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Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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No. 36. Read the following letter from Colonel J. C. BOULDERSON, Commissioner of Police, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, For Saint George, dated 28th July 1860, No. 84.

With reference to the Order of Government of date 23rd April last, No. 502, Judicial Department, wherein certain alteration to the Ward at the North West angle of the Premises was ordered to adapt it for the reception of Prisoners committed by Magistrates for trial; I have the honor to report that the alterations then contemplated are now so far advanced towards completion, that I think the work may probably be finished in less than one month.

No. 37. ORDER THEREON, 6th August 1860, No. 982.

In the above letter the Commissioner of Police reports that the alterations, which are required to adapt the Ward at the North West angle of the Penitentiary for the reception of Prisoners committed by the Magistrates for trial, and which were sanctioned by Order of Government, Judicial Department, 23rd April last, No. 502, are so far advanced towards completion, that the work may probably be finished in less than one month.

2. Under these circumstances the Government resolve to address the Judges of Her Majesty's Supreme Court, and to inform them that on the alterations in question being fully completed—which the Commissioner of Police will duly report—the Prisoners now in the Grand Jail awaiting trial will be transferred to the Penitentiary and the Magistrates will be instructed to commit all such Prisoners to the same Prison. The Grand Jail will thenceforward be wholly a Civil Prison.

3. The transfer will afford the fitting opportunity for carrying out the arrangement suggested by Colonel Boulderson in his letter of the 6th February last, paras. 3-6, for placing the salary of the Keeper of the Penitentiary on a better footing. To do this it will be necessary that the Senior Keeper of the Grand Jail, Mr. Gibbs—now about 75 years old—should be transferred to the Pension Establishment. The Commissioner will cause an application to be submitted to Government accordingly in the usual form.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

No. 38. To the Judges of Her Majesty's Supreme Court, Madras, dated Fort Saint George, 6th August 1860, No. 983.

In our letter under date the 2nd March last we had the honor of informing you, that we had directed the Commissioner of Police to receive into the Penitentiary all the convicted Prisoners, European and Native, then confined in the Grand Jail, and had decided that thenceforward all such Prisoners should be confined in the Penitentiary.

2. This step was taken in consequence of a strong representation from the Inspector General of Hospitals supported by the Director General, Medical Department, setting forth the want of space and ventilation in the cells of the Grand Jail, and its great defects as a place of confinement.

3. For a similar reason we have deemed it advisable that prisoners committed by the Magistrates for trial before the Supreme Court should be confined in the Penitentiary rather than in the Grand Jail, and arrangements are being made in the Engineer Department for adapting one of the ranges of Wards at the Penitentiary for the reception of committed Prisoners, in such a manner that they shall be quite isolated from the convicted Prisoners. On these alterations being completed, which will probably be in the course of a month, we purpose transferring the Prisoners now awaiting trial in the Grand Jail from that place to the Penitentiary and instructing the Magistrate thenceforward to commit such Prisoners to the latter Prison. The Grand Jail will then be used only as a Civil Prison.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

Judicial Department.

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Read the following letter from the Commissioner of Police.—

(Here enter 28 July 1860, No. 84.)

Order thereon 6th August 1860, No. 983.

In the above letter the Commissioner of Police reports that the alterations which are required to adapt the ward at the N. W. angle of the Penitentiary for the reception of Prisoners committed by the Magistrates for trial, and which were sanctioned by Order of Government Judicial Department 25th April last No. 502, are so far advanced towards completion, that the work may probably be finished in less than one month

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2.- Under these circumstances the Govt. resolve to address the Judges of H. M's. Supreme Court and to inform them that on the alterations in question being fully completed - which the Commissioner of Police will duly report - the prisoners now in the Ground Jail awaiting trial will be transferred to the Penitentiary and the Magistrates will be instructed to commit all such prisoners to the latter prison. The Ground Jail will thenceforward be wholly a Civil Prison.

3.- The transfer will afford the fitting opportunity for carrying out the arrangement suggested by Colonel Bonderson in his letter of the 6th February last,

Paras 3-6 for placing the salary of the Keeper of the Penitentiary on a better footing. To do this it will be necessary that the Senior Keeper of the Grand Jail - Mr. Gibbs - now about 75 years old - should be transferred to the Pension Establishment. The Commissioner will cause an application to be submitted to Government accordingly in the usual form.

To the Commissioner of Police. } Sept. 8th
" Sheriff of Madras. }

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Lt. Governor.

6 Superintendents.

Wm. Lee Esq.

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The Honorable
the Judges of the Hon
Supreme Court

Dated 6th August 1866

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