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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 12th October 1858.

No. 34. Read the following letter from J. ROHDE, Esq., Inspector of Prisons; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated Ootacamund, 23rd September 1858, No. 374.

SIR,

In reference to the Extract from the Minutes of Consultation 15th September, No. 1257, I beg to state that the "site of the European Prison" reported on by the Medical Committee, is evidently *not* the site I selected in association with Captain Francis, Mr. Ward, Mr. Thomas and Dr. Cornish (then Medical Officer), and I beg that this protest may be noted against the Proceedings.

2. Had I selected a site such as that described I should be unfit for my post and most certainly none of the Officers I was ordered to consult would have agreed with me.

3. I will take measures for obtaining a satisfactory and formal report from all the Medical Officers *now* on duty on the hills, from the Sessions Judge, present Acting Collector and District Engineer. Dr. Cornish, Mr. Thomas and Captain Francis who after diligent search agreed with me in my selection having left.

4. It is very true that I, on a bird's eye view, said I liked another site better, but on enquiry and closer observation, I in writing to Dr. MacPherson, maintained the opinion first formed and indicated yet another site as one which I should prefer, if difficulties in regard to *construction* should be found connected with that first chosen.

From J. ROHDE, Esq., Inspector of Prisons; to Dr. MACPHERSON, Inspector General of Hospitals, Jackatalla, dated Ootacamund, 13th August 1858, No. 326.

SIR,

I have the honor to inform you that according to your appointment, I went to Jackatalla yesterday, with the view to hearing your opinion on the several sites suited to a European Prison, and that I waited from 9 A. M. till 3 P. M., without being able to ascertain that you had arrived. I then left.

2. If you think it desirable to record any opinion for the information of the Director General, I beg to inform you that the site pointed out by me as that selected by Captain Francis, Mr. Ward, Dr. Cornish and myself is, in my judgment, preferable in many respects to others, it has however the drawback of being probably less accessible for bringing building material. Colonel Faber who alone, as you are aware, accompanied me to the spot on our former visit, declared that I could not have a better site. Should the difficulty as to conveyance of material be removed, I think it by no means improbable that that site may ultimately be selected.

3. I was disposed to try the site selected for the Depot and given up on the morning we both accompanied Lord Harris to Jackatalla, I am however now of opinion, that the elevation is insufficient, indeed a proximity to the Kotagherry elevation is that I desire.

4. Again there is a site by no means undesirable on the crest of the hill before descending by the by-path to Jackatalla, my chief difficulty in regard to this is the water supply, if this can be overcome, I am not indisposed to its selection.

5. I shall of course in case of any change consult the local Medical Officers, whose experience commands attention.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. ROHDE,
Inspector of Prisons.

No. 35.

ORDER THEREON, No. 1401; dated 8th October 1858.

Ordered to be communicated, through the Military Department, to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, with reference to the letter from the Quarter Master General, dated 24th August last, No. 205, in view to its being referred to the Medical Committee.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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Fort St. George
8 October 1858

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