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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 21st July 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 St. George, dated 30th June 1857, No. 231.

SIR,

I have the honor to forward copies of correspondence regarding the supply of books and other material for a school in the Jail at Mangalore.

1. When visiting that station last year, I found that the priest of the Church of Rome held service in a small room in the Jail. I was also informed that occasionally Clergymen of the Lutheran Church had, at their pleasure, visited the Jail, and that some of the prisoners had on several occasions, requested that a school might be instituted. I then suggested to Mr. Kindersley that if this could be done without interfering with the hours of labor, it should be encouraged.

2. The present proposition is that the school should be established on Sundays in the room which the Roman Catholic priest holds his service in, and that such as like to attend, shall be permitted to do so. The rules, Mr. Thompson proposes, are I think judicious, the school is secluded from the rest of the prison, it would hardly hold twenty persons, no inducement whatever is held out to prisoners to induce attendance. The instruction is to be in reading, writing, and ciphering but the gentlemen who volunteer their services, as Missionaries, are not confined to the secular instruction of such as choose to attend, they ask of Government such assistance in elementary books and stationery as may be suited for the instruction of the prisoners who attend in reading, writing, and ciphering.

3. I see no objection to the arrangement, on the contrary, it seems to me the only way in which any opportunity of instruction can be offered to prisoners. Mr. Thompson's proposed rules have completely obviated any objection, and it will soon be seen whether the character of the school is such as to gain the confidence of the prisoners or not.

4. The Director of Public Instruction informs me that he can supply both books and stationery, at a small cost, if authorized to do so.

5. I may mention that none of the replies of the Inspector of Prisons of other Presidencies afford me any assistance. In Agra alone does any system of education obtain in prisons, and I do not see my way to its introduction into our comparatively small prisons with any advantage.

(Signed) J. ROHDE,
Inspector of Prisons.

From J. G. THOMPSON, Esq., Acting Subordinate Judge of Mangalore; to J. ROHDE, Esq., Inspector of Prisons, Fort St. George, dated 8th July 1857.

SIR,

I have the honor to enclose a copy of a letter from the Reverend W. Hoch, Senior of the German Evangelical Missionaries at Mangalore, with reference to the establishment of a Sunday school in the Jail; and to request that you will be good enough to inform me whether you are prepared to sanction any expenditure on account of books and stationery.

1. I enclose also a copy of my Memorandum to the Jailor on the subject.

2. I do not see any way at present to the establishment of a day school in the Jail; though it appears to me very desirable.

(Signed) J. G. THOMPSON,
Acting Subordinate Judge.

From Reverend W. HOCH, Senior of the German Evangelical Missionaries at Mangalore; to J. G. THOMPSON, Esq., Acting Subordinate Judge of Mangalore, dated 8th June 1857.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23rd May, together with an extract from the last report of the Inspector of Prisons, and to thank you for your offer to

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afford us every facility for visiting the Jail at convenient hours for the purpose of giving instruction to the prisoners.

2. The German Evangelical Missionaries of this station are most happy to avail themselves of your offer, and propose to open a Sunday school for the prisoners, to be held every Sunday, from 3 to 5 o'clock P. M., by one or two of the Missionaries, assisted, if necessary, by native teachers, and to teach reading, writing, and ciphering to such prisoners as do not object to the Christian character of the instruction offered.

3. I need scarcely add that we prefer to dispense with an enforced attendance of the prisoners, on our lessons, so as to be at liberty to combine such Christian instruction with our lessons, as will not interfere with the order of the Jail.

4. As it will be necessary to supply prisoners attending the school, with books and stationery, I beg to ask whether, and what assistance may be afforded us in this respect.

5. We shall be happy to open the school as soon as it will be convenient to you.

(Signed) W. HOCH.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. G. THOMPSON,
Acting Subordinate Judge.

MEMO.

The Jailor will admit to the Jail any of the German Missionaries who may visit it on Sundays, for the purpose of holding a school for the prisoners, and any teachers or other assistants they may bring with them.

2. The room now occupied as a Roman Catholic chapel, will be placed at the disposal of the Missionaries on Sunday afternoons.

3. Any prisoner who wishes to attend the school may do so, but no one is to be caused to attend against his will.

4. The Jailor will ascertain on each Sunday morning, which of the prisoners wish to attend the school that afternoon, and those who intend to do so should be mustered in good order in the school room by 2½ P. M. The Missionaries propose to attend from 3 to 5.

5. If when the Missionaries come, any other prisoner wishes to be present, the Missionaries must be consulted.

6. The Jailor will take measures to ensure that the Missionaries and their assistants are treated with proper respect, and that no one is permitted to interrupt them.

(Signed) J. G. THOMPSON,

Acting Subordinate Judge.

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(Signed) J. ROHDE,

Inspector of Prisons.

No. 43. ORDER THEREON, No. 846; dated 17th July 1857.

It appears from the foregoing letter and its enclosures, that Mr. J. Thompson, Acting Subordinate Judge of Mangalore, and the Officer in charge of the Jail at that station, proposes to sanction the admission to the Prison every Sunday afternoon of the Ministers of the 'German Evangelical Mission' situated at Mangalore, for the purpose of conveying instructions to such Convicts as may desire the same, in the usual rudiments of education, combined with 'Christian teaching'; and the Inspector in reporting favorably of this measure, suggests that books and other school material be supplied *gratis* by Government.

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2. The Governor in Council is unable to accede to these propositions. He observes that on a review of Mr. Rohde's late report, exception was taken to the Inspector's views on the educational training he suggested for Prisoners, and with reference to the admission of Missionaries, it was expressly intimated to him that the Government would not favor any attempts at proselytising. The system advocated by him was in short rejected, and he was called upon to refer to the other Presidencies, and especially to the North West Provinces, for information as to what has been done in the improved Jails there.

3. This appears to have been done; but no assistance, it is stated, is afforded by any of the replies received, except from the Officer in charge of the Jail at Agra. The system at that Prison (which Mr. Rohde has not described) is said to be on too large a scale for "introduction into our comparatively small Prisons with any advantage."

4. As it is a part of the scheme proposed for this Presidency that central Jails shall hereafter be constructed for the incarceration of the major portion of our Convicts, and as each of these Jails is to be of considerable dimensions, the system of training found to answer at the great Jail of Agra, may then be tried under fair opportunities of success. Meanwhile the Governor in Council must reiterate his objections to the admission of Missionaries into Jails, except for the purpose of giving ministerial aid to Christians, and he must express disapproval at Mr. Rohde continuing to advocate his peculiar notions on the subject, after they have been fully considered and formally condemned.

(Signed) E. MALTBY,

Acting Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Carledge.

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J.M.
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To the Inspector of Prisons. Dated 22nd

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