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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 30th November 1858.

No. 7. Read the following Extract Minutes Consultation in the Public Works Department, dated 13th November 1858, No. 2396.

Dated 30th Oct 1858 No 5027

Referring copy of a letter from the Officiating Chief Engineer, representing that the Estimate of Rupees 30,000 sanctioned by the Government of India and forming item No. 7 of the Budget for 1858-59, is intended for a new Jail for Native Prisoners at Ootacamund and not European Convicts, as observed by Major Strachey; and, under these circumstances, soliciting instructions as to whether he may consider himself authorized to direct the execution of the work.

(Vide Public Works Consultation, 16th November 1858, Nos. 93 and 94.)

No. 8. ORDER THEREON, No. 1671; dated 25th November 1858.

In the above communication, the Officiating Chief Engineer states that the Estimate for Rupees 30,000, sanctioned by the Government of India, under date 28th September last, and forming item No. 7 of the Budget for 1858-59, is intended for a new Jail for Native Prisoners at Ootacamund and not for European Convicts as observed by that authority, this project being unconnected with the proposal for building a European Penitentiary on the Hills. Under these circumstances, Lieutenant Colonel Lawford solicits instructions as to whether he may consider himself authorized to direct the execution of the work for Native Convicts under the sanction above adverted to, as, if the building is intended to accommodate Europeans, the plan and estimate will require considerable revision.

Extract Minutes Consultation, 23rd June 1857, No. 711.
Extract Minutes Consultation, 1st December 1857, No. 1565.
Extract Minutes Consultation, 1st April 1858, No. 428.

2. When submitting the plan of the building above referred to, viz., of the small Jail to be attached to the Sub-Court at Ootacamund, the Inspector General of Jails observed that he had "arranged the Cells to suit any class of Prisoners;" and in a subsequent communication, dated 4th March last, No. 99, he distinctly stated that this new Jail was designed by him partly as a Prison for Europeans sentenced to penal servitude, until, as was understood, the larger prison could be constructed solely for their use. The Government cannot therefore understand the necessity of the present reference of the Officiating Chief Engineer, or why the Plan and Estimate require, as stated by him, "considerable revision," if Europeans are to be—as indeed it was intended they should be—accommodated in this Jail. Before however issuing further orders in regard to this building, Government resolve to call upon the Inspector General of Jails for a report on the subject of the present communication from the Officiating Chief Engineer.

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

Exd. F. Cartledge.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
Judicial.

No. 2396.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 13th November 1858.

Read the following letter from Lieutenant Colonel E. LAWFORD, Officiating Chief Engineer; to W. H. BAYLEY, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 30th October 1858, No. 5027.

SIR,

With reference to Extract Minutes Consultation No. 2274, dated 28th October 1858, I do myself the honor of representing for the information of Government, that the Estimate of Rupees (30,000) thirty thousand, therein stated to have been sanctioned by the Government of India and forming Item No. 7 of the Budget for 1858-59, is intended for a new Jail for Native Prisoners at Ootacamund and not European Convicts as observed by Major Strachey, the project being unconnected with the proposal for building an European Penitentiary on the Hills as was reported in Para. 46, Page 15 of the Current year's Budget.

2. Under these circumstances, I beg to solicit instructions as to whether I may consider myself authorized to direct the Execution of the work, for Native Convicts, under the sanction given in the Extract Minutes Consultation quoted in Para. one, as if the building is intended to accommodate Europeans, the Plan and Estimate will require considerable revision.

Referred to the Judicial Department, with reference to Extract Minutes of Consultation in this Department, dated 28th October 1858, No. 2274.

(A true Extract.)

W. H. Bayley

Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Judicial Department.

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Judicial Department

No 1671

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Dated 25th November 1858.

Read the following Ext.
Mins. Cons: Public Works Dept.
(Here enter 13th Nov/58 No 2396.)

In the above communication the Offg Chief Engineer states that the Estimate for Rs 30,000 sanctioned by the Court of India under date 28th Sept. last and forming item No 7 of the Budget for 1858-59, is intended for a new Jail for Native Prisoners at Ootacamund and not for European convicts as observed by that authority, - this project being unconnected with the proposal for building a European Penitentiary on the Hills. Under these circumstances Lt. Col. Lawford solicits instructions as to whether he may consider himself authorized to direct the execution of the work for Native

Ordered, that Mins. of Cons: of 13th Nov. be sent to Judicial Secy. for information.

Extract Minute Consultation in the Public Works Dept. 25th Nov. 1858. No 2396.

Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation of the Govt of Madras under date 28th September 1858.

No 2063. Despatch to Court.

Referring to the letter from the Secretary to the Government of India in the Home Department dated 28th July 1858 No 1284 and to the Despatch from the Court of Directors in the Public Department dated 15th December 1858 No 7 on the subject of the Native Prisoners' Establishment at Ootacamund, Fort St. George and Bellary, the Right Honble the Governor in Council directs that the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation of this day's date be forwarded to the Secretary to the Government of India in the Home Department for the information of the Court of Directors.

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Ex. Mb. G. 23 June/57 No 711
— do — 1 Dec/57 No 1565.

Ex Mb. G. 1 April/58 No 428.

Copy to P.W. Dept.
" Insp.r Genl. of Jails. with 3 MC with PWD } Disp.d 29.

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Passing observation
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Dept. referring co
of a letter from the
Offg Chief Enginee
representing that
the Estimate of
Rs 30000 sanctione
by the Govt. of India
and forming item
No 7 of the Budget for
1858-59 is inclusive for
a new Jail for Native
Prisoners

Prisoners at Colaba condemned
and not European Convicts
as observed by Mayor
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on the subject of the
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from the Offg Chief
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E. H. No. 2177 - Chief Engineers
E. H. No. 2128 - Chief Engineers

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