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Read the following papers :—

No. 19. From J. ROHDE, Esq., Inspector General of Jails; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Ootacamund, 31st August 1861, No. 402.

In acknowledging the Extract of Proceedings of the 28th August, I have the honor to state that when I said that the Itchapore Jail was useless, it was my intention to imply that I did not require it and that I could make arrangements to accommodate the prisoners elsewhere.

2. By the last return there were 49 Convicts and 15 security Prisoners in the Jail at Itchapore; by transferring the long term Convicts to Vizagapatam, others to Chicacole, the whole number may be accommodated.

No. 20. From G. S. FORBES, Esq., Agent to the Governor, Ganjam; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Chetterpore, 10th September 1861, No. 164.

Paragraph 1. I have the honor to acknowledge Order of Government, dated the 8th July last, No. 876, directing that plan and estimate should be prepared for a Jail at Chetterpore on a less expensive scale than the Inspector of Jails had recommended.

2. Since this subject was first mooted the new constabulary force has been under organization throughout the country and is now in progress here. Among other matters, I discussed with the Inspector General, the proposed establishment of a Jail here and the abolition of that at Itchapoor. Mr. Robinson was much averse to furnishing guards for two Jails in one district, viz., at Chicacole and at Chetterpore and in reply to my objections founded on the inconvenience and risk of sending every prisoner sentenced here to a prison at Chicacole, distant 100 miles, he engaged to manage the whole of the escort duty by regular reliefs, the prisoner being secured at the station houses en-route. If the principal objection to the want of a prison here can be safely overruled under such an arrangement, a great saving of expense will no doubt be effected, and if the Government are satisfied with the arrangement, I have nothing to urge against it.

3. It will be necessary however to provide a secure lock-up for prisoners under trial or awaiting trial by the Agency Court, the unfitness of the present building being admitted, and after some discussion with the Divisional Inspector and District Superintendent of Police, I have proposed a plan which will afford all the security we require in the least expensive manner by making use of the existing Sibbundy guard barrack as a station, and throwing out a walled Court yard both in front and rear of the building, the former of which will enclose the Cash room and the entrance to the Record room while the back Court formed by a high wall with a leam to roof on the inner side will constitute a lock-up under the immediate eye of the station guard and its Officer.

4. This arrangement will enable a limited number of men to perform duties which would otherwise call for detached parties of greater strength.

5. The accompanying plan will explain what we propose. The protecting wall round the Treasury for which I applied in my letter of the 25th July last, No. 136, to the Deputy Chief Engineer N. C. will be of course unnecessary under this plan. I have asked the District Engineer to estimate the probable cost. If sanctioned, the work should be pressed forward at once, as the new Police arrangements are on the eve of introduction.

6. Since writing the above I have received the Order of Government, dated 28th August 1861, No. 1,081, which directs me to report on this subject, and to state whether the Chicacole Jail could accommodate the Itchapore prisoners.

7. The lock-up here is but a single long room and not suited for a prison, but I am informed by Mr. Tennant, Divisional Inspector of Police, that there is ample room at Chicacole for all these prisoners and that the Sessions Judge too declared himself ready to receive them into the Jail.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
7th October 1861.

Proceedings of the Chief Engineer, dated 28th September 1861.

No. 21. From Captain E. H. HARINGTON, District Engineer Ganjam; to the Deputy Chief Engineer Northern Circle, Department Public Works, Fort Saint George, dated Russelcondah, 12th September 1861; No. 177.

With reference to Chief Engineer's Proceedings, No. 2,784, 17th July 1861, calling for a revised Plan of Chetterpore Jail, I have the honor to inform you that the Collector has stated that, under certain new arrangements to be made in the District Prisons, the new building will not be required.

No. 5,420.

Submitted to Government with reference to their Proceedings, No. 1,285, dated 11th July 1861.

2. The proposed arrangements adverted to by the District Engineer have not been communicated to the Chief Engineer.

(Signed) W. H. HORSELY, Lieut. Col.,
Chief Engineer Department,
Public Works.

CENTRAL OFFICE OF PUBLIC WORKS, CHEPAUK,
28th September 1861.

To J. D. Sim, Esq., Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department, Fort Saint George.

Transferred to the Judicial Department.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

30th September 1861.

No. 22. ORDER THEREON, 7th October 1861, No. 1,239.

As there is ample accommodation at Chicacole and Vizagapatam for the prisoners at present in the Itchapore Jail, the Government resolve to authorize the abolition of this prison.

2. The Inspector General of Jails will direct the removal of the prisoners from Itchapore, and their distribution in the manner indicated by him. He will likewise dispense with such of the Jail establishment, as may be no longer required, and report his proceedings to Government.

3. The plan received with Mr. Forbes' letter will be forwarded to Mr Rohde, and he will decide on the additions proposed for increasing the security of the Agent's Lock-up, as well as on the course suggested by the Inspector General of Police for escorting prisoners to Chicacole —all which seem to be unavoidable, pending the project for constructing a prison at Chutterpore.

4. Mr. Rohde will consider whether a larger Jail than one for 60 prisoners will now be required for the Agent, and, if so, he will advise the Chief Engineer, in reference to the plan and estimate he has been asked to prepare.

5. Mr. Rohde will understand for the future that he is to state his intentions fully and not as in this case to leave the Government to act on mere inference.

6. A copy of these Proceedings will be forwarded to the Sudder Court.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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To Secretary Judicial Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letters—

From the Inspector
Genl. of Jails — date 31st Aug. '61 No. 402.
" the Agent, Ganjam — 10th Sept. — " 164.
Also Proceedings of the Chief Engineer — 28 Sep-61 — No. 5420
Order — 7th October 1861 No. 1239.

As there is ample accommodation at Chicacole ~~& Viragapatam~~ for the prisoners at present in the Ichapore Jail, the Govt. resolve to authorise the abolition of this prison.

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5. Mr Rohde will understand for the future that he is to state his intentions as in this case to fully and distinctly ~~to point out what he proposes to do, and the reasons for the same, and to call the attention of the Board to any point on which he may require instructions~~ the first to act on these occasions.

The Inspector Genl. of Jails.—With Plan.
" Agent, Ganjam.
" Agent, Vