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Government of Madras.

Judicial **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department, from 11th to 17th May 1859.

No. 10. Read Proceedings of Government in the Public Works Department, dated 11th May 1859, No. 1127.

Communicate a letter from the Chief Engineer, forwarding Lieutenant Colonel Lawford's Report of the Progress made towards the erection of the new Jail at Ootacamund. (Vide Proceedings Public Works Department, from 11th to 17th May 1859, Nos. 6 and 7.)

No. 11. ORDER THEREON, 12th May 1859, No. 658.

Communicated to the Inspector General of Jails.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Rxd. F. Cartledge.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. BELL, Chief Engineer; to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, dated 2nd May 1859, No. 41.

With reference to Extract from the Minutes of Consultation No. 460,* under date 6th April 1859, Judicial Department, I have the honor to forward Lieutenant-Colonel Lawford's Report† of the progress made by this Department towards the erection of the new Jail at Ootacamund.

* Communicated with Extract Minutes Consultation, No. 850, dated 11th April 1859, P. W. D.

† Dated 16th April 1859.

2. Lieutenant-Colonel Lawford reports that he informed Mr. Rohde, that orders had been given for the collection of materials; he further adds that he found materials under preparation on his arrival at Ootacamund last month, but that the Collector of Coimbatore had not made over the ground for the site of the Buildings to the Public Works Department and that therefore nothing further could be done in the matter.

3. The District Engineer reports† that one lac of Bricks are ready, and that arrangements are being made for making the remainder.

† No. 245 dated 5th April 1859.

4. He had arranged also with Major Dobbie that a Kiln for burning Lime should be worked at Seegoor, and the Special Executive Engineer had offered to make Doors, Windows, &c., at Goondelpett.

Letter from WILLIAM FRASER, Esq., District Engineer, Coimbatore; to Lieutenant Colonel J. H. BELL, Chief Engineer, dated 5th April 1859, No. 245.

In reply to your letter No. 9121, dated 30th March 1859, I have the honor to state that we have about 1,00,000 Bricks ready for the Jail, of the best that can be made at Ootacamund, and when I left Ootacamund arrangements were almost concluded for the making of the remainder.

2. I examined the place where Chunam can be obtained at Seegoor and arranged with Major Dobbie to set the Kiln going there, as I have determined to get the Lime from that place.

3. The accompanying copy of a letter§ to the Inspector of Prisons will show that the question of the site has not yet been determined.

§ No. 158, dated 1st April 1859.

P. S. Captain Campbell has offered to make Doors, Windows, &c., for us at Goondelpett.

Letter from Lieutenant-Colonel E. LAWFORD, Superintending Engineer, Central Circle; to Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. BELL, Chief Engineer, dated Ootacamund, 16th April 1859.

With reference to Extract Minutes Consultation, No. 460, dated 6th April 1859, I have the honor to state that Mr. Rohde did communicate with me on the subject of the Prison at Ootacamund and was informed that orders for the collection of materials had been given.

2. On my arrival here last month, I found that materials were under preparation by the District Engineer, but that the site had not yet been made over by the Collector and consequently nothing further could be done.

3. I desired Mr. Fraser to report these circumstances to the Central Office but having been subsequently transferred to the Centre Circle, I did not feel myself at liberty to interfere further in the matter.

4. From the tenor of the order now under acknowledgment it would seem as if blame is imputed to the Public Works Department, but I trust I have shewn that no delay has arisen from any neglect on my part.

ORDER THEREON, 11th May 1859, No. 1127.

Ordered to be communicated to the Judicial Department with reference to Extract Minutes Consultation in that Department dated 6th April 1859 No. 460.

(True Extract.)

Actg. Dy. Secretary to Government.

To the Judicial Department.

Exd. Wm. Thomas.

No. 658

Communicated to the Inspector General of Jails.
Fort St. George
12th July 1859.

The Inspector Genl. of Jails. Dated 12/5/59.