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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 5th May 1857.

No. 1. Read the following letter from J. ROHDE, Esq., Inspector of Prisons; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, dated 16th April 1857, No. 129.

SIR,

I have the honor to request that instructions may be given to the Military Board to supply 80 stand of Muskets fuzil to the Jail guard at Cuddapah, 24 stand to the guard at Masulipatam, 24 to that at Rajahmundry, 24 to that of Vizagapatam and 24 to that of Chicacole, with 24 rounds of ball cartridge to each musket, also 1 bullet mould to each Jail.

2. I had prepared Indents on payment for rifles, but, on Colonel Balfour's suggestion, have not taken any steps to obtain them and now at his suggestion, I prefer the fuzil* Musket originally selected by me.

* 700 "condemned" but in the opinion of Captain Hamilton and in mine mostly good weapons now lie in the Vizagapatam Arsenal.

3. I find that this arm is that furnished to the Sebundy,* which is an additional motive for taking it, as I anticipate the amalgamation of the whole Civil force.

* Of Ganjam, the Vizagapatam Sebundy have carbines of which none are any where available.

4. I tried to induce Mr. Smollett to furnish the Jail guard receiving payment, but Captain Owen and Mr. Smollet thought they could not conveniently relieve it without a very much larger number being engaged than the means would allow. Mr. Smollett also stated that all things included, 5 Rupees would not pay for a Sebundy peon.

5. I am very sorry to say that the exceedingly inefficient state in which I find the guard at Chicacole and Vizagapatam will oblige me in all probability to defer the relief of the Military guards over these Jails beyond the 1st of May; only 6 men out of 20 on the permanent establishment of the Vizagapatam Jail are "fit" for duty. The Jailor is unsatisfactory and the Jailor at Chicacole has long been an invalid and is now I suppose dying; under these circumsantces it must require time to bring these establishments into a state of ordinary efficiency. I should wish it mentioned to the Commander in Chief that I may have occasion to sanction a delay in completing arrangements for relieving the Military guard of these two Jails.

6. It would occasion delay were I to forward Indents to the Board in anticipation of the Government sanction for the arms I propose taking, as I should have again to apply for sanction to disburse the amount before drawing the arms, I have therefore submitted the Indents leaving it to you to order the delivery either on payment or otherwise, as in the case of the Sebundy or as Government may direct.

(Signed) J. ROHDE,
Inspector of Prisons.

No. 2. ORDER THEREON, No. 493; dated 29th April 1857.

Ordered that the Indents received with the above letter be passed and forwarded to the Military Board for the issue of the arms &c. required without payment.

2. The Military Guards are on no account to be withdrawn from the Vizagapatam Jail until the Peon Guard is quite fit to take their place. The Sepoys at the Chicacole Jail further are not to be withdrawn, until report has been made to Government, and their orders have *first* been obtained. In making the report the Inspector will accompany it with the opinion of the Session Judge.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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Mil. Bd. with 5 Indents Dispd. Fort St. George 29 April 1857
Inspector of Prisons Dated 2d

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From
The Inspector of Prisons
Vizagapatam

To
The Chief Secretary to the Govt. of
Fort St. George

Dated 16th
Recd. 18th } April 1857 No. 129
Read

F. No. 981

No. 676.

Enclosures — Two

Submitting reasons for delay in relieving Military Guards at Chicacole & Vizagapatam and forwarding indents for arms.

With an order