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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 16th November 1858.

No. 15. 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, 29th October 1858, No. 446.

SIR,

In reference to the orders contained in Extract from the Minutes of Consultation 1483, Judicial Department, on correspondence relative to the removal of the Itchapore Jail to Chatterpoor, I beg to refer to my report on that Prison drawn up in April 1857, which will be found to have anticipated Mr. Forbes' suggestion.

See letter to Government, 10th April 1857, No. 126.

2. I hope to be in the Ganjam district in January and will then arrange with Mr. Gordon Forbes and the Engineer, for the submission to Government of a complete plan.

Extract from a letter to Government, dated Chicacole, 10th April 1857, No. 126.

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Para. 4. I cannot see any use in continuing the Jail at Itchapore, 2 prisoners only, properly belonging to it are confined there, the rest are Agency prisoners, for whom it would be much better that the Agent should have his own Jail nearer his Head Quarters. The Sudr Aumeen has no criminal jurisdiction which the Agent cannot exercise, indeed, he has hardly disposed of one criminal case in a twelve-month. That Jail establishment exclusive of the extra guards for prisoners at labor consists of:—

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1	Apothecary @	....	200
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10	Peons	,, ...	50
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(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. ROHDE,
Inspector of Prisons.

Extract from a report on the Itchapore Jail, dated 7th April 1857.

Para. 5. The building is, for a small Jail, convenient, but is deficient in security, the walls are low and require a few courses of loose brick, laid diamond fashion, on the top; the bars in the doors, lately put in, are very rubbishy and insufficient; the corner wards are close and ill ventilated.

6. The cholera appeared in the place on the day before my arrival and it was found necessary shortly after to remove the sick from the precincts of the Jail, to temporary buildings. The Jail is an unhealthy one, but whether this is owing to the locality or the class confined, is an undecided question. I never considered the place well chosen, though frequently residing at Itchapore formerly; it is in a funnel between two hills and is a common halting place for pilgrims and others. The mortality is chiefly among the hill tribes.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. ROHDE,
Inspector of Prisons.

No. 16. ORDER THEREON, No. 1590; dated 10th November 1858.

To be recorded.

(Signed) W. H. BAYLEY,
Acting Secretary to Govt.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

In by to Govt 29th Oct. 58. No 944

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From

The Inspector of Prisons
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To

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

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