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Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 15th December 1857.

No. 52. Read the following letter from W. ROBINSON, Esq., Acting Collector of Malabar; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Calicut, 23rd November 1857, No. 167.

SIR,

Extract Minutes Consultation
of Government, dated 30th
April 1857, No. 503.

With reference to the papers noted marginally, I have the honor to report that on the occasion of my present visit, I have carefully examined the question of Jail accommodation at Cochin, and beg to support strongly Mr. Rohde's suggestion as that best calculated to remove the present inconvenience in regard to the Jail Hospital.

2. The site for the additional cells is well chosen, and the present Jailor's house is clearly the most eligible position for the Hospital, the present Convict ward becoming available for the Jailor's accommodation.

3. I would however propose re-arrangement of the entire front portion of these public buildings. The Master Attendant requires an office and the position of the Police and Revenue Sheristadar's office should be changed. The former has now to be constructed and the latter is very ill placed, as being under the same roof as the European Magistrate's office, in the midst of that part of the town, which is chiefly occupied by European Gentlemen and commercial premises, and at a considerable distance from that part of Cochin where most of the Native Police Officers' business lies. This should be rectified and the Police office be removed into the neighbourhood of the Native town and bazars at Kalvetty.

4. By this means an excellent office would become vacant, which might be appropriated to the use of the Master Attendant and by a little arrangement the new accommodation provided for the Jailor might be greatly improved. A large part of the sum of Rupees 880 sanctioned for the new Master Attendant's office would thus be saved and the most objectionable consideration in regard to its proposed site, viz., the construction of further buildings on the limited open space at Cochin, would be remedied.

Extract Minutes Consultation
of Government, dated 14th
January 1857, No. 20.

5. I consider the construction of a new Police office more conveniently situated for the people who chiefly use it as indispensable and it might be built for less money than it is proposed to lay out on the Master Attendant's new office.

6. I beg therefore to recommend that Mr. Rohde's plan be carried out, that the present Convict ward and Revenue and Police Cutcherry and Convict ward be remodelled (at small cost) to afford a dwelling for the Jailor, and office for the Master Attendant and that the Police office be moved down to the town, where a house might be hired until it is convenient to prepare estimates for the new works.

7. I regret the delay which has occurred in replying, but personal inspection being necessary, the reference could not be earlier answered.

(Signed) W. ROBINSON,
Acting Collector.

No. 53. ORDER THEREON, No. 1624; dated 14th December 1857.

1. On the 30th of March last, the Inspector of Prisons submitted a letter from the Principal Sudder Ameen of Cochin, suggesting the removal of the Jail Hospital at that station as it was likely to prove inconvenient to travellers; and Mr. Rohde proposed that the building should be given up, on payment, as godowns to the new Travellers' Bungalow, within the compound of which it was situated, the Jailor's house converted into a Hospital, the Jailor put into the rooms now occupied by the Convicts, and the south wall of the Jail extended westward so as to enclose a sufficient space for a block of 8 cells.

2. This communication having been referred for the opinion of the Acting Collector of Malabar, that Officer, in the letter recorded above, strongly supports the Inspector's proposal. The site for the additional cells, he states, is well chosen and the present Jailor's house clearly the most eligible position for the Hospital. He however suggests in addition the re-arrangement of

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the entire front portion of these buildings, the removal of the Revenue and Police Serishtadar's Cutcherry into the neighbourhood of the Native town and bazars at Kalvetty, and the appropriation of the Serishtadar's present office to the Master Attendant, whereby a large portion of the sum sanctioned for a new office for this Officer would be saved.

3. The Right Honorable the Governor in Council approves the arrangements above proposed, and directs accordingly that the present Jail Hospital be made over as godowns for the new Bungalow, the same being paid for out of the amount, Rupees 404, sanctioned in the Public Works Department under date 1st May 1857, for the construction of out-houses. The present Convict ward and Revenue and Police Serishtadar's Cutcherry will likewise be converted into a dwelling for the Jailor and office for the Master Attendant, and the Police office removed into town, where a house will for the present be hired. The expense attending these latter arrangements will it is presumed be more than covered by the sum, Rupees 880, sanctioned in the Marine Department on 21st January 1857, for a new office for the Master Attendant. The south wall of the Jail will also, as proposed by the Inspector, be extended westward and a block of 8 cells built for the accommodation of the prisoners.

4. The Inspector of Prisons and Acting Collector of Malabar will be instructed to submit in the Public Works Department, estimates of the works required to be executed in their respective Departments in carrying out the arrangements above authorized.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Judicial Department.

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Dated 14 December 1857.

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the Acting Collector of Malabar.

(Here enter 28th Nov/57 1857.)

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2. This communication having been referred for the opinion of the Acting Collector of Malabar, that officer, in the letter recorded above, strongly supports the Inspector's proposal. The site for the additional cells, he states, is well chosen and the present Jailor's house clearly the most eligible position for the hospital. He however suggests in addition the rearrangement of the entire front portion of these buildings, the removal of the Revenue & Police Serishtadar's cutcherry into the neighbourhood of the Native town and bazars at Kalvetty, and the appropriation of the Serishtadar's present office to the Master attendant, whereby a large house

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tion of the sum sanctioned for a new office for this officer would be saved.

3. The Right Honorable the Governor in Council approved the arrangements above proposed and directs accordingly that the present Jail Hospital be made over as godowns for the new Bangalore, the same being paid for out of the amount, Rs 404 sanctioned in the Public Works Dept. under date 10th May 1839, for the construction of out-houses. The present convict ward and Kaserne and Police Serishtadar's Cutcherry will likewise be converted into a dwelling for the Jailor and office for the Master attendant, and the Police office removed into Town where a house will for the present be

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