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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
for the month of April 1860.*

No. 58. 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, 10th April 1860, No. 149.

O. G. 24th January 1860, No. 84. In reference to several instructions to afford convict labor in aid of certain works, I have the honor to request that before the Government direct the employment of convict labor on any work, officers proposing to avail themselves of it, should ascertain that it can be so employed with due regard to discipline and the rules laid down, this will involve no trouble and save much unnecessary disputing.

2. I have desired in several cases at Nellore that, notwithstanding the want of previous arrangement, the convicts anticipated by the District Engineer shall be supplied, if this can be done with due regard to discipline and the Jail rules.

3. I have invited the employment of convicts by Executive Officers where works designed by them were particularly favorable to the enforcement of hard labor and discipline. I have on the contrary deprecated their employment in small detached parties, in desultory work, in work in crowded towns and thoroughfares, in association with large numbers of free laborers and such like works, and I have more especially insisted on this in those stations in which the convicts are guarded by the new Police with reduced numbers.

19th March 1860, No. 122. 4. I have written to the Chief Engineer on the subject.

No. 59. ORDER THEREON, 25th April 1860, No. 513.

Resolved that the Chief Engineer be requested, in the Public Works Department, to instruct all District Engineers, before calculating on the aid of Convict labor, to ascertain from the Inspector General of Jails whether the work in each instance is of a suitable kind to admit of Convicts being employed, and whether Convicts can be spared for it.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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Resolved that the Chief Engineer be requested, in the Public Wks. Dept., to instruct all District Engineers, before calculating on the aid of Convict labor, to ascertain from the Inspector General of Sails whether the work in each instance is of a suitable kind to admit of Convicts being employed - and whether Convicts can be spared for it.

The Inspector Genl. of Sails. }
" Public Wks. Dept. }
J. P. C.

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