, how it has been treated by your Govt. & D/. 31st

A copy & the Bengal & the Govt. of India Act be — / in this matter

Reformatory schools for female Juveniles

It is not known whether there are Reformatory schools in this Presidency. We get reports only from Bengal & Bombay. There may perhaps be no harm in making reference to these Govts also.

W. 6/7/75

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