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No. 94. 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, 8th October 1859, No. 487.

In acknowledging Extract of the Proceedings of Government, 30th August 1859, No. 1170, now received, I have the honor to forward a plan shewing the site selected for the new Jail.

2. Immediately on the receipt of the Government Order of 14th April, No. 509, I wrote to Mr. Bird, then in charge of the Jail, to beg he would commence levelling the ground immediately above the plantation, which I had before selected as the most eligible site, but which I was deterred from occupying by the high price demanded for the land; I moved up as many able bodied convicts from Coimbatore as the Jail would allow, and find them far more efficient than an equal number of paid laborers. By the end of this month, sufficient earth should be removed to give the area required, and by the end of the North East monsoon, I hope to have the rocks (bolders) removed and the foundations laid as far as the stone will go.

3. I have as a measure of economy entered into arrangements with Mr. W. Fraser, the District Engineer, to open a brick-field for the supply of bricks, debiting him with all expenses of plant and of roads, buildings, &c., subject of course to deductions for depreciation; I have at the same time engaged to take 400,000 first rate, well burnt, clay bricks from a private maker. By these means I hope to have sufficient bricks ready to prevent the stoppage of works by the setting in of next year's rain.

4. For lime I had entered into an arrangement with a Carrier from Metapolliem, but on enquiring at Mussaneegoody, (when I went into the Segor jungle to select timber, of which the late renter had an immense stock) I found that for *building* I might obtain a supply at a lower rate, though for roofing, the Metapolliem lime is preferable.

5. Sand for building I have been collecting daily since my arrival, and no delay is now likely to occur from want of it.

6. Of timber I have enough, when that marked in the jungle is delivered. Already I have 1,100 cubic feet of picked timber delivered, exclusive of wood of small scantling.

7. From the difficulty of getting Smiths, I have decided on getting most of the metal work from England. It will not be required till near the end of next year. Of the two I have, one is exclusively employed in repairing tools, and the other in making up iron work, &c., for barrows and other things required for the brick-field and other work.

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8. I have secured only two really good Carpenters, and 3 ordinary workmen; I expect 2 more, the labor of these men has been taken up with preparations for brick-making and other arrangements.

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9. I have been obliged to purchase carts and cattle for bringing in firewood, brick-field work, and eventually carting bricks; having them I have no difficulty in obtaining any extra carriage I require at moderate prices.

10. Of ordinary laborers, the supply is still limited, the very severe weather prevents new comers engaging for out-door work in exposed places, when employment is procurable at high rates in the, to the native of the plains, milder climate of Jackatalla, there will however be no difficulties now.

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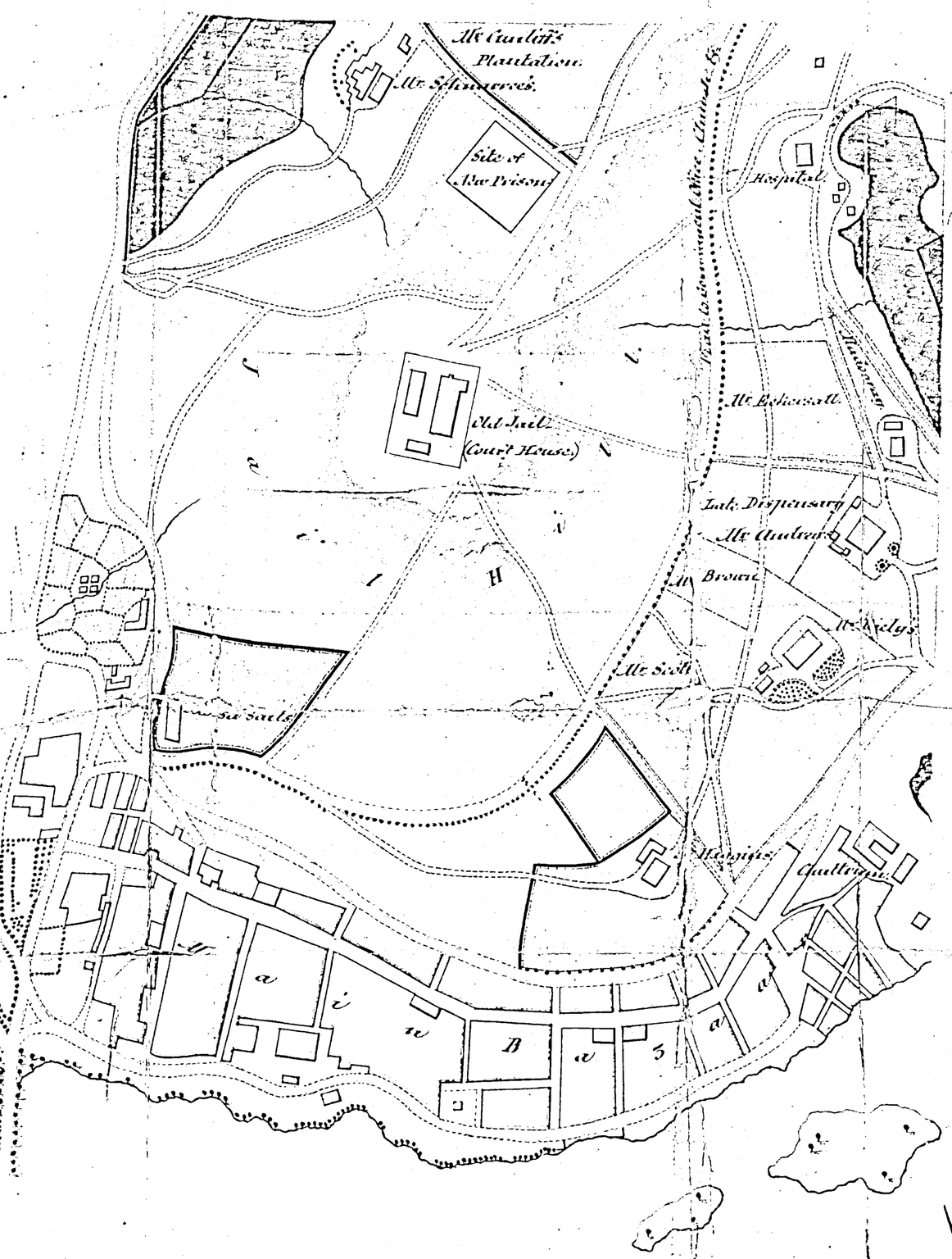
No. 95. ORDER THEREON, 21st October 1859, No. 1416.

To be recorded.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

Sketch shewing site of New Prison
called for by Extract of Proceedings of Government
Dated 30th August 1859. No 2170.



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