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Government of Madras.

Judicial **DEPARTMENT.**

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No. 30. Read the following letter from J. ROHDE, Esq., Inspector General of Jails; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated Ootacamund, 26th September 1859, No. 460.

I have the honor to state that the* Chief Engineer informs me that no more than the 10,000 Rupees, already sanctioned, will be available, during the present official year, for the Jail at Ootacamund and to state that this would add most materially to the expense of the building and that any money sanctioned, after May next, will be of little use to me till the end of the year. I understood it to be the object† of Government that this work should be completed as soon as possible, and I was making every preparation for building. I have engaged competent persons to superintend what I could not obtain by contract, have purchased carts and cattle, have opened a brick-field, cut and prepared firewood, purchased some timber and engaged to take more.

* Letter dated 20th September 1859, No. 6205.

Ext. Min. Cons., No. 1243, dated 23rd May 1859.
Do. No. 1153, dated 27th August 1859.

† P. M. G. Judicial Department, 1st June 1859, 765, on Colonel Yules' letter, 19th May, No. 3300.

2. I cannot now stop the work without loss and risk of being unable to recommend it; to stop brick making now, till May, is to stop it till this time next year; cost of superintendents is exactly in proportion to the delay, and prices are rising;‡ already they are from 15 to 25 per cent. above what they were when the estimate was framed.

‡ Teak in 1855, 12 Annas to 1 Rupee.
Teak in 1859, 1¼ Rupees.
Superior Coolies in 1855, 3 Annas.
1859, 4 Annas.
Lime in 1855, 40—55 measures per Rupee.
1859, 30—40 measures.
Carpenters, best, in 1855, 14 Rupees.
1859, 19—21 Rupees.
Do. ordinary, in 1855, 8 Annas daily.
1859, 17½ Rupees monthly.

3. To turn out 1,000,000 bricks by May next (and my only chance of economy is in doing this) I must lay out 7,000 Rupees with 3,000 additional for delivery§ exclusive of cost of plant and other expenses incidental to opening a field which the District Engineer engages to refund on taking it over. The delivery of lime, which must also be got before the monsoon, will cost 5,000 more, exclusive of all charges for actual building.

§ To leave the bricks on the ground would hamper me for space.

No. 31. ORDER THEREON, 6th October 1859, No. 1370.

Looking to the emergency of the work and the strong desire expressed by the Government of India, that it should be pushed on with all practicable expedition, the Governor in Council is of opinion, that the Inspector General of Jails must not be restricted to the expenditure of Rupees 10,000 sanctioned during the present official year for the Jail at Ootacamund, but that he should be supplied with such funds as he may require within the total amount of the estimate Rupees 30,000. The Chief Engineer will be instructed, through the Public Works Department, to provide for this being done by a proportional diminution in the expenditure allotted to other less urgent works in the same District.

2. The Government resolve at the same time to call the attention of Mr. Rohde to the reference regarding the site of the larger Prison for European Convicts, and to request him to report what has been done in the matter.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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(Dated 26th September 1859. Rec.d)

Order thereon. 6 October 1859. No. 1370

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Rs. 10,000 sanctioned during the present official year for the Jail at Potacammund, but that he should be supplied with such funds as he may require within the total amount of the Estimate Rs. 30,000. The Chief Engineer will be instructed, through the Public Works Department, to provide for this being done by a proportional diminution in the expenditure allotted to other less urgent works in the same District.

2. The Govt. resolve at the same time to call the attention of Mr. Robde to the reference regarding the site of the larger Prison for European Convicts

Convicts, and to request him to report what has been done in the matter.

To the Inspector General of Jails & Public Works Secd. } Dispd. 12.

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Read. 17th 1977.

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For reasons stated are of opinion that the Inspector Genl. of Jails must not be restricted to the expenditure of Rs. 100 as sanctioned during the present official year for the Jail at Ootacamund, but that he should be supplied with such funds as he may require within the total amount of the Estimate

Estimate Rs. 30000 instruct the Chief Engineer to provide for this being done and request Mr. Brodie to report what has been done in the matter regarding the site of the Convict Prison for European Convicts.

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