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Read the following papers:—

No. 181-A. From J. H. MASTER, Esq., Collector and President of the Municipal Commission, Bellary, to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Bellary, 15th June 1874, No. 74.

The improvement of the water supply of this large town is a matter of anxious solicitude to the Commissioners here.

2. The subject has been pressed again on their attention by Surgeon-Major L. W. Stewart, in medical charge of the Jail Hospital at this station.

3. Between the two pettahs of this town, distant a mile from each other, is a large tank, which is gradually being silted up, so that in, say, ten or fifteen years more, it will become a mere puddle, and thereby cease to be one of the water sources.

4. The proposal of the Medical officer is to deepen this tank some six or eight feet; while therefore it will hold water for all practical purposes all the year round, the presence of the water will also prevent the noxious exhalations which frequently occur, and which in the opinion of the same officer occasions fever of a typhoid character.

5. It would be a hopeless task for the Municipality to undertake this work; it would require all the funds at their disposal, and nothing would be left for other improvements in the town, such as roads, &c., which are also urgent.

6. But the Medical officer, who is also a member of the Commission, suggests that this comparatively large work may be easily accomplished by convict labor, if the Government would be pleased to sanction their services being placed at the disposal of the Municipality, free of cost.

7. From a communication I have received from the Jail authorities, I find there are numbers of convicts for whom intermural labor can with difficulty be found. The Inspector-General of Jails also advances no objection to their employment in Municipalities, except on the score of want of supervision; but this difficulty can easily be met, as the Commissioners employ an overseer and a sub-overseer, and one of them may be detailed to see that the convicts are properly employed.

8. The tank which it is proposed to deepen is about a mile from the jail, and no special arrangements on account of the convicts seem necessary, as they will return to the jail premises for the night.

9. Subject to periodical droughts as the Ceded Districts are, the storage of an adequate supply of water is of the highest importance, and I cannot see how so desirable an object, so far as this town is concerned, can be accomplished, except by the present proposal.

10. I would, therefore, in laying the matter before Government, solicit their early orders on the proposition in question.

11. The application for the services of the convicts is primarily for deepening the tank, yet as the Inspector-General of Jails leaves it to us to employ them where we see fit, and as the tank referred to is at present quite full, I propose that the services of the men may be utilized for the present in making roads, &c. The Jail authorities can spare two gangs, seventy-two men; I apply, therefore, for that number.

Referred to the Inspector-General of Jails for report, whether the services of a gang of convicts can be placed at the disposal of the Bellary Municipality for the purpose stated.

OOTACAMUND,
22*nd June* 1874.

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Acting Chief Secretary.

No. 181-B. From Major T. E. TENNANT, Inspector-General of Jails, to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Ootacamund, 2nd July 1874, No. 115.

I have the honor to return the letter of the President of the Municipal Commission at Bellary, dated the 15th ultimo, received with your endorsement of the 22nd idem, in which that officer applies for the labor of two gangs of convicts free of charge, as a special case, and to state that I have no objection to make, provided that the Superintendent is not required to give more men than he can spare, with reference to any work connected with the jail itself.

2. The Superintendent states that at present he can spare two gangs of thirty-six each; but as the manufactures have recommenced and forty-seven long-sentenced prisoners have been transferred to the Coimbatore and Vellore Central Jails, I cannot pledge myself to supply any particular number daily, as surplus convict labor will only be available for the purposes specified by the President.

3. Agreeably to the orders of Government, carts, tools and such articles as may be required in the employment of the convicts will, I presume, be supplied by the Municipality. A work overseer should likewise be provided to supervise the work done by the convicts, and a weekly statement should be furnished by the Municipality to the Superintendent of the Jail, describing the work done by the prisoners and the estimated value.

Judl. Dept., 26th October 1871, No. 1631.

4. As the convicts are granted gratis, I think the cost of the guard should be borne by the Municipality.

No. 181-C. ORDER THEREON, 18th July 1874, No. 1194.

So far as the Bellary Jail contains prisoners whom the Superintendent cannot utilize within the prison, the Inspector-General is authorized to comply with the request of the Municipal Commissioners on the terms stated by him.

(True Extract.)

D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Inspector-General of Jails.
,, President of the Municipal Commission, Bellary.

Exd. J. Wright.

Govt. of 1874 Madras.

FINANCIAL.

To

The INSPECTOR-GENERAL of JAILS, &c., &c., &c.

Dated July, 18th.

Recd. End.

G.O., 18th July 1874, No. 1194.

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Nos. 181-A—181-C.

Bellary Municipality.—The Inspector-General of Jails authorized to comply with the request of the Municipal Commissioners for convict labor, so far as the Bellary Jail contains prisoners who cannot be utilized within the prison, on the terms stated by him.

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BELLARY COLLECTOR'S OFFICE

No. 74.

Dated 15 { June 1874.

From,

President M.C.

THE COLLECTOR OF BELLARY.

To,

The Chief Secretary to Government.

