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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 24th November 1857.

No. 42. Read the following letter from J. ROHDE, Esq., Inspector of Prisons; to E. MALTBY, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated Ootacamund, 6th November 1857, No. 465.

SIR,

Referring to your memorandum of the 10th Ultimo, requiring information relative to the Extract from the Minutes of Consultation 4th September 1857, No. 1147, relative to the supply of Convict labor for levelling the lines at Trichinopoly, I have the honor to state, that Mr. Harris reports that there is still much to be done, that a large gang of Convicts were placed at the disposal of the Major General Commanding, for the purpose of levelling the ground of the 2nd Regiment, but that the numerous demands for Convict labor have materially interfered with the repair of the station roads and that the damage caused by the late rain obliged him to reduce the gang, he suggests his having "a year's grace" "to enable him to accomplish the necessary constructions and repairs."

2. I had not my returns by me when I wrote to you from Paulghaut (20th October 1857,) I now find 319 Convicts were in Jail at the end of the quarter, that after deducting prisoners employed about the Jail, 13,075 days' labor were expended on the roads and lines, of which 4,559 days' labor were spent in levelling the ground for the lines, which would give an average of about sixty Convicts daily to this task, a number that may I think be very well spared without interfering with the keeping up of the public roads, these are, it is true, extensive (I think I formerly estimated them at 6 miles exclusive of mere pleasure drives.)

(Signed) J. ROHDE,
Inspector of Prisons.

No. 43. ORDER THEREON, No. 1517; dated 20th November 1857.

Resolved that a copy of the foregoing communication be furnished to the Military Department, in reference to Extract Minutes Consultation in that Department, dated 24th August 1857. Sixty Convicts should, as recommended by the Inspector, be employed in levelling the Pootoor lines.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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Resolved that a copy of the foregoing communication be furnished to the Military Department in reference to C. M. C. in that Dept. dated 24th Augt. 57 - Sixty Convicts should as recommended by the Inspector be employed in levelling the Portico Lines

For St. George -
20th November 1857

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