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Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 10th March 1857.

No. 55. Read the following letter from J. ROHDE, Esq., Inspector of Prisons; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, dated 3rd March 1857, No. 80.

SIR,

With reference to the Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, 24th February, requiring that a Privy be provided for the Sepoys over the Jail at Cuddapah, unless the ‡Guard be withdrawn, I have the honor to state that the strength of the Guard over that Jail is such, that the Military Guard may very well be spared, after the 1st May, this will allow time for efficiently arming the Peon Guard, in the mean time, the necessary arrangements will be ordered.

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2. I would submit for the consideration of the Government, that I have long been of opinion, that the demands on the Military for Guards for Civil purposes might, with a very little arrangement, be very much reduced. It is a very common thing to act as if a Sepoy, a Peon and a Convict, cost nothing, the remedy would be to make every Office and Department pay or give a written receipt for the price of assistance rendered by every other department. I have known a General Treasury removed from the interior of a Fort to perhaps one of the very worst localities that could be selected in point of security, where a large Guard was consequently required, a large sum was spent in erecting a common Godown-looking place for the Treasury, when a very strong martello tower or other strong-hold might have been built at no greater cost, and which 12 men might have held against a rabble of all the idlers in the place. I hope to dispense with all Military Guards over Jails shortly, but I may require some addition to the Prison Guards with this object, but this matter is already disposed of by Government for the present, that is, till my plans are matured.

The Treasury Guard is close to the Gaol, see my Plan, and they will I suppose want a Privy still.

3. The question of the Jail Guard is however one thing, that of the position of the Troops at Cuddapah, in respect to the Town and Treasury, another, and whether the withdrawal of the Prison Guard may induce a demand for additional strength to other Guards, I cannot tell.

(Signed) J. ROHDE,
Inspector of Prisons.

No. 56. ORDER THEREON, No. 290; dated 10th March 1857.

On the opinion expressed by the Inspector of Prisons, the Government direct that the Military Guard stationed at the Cuddapah Jail, be withdrawn from the 1st of May next. That Officer will, if necessary, issue instructions for the erection, by means of Convicts, of a mud wall Privy for the Treasury Guard referred to in the margin of the last para. of his letter.

2. Reference will be made to the Collector and Magistrate through the Revenue Department for his opinion whether the Treasury or any other Guards in the Town will require to be strengthened in consequence of the withdrawal of the Jail Guard.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Ed. F. Carledge.

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Dated 10 March 1857.

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