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3 Between the two pettahs of this town distant a mile from each other is a large tank, which is gradually being silted up, so that in, say, 10 or 15 years more, it will become a mere puddle, & thereby cease to be one of the water sources.

4 The proposal of the Medical Officer is to deepen this tank some 6 or 8 feet: while thereby it will hold water for all practical purposes all the year round, the presence of the water will also prevent the noxious exhalations which frequently occur, which in the opinion of the same Officer occasions fever of typhoid character.

5 It would be a hopeless task for the Municipality to undertake this work: it would require all the funds at their disposal, & nothing would be left for other improvements in the town, such as roads &c, which are also urgent.

6. But the Medical Officer, who is also a member of the Commission, suggests that this comparatively large work may be easily accomplished by Convict-labour, if the Government would be pleased to sanction the services being placed at the disposal of the Municipality, free of cost.

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8. The tank which it is proposed to deepen is about a mile from the Jail & no special arrangements on account of the Convicts sum necessary, as they will return to the Jail premises for the night.

9. Subject to periodical droughts as the Ceded Districts are the storage of an adequate supply of water is of the highest importance, & I cannot see how so desirable an object, so far as this town is concerned, can be accomplished, except by the present proposal.

10. I would, therefore, in laying the matter before Government, solicit their early orders on the proposition in question.

11. The application for the services of the Convicts is primarily for deepening the tank, yet as the Inspector General of Jails leaves it to us to employ them where we see fit, as the tank is filled to at present quite full, I propose that the services of the men may be utilized for the present in making roads &c. The Jail authorities can spare two gangs, 72 men; I apply therefore for that number.

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

R. Master
President M.C.

Ex. H.I.H.M.

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No 115

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From
Major J. E. Tennant
Inspector General of Jails

To
The Honble D. F. Carmichael
Actg Chief Secy to Government
Ootacamund

Sir,

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DEPARTMENT
BELLARY COLLECTOR'S OFFICE
Dated 18 June 1874 No. 56.
To,
The Chief Secretary to Government
Madras
Enclosure.
Received 23 June 1874

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Ootacamund
22nd June 1874
D F Carmichael
Actg. Chief Secretary

To the Inspector General of Jails.
20/6/74

Returned

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I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant.

J. F. Hammond Major
Inspector General of Jails

Forwarded
2nd July 1884

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Letter from Presdt Rn C. Bellary 2/15 July 74.

Letter from I. G. of Jails 74.

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Council 17-7-4

So far as the Bellary Jail contains prisoners whom the Supt cannot utilize within the Prison, the I.G. is authorised to comply with the request of the Municipal Commrs on the terms stated by him

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Lieut 1st in Insp.

To the Inspr General of Jails. — Read! from Comr Bellary 2/15 July 74. Order despd 19/7/74. Printed Prov. Rules sent in due course. 29-8-74

Dispd 4/8/74

No 1813

Ootacamund 18th July 1874

No 1194

From

The Secretary to Government of Madras

To

The Inspector General of Jails

Madras

Sir

I have the honor to forward herewith a letter from the Chairman of the Municipal Council of Bellary, dated 2nd instant, and to request that you will favor me with your opinion as to whether the Municipality can employ convicts on the public works within the limits of the Municipality, and if so, whether the Municipality will be required to pay the wages of the convicts employed.

I have &c

(Sd) W. Elliot

Chief Secretary

Bellary 2nd July 1874

From

The Chairman

Municipal Council

Bellary

To

The Secretary to Government

Fort St George

Sir

I have the honor to request that you will be pleased to move Government to grant permission to the Municipality of Bellary to employ convicts on the public works within the limits of the Municipality, and if so, whether the Municipality will be required to pay the wages of the convicts employed.

I have &c

(Sd) Venkata Narsiah

Chairman

Bellary 4th July 1874

No 1308

Forwarded to the Secretary to Government Fort St George

(Sd) Venkata Narsiah

Chairman

Bellary 4th July 1874

No 115

Forwarded to the Inspector General of Jails

(Sd) Venkata Narsiah

Chairman

× Any applt not to be retained for Municipal (e.g. guard-government) purposes.

The Local Govt can direct this in Council

Purchase Ranga Iyengar & Jeu as an Opinion —

Lapse of Rs 5 in Bellary on all applts. Many grounds & also pronounced unenforceable & impracticable 1817 1818

I am altogether debarred by the system of giving convicts to Municipalities & other public bodies — whether their services are paid for or not — It is utterly subversive of discipline & destructive of the punishment of hard labor & its efficacy. Let the Govt make an Estimate for the whole and a lump sum be granted I Oct 4/7

I think the exception should be confined to convicts in a different district or jail and care taken under proper precautions as to discipline

Govt. of {1874} Madras.

Financial.

To

The Insp^r Genl. of Jails.

Original sent to Coty

20/7/74

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Nos. 181 A & 181 C.

Bellary Runup. The Insp^r Genl. of Jails authorized to comply with the request of the Munl. Commrs for Convict labor so far as the Bellary Jail contains prisoners who cannot be utilized within the Prison, on the terms stated in this memo.