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Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 19th October 1858.

No. 7. 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, 6th August 1858, No. 315.

SIR,

I have the honor to bring to your notice and that of the Government, that immediate provision is temporarily required for a Jail at this Station, not only for those of whose offences the Subordinate Court has cognizance and for Debtors, European and Native, but for Europeans sentenced to penal servitude under Act XXIV of 1855.

2. You are aware that the so called Jail has been appropriated as a Court House. The godowns and other out-buildings, including the stables erected for Lord Dalhousie's escort, were in part temporarily occupied as a Prison, they proved very insecure and no repair would suit them to the object required, I did not when I sanctioned their being temporarily used as a Jail, anticipate delay in providing a suitable Prison.

3. The out-offices spoken of have now, in great part, been appropriated to other purposes of Government; there is an immediate call for Prison accommodation for a European sentenced under Act XXIV of 1855 to penal servitude; the business of the Subordinate Court now established has amounted in one month to what it had been in six months, and I hear from Mr. Bird the Sub Judge, that he has frequent applications for Warrants against Europeans; the Coimbatore Jail contains more than double its proper complement. Every other Prison in the neighbourhood is over-crowded. It is therefore absolutely necessary that immediate provision be made.

4. If I can get a suitable building for a small rent, I shall on my own responsibility engage it temporarily, but I do not feel sanguine of success. I would recommend that the present Government office containing the Post and Commandant's offices, or the old (so called) Jail be given up to me, and that provision for those offices be found elsewhere, the former is the stronger and perhaps the best building of the two for my purpose, but either will answer till other provision is made.

5. I may mention that rent is now paid for a Museum and Telegraph office, amounting to more than 100 Rupees monthly, other offices I believe require accommodation; I am not the proper person to suggest local arrangements, but I believe that at the present moment, suitable buildings may be obtained on rent capable of accommodating several offices or institutions. My proper business is to get a secure Prison, and that immediately. I merely respectfully suggest arrangements that may be made to facilitate my getting what I want.

No. 8. ORDER THEREON, No. 1433; dated 13th October 1858.

The Inspector of Prisons addresses Government on the urgent want of a Jail at Ootacamund, not only for those of whose offences the Subordinate Court has cognizance and for Debtors, European and Native, but for Europeans sentenced to penal servitude under Act

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2. The Government do not approve of the present Government office being taken for a Jail. The best plan they conceive will be that the building in which the Sub Court is now held be wholly given up for Prison purposes, temporarily, and that provision be made for the Sub Court by renting a house or part of a house elsewhere. The Inspector and Sub Judge will be at liberty at once to carry out this arrangement, if feasible.

3. As regards a new Jail at Ootacamund, it is observed that in a letter, copy of which will be forwarded to Mr. Rohde, this Government have strongly urged on the Government of India, that early sanction may be granted for the estimate of the Jail proposed to be attached to the Court of the Sub Judge of that place, and that the Supreme Government have stated in reply, that the subject has been referred to the Public Works Department.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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"J"*

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to be attached to me
no 1133.

Memo.

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Mr. Robde has applied
for temporary accom-
modation for a Sail and
considered that either the
present Post and Com-
mandant's Office, or
the old Sail, the present
Court house, would
answer for the purpose.

If the Post and
Commandant's Office
be given over to him,
sheds for Cooking and
other Offices will be
required to be built, in
addition to other at-
tentions tender it
be used as a Sail; for
which it is ill adapted,
besides being in the
vicinity of private
dwellings.

If the present Court
house, the old Sail, be
given to him, there are

"enclose it to

working sheds and
other offices ^{attached}
to it; and other build-
ings available as
workshops and for
other purposes. Some
alterations for securi-
ty being only required.
Standing away from
other buildings, and
being surrounded
by a wall, it is also
better adapted for
the purpose. The fort
occupies but two or three
of its rooms.

Provision can be
made for a court
house temporarily
by renting a house
of Mr. Lethins, the
monthly rent of which
is \$125. It has much
accommodation, and
will amply suffice
for the Subordinate

Court, the Museum, and
a Library, or other office.
The next point for the
present 'Museum' is
Riipus, 50. are allowed
from Government, by
removing it to Mr.
Lethins' house, in which
it will be perfectly dis-
tinct from the Court
and equally well placed
as in its present site,
next door; there will
be but \$75. to be de-
frayed by Government.

Mr. Kird and Mr.
Rode have both visited
the building and are
content with this
arrangement, and
in my opinion it is
the best that can be
made.

A. P. L. and J. P.

By. Genl. H. H.

Obtained
24 Sep^r 1858.

Oct. 5th 1858

My dear Pyroft.

Lord Harris wishes the
enclosed laid before Govt.
with reference to Rhodes of
ficial to you of 6th August

He asked Rhodes & Col
Pilehand to see what could
be done & he has himself
seen the house they propose
to take. It seems the
best thing that can be
done under the circumstances.

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From J. H. Richardson
Reverend Mr. Pyroft
St. John's.

27th Sept
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Stable arrangements
which, in his opinion,
can best be made to meet
the requisition made
by Mr. Rhodes for
temporary facilities
and accommodation.

stances. The Commandant's
Office is a wretched place
but it must remain as it
is at present. Likewise
the Post Office & Telegraph
Office. I do not
inclined to amalgamate
these 2 last with our
own Offices, as they are
not under our control.

Robde's idea was a
general amalgamation
in Frangie's new
Building. It is a fine
place but not well

adapted, & he wants a
mint of money either for
Sale or Rent.

Convict Murphy is
giving us end of trouble
& won't yield to Robde's
argumentative discomfies
at all. Robde bungled
the whole matter dreadfully
& then left poor Bird to
make the best of his scrape.

Yours sincerely
W. H. Bayley

Judicial Department

N^o 1433.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Dated the 13th October 1858.

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[Here enter 16th Aug 58 N^o 315]

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dated 7th Aug 188
 No 1073.

Inspector of Prisons
 P. B. Miller Esq
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 with copy of letter to Govt of
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 to the Pub: Works Deptt.
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Charles W. W. W.

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