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Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,

12th June 1860.

No. 82. 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 May 1860, No. 228.

In obedience to instructions conveyed by the Order of the 22nd instant, No. 633, directing me to report on the progress made with the Ootacamund Jail, I have the honor to state that the basement of the whole building, excepting that of the outer yard wall, is completed; the walls of the Jailer's quarters are carried up to the tops of the doors and windows, the hot air main flues are built, and flues to the ranges of cells on the north side formed; 7 of the cell door frames on that side are built in and the 9 will be so by the end of the month, the outer and division walls of those cells are raised 3 feet with blocks, cot hinge butts, &c., built in; I have, I believe, brick ready for the whole building (I have not opened all the clamps), most of this is on the prison site; I have chunam 3,105 parabs and of unburnt stone (I could not get burnt lime carried during the last monsoon) 1,29,450 lbs; 8,257 bullock loads of sand has also been got in and timber has been purchased and in part converted; all door and window frames have been, for some time, ready and laid up to season; the iron plating of all the cell window frames is cut and fitted but not fixed till the wood is further seasoned; the wood for cell doors has been for some months cut to size and stacked to season; girders and joists to floors are laid. The godowns to the Jailer's quarters are built and in use as carpenter's shops; most of the iron required for the work is on the spot or on its way up and what I should perhaps have first mentioned nearly the whole space required has been excavated; this required some very heavy work in stone quarrying as in the course of the work we come on boulders upwards of 20 feet in length and height, and of great substance, besides innumerable smaller boulders of from 1 to 20 tons and upwards.

Sanctioned..... 30,000

Recoverable..... 3,000

On hand..... 2,225

2. Lastly, as I mentioned yesterday, I have nearly spent all the money originally sanctioned for the work and have requested some time since that the original estimates may be corrected and revised with reference to existing prices.

3. I have delayed commencing the walls on the south side of the building, as, in blasting the smaller fragments of rock, pieces will sometimes fly a few yards; indeed it is this blasting of the rock which has delayed the whole work.

4. The brickfield, which I was obliged to form for the work, could not be opened on account of the rains till December last, I could not rely on Contractors for the quantity I required, and had to make up machinery, to purchase carts and cattle, cut and carry firewood, and carry on every detail of the brickfield on Government account.

5. There has been an unusual scarcity of labor of every description during the year.

6. I suppose the building will be ready for occupation by July 1861.

7. I should mention that I was in Madras till May last, after receiving the order to take the work into my own hands and that the rains having commenced nothing could be done towards making brick or doing more than commence cleaning the site by convict labor.

No. 83.

ORDER THEREON, 12th June 1860, No. 735.

Copy of the above letter will be forwarded to the Governments of India and of Bengal, in reply to a telegraphic message received from the former, and a letter, 26th April last, from the latter, enquiring what progress has been made in the Jail for Europeans at Ootacamund. It will be intimated to the Government of India that a further advance of Rupees 8,000 to the Inspector General has been authorized on account of the Ootacamund Jail, the payment being charged to the fund reserved in the Budget for unforeseen expenditure during the year.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
12th June 1860.*

No. 84. To the Secretary to the Government of India, dated Fort Saint George, 12th June 1860, No. 736.

I am directed to forward copy of a letter from the Inspector General of Jails, affording the information called for in your Telegraphic Message relative to the progress made in the erection of the Jail for Europeans at Ootacamund. Mr. Rohde thinks the Jail will be ready for use by July 1861.

2. With reference to my letter noted in the margin, I have to add that a further advance of 8,000 Rupees to the Inspector General has been authorized on account of the Jail—the payment being charged to the fund reserved in the Budget for unforeseen expenditure during the current year.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

No. 85. To the Secretary to the Government of Bengal, dated Fort Saint George, 12th June 1860, No. 737.

I am directed to forward copy of a letter from the Inspector General of Jails, affording the information applied for in your letter of the 26th April last No. 1,956, as to the progress made in the Jail at Ootacamund, designed partly for Europeans until the larger prison could be constructed solely for their use.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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No. 735 - 12 June 1860.

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To the Public Works Dept. (Disp. 15)

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Judicial.

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The Secretary to the Govt. of India.

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Fort St. George
12 June 1860.

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Mr. Ross's letter to follow

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Fort St. George
12 June 1860.

Mr. Ross's letter
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For 7 lines 12 June

Judicial 1860 (Departure)

No 434

The day to the Court of
Bengal

2/10 June/60

At 4/52/60

Of course giving the information
called for
as to the progress made
in the Jail at Dacca

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