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Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 13th July 1858.

No. 12. Read the following letter from C. F. CHAMIER, Esq., Acting Register to the Court of Foujdaree Udalut; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, dated 28th June 1858, No. 20.

SIR,

I am directed by the Judges of the Foujdary Udalut to forward for the consideration of the Government, copy of a letter dated the 17th Instant, from the Session Judge of Chingleput, pointing out the evil of detaching so small a party of Convicts, as the eight now daily sent from the Guindy Jail, to labor in the Court compound; and to state that the Judges see much force in the Session Judge's remarks, and would accordingly recommend the employment of two gardeners, whose wages would cost much less than the maintenance of eight Convicts, to do the work which the latter have hitherto performed.

From W. DOWDESWELL, Esq., Sessions Judge of Chingleput; to C. F. CHAMIER, Esq., Acting Register to the Court of Foujdaree Udalut, dated 17th June 1858, No. 198.

SIR,

I have the honor to state that 8 Convicts are sent every day from the Guindy Jail to work at the Sudr Court compound without any means for enabling me to ascertain the amount of work they perform there. They quit the Jail at 7 A. M., and cannot reach the Sudr Court before 8 or half past 8, the distance they have to walk being nearly 3 miles. One hour is usually allowed to them for rest in the middle of the day; and as they are required to be back at the Jail at 3 P. M., they must leave the work at $\frac{1}{2}$ past one, thus it will be seen that the whole time they work is only 4 hours a day. The value of the labor of these 8 prisoners, at 1 Anna and 8 Pice per head, amounts to 13 Annas and 4 Pice daily, for which hire more than 5 Coolies might be employed and a whole day's work got from them, instead of less than half a day's work from the Convicts. Besides this, it appears to me to be objectionable to send a small number of Convicts to work at so great a distance from the Jail, as it affords them opportunity with the connivance of the guard placed over them, to commit all sorts of irregularities and I have had repeated complaints against them.

Under these circumstances, I beg you will be so good as to procure the permission of the Judges for discontinuing the practice of sending prisoners from the Guindy Jail to be employed at the Sudr compound, as from what has been stated above, it appears in every way more advantageous to have recourse to cooly labor than to Convict labor.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) C. F. CHAMIER,
Acting Register.

No. 13. ORDER THEREON, No. 918; dated 7th July 1858.

Under the circumstances represented in the foregoing letter, and subject to confirmation by the Supreme Government, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council sanctions the entertainment of two Gardeners by the Court of Sudder and Foujdaree Udalut to do the work hitherto performed in the Court-house compound, by the Convicts sent daily from Guindy. The Court will report the rate of wages to be paid them, and submit an application in the prescribed tabular form for transmission to the Government of India.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Mr. 910

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
dated 7 July 1858—

Read the following letter
from the Acting Registrar of the
Pondicherry Sadar.

(Here enter 28th June 1858 No 20)

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Copy to Court of Sadar }
" Secy. Genl. }
" Civil auditor. } Sept 10th

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Dr. H. H. Stone. 13 July
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