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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 1st June 1858.

No. 30. 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, 14th May 1858, No. 164.

SIR,

I have the honor to request the sanction of Government to a Bill for 5 (V) carts and 2 water carts proposed for the Prison at Rajahmundry and costing in the aggregate Rupees (542-4-1) five hundred and forty-two, Annas four and Pice one.

2. There has been considerable confusion in this matter as explained by Mr. Blair in his letter, I refused for some time to pass the Bills though I directed the work to be done on the first estimate, as the cost seemed excessive, there is very great difficulty in obtaining carts for many of the Jails and still more in getting them made on previous estimates. I beg that the charge may now be sanctioned.

3. I enclose Mr. Blair's explanation.

From J. H. BLAIR, Esq., Subordinate Judge of Rajahmundry; to J. ROHDE, Esq., Inspector of Prisons, dated 14th November 1857, No. 144.

SIR,

1. With reference to your letter of the 28th Ultimo, asking for explanation regarding the high price of the bandies lately made for Convict use, I beg to state.

2. The *wheels* only *with tires* were made in the bazar, and some iron was also used in clamping bars round the naves. I also fined the Carpenter 12 Rupees for delay, and he refused point blank to make the water carts when asked. The *axles* were all put in at the workshop, copy of Bill sent will shew the specific charges for the 1st small bandy,

Viz:—34 13 11 for body and
15 10 11 for axle and bushes

50 8 10 Total.

The other 4 bandies being a 3rd larger (the small one holds 18, the others 27 baskets of gravel) were of course rather dearer. I ordered them to be made larger, as I found the small one only required 3 prisoners to draw it when full.

3. With regard to the water bandies they are provided with *shifting* boxes for carrying gravel, when not used with the water casks.

4. As you will perceive from the estimate, materials and labour are both highly* priced at the workshop, there is moreover an additional charge of 10 per cent. on all work done there, and all the wood work is Teak. These V carts could not however have been made at all by a Carpenter, and the *solitary* Carpenter here refused to make the bandies and boxes for water carts, *after* the wheels were finished. I was therefore obliged to get them completed at the workshop. Trusting the above explanation may prove satisfactory.

No. 31.

ORDER THEREON, No. 698; dated 31st May 1858.

The Government sanction the Bill submitted with the foregoing letter, for making 5 (V) carts and 2 water carts for the use of the Jail at Rajahmundry, amounting in the aggregate to Rupees (542-4-1) five hundred and forty-two, Annas four and Pice one.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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The Government sanction the bill submitted with the foregoing letter, for making 5 v carts and 2 water carts for the use of the Jail at Nagahar - mundry amounting in the aggregate to Rs. 542-4-1) Five hundred and forty-two annas four and pie one.

Fort St. George
31st May. 1858

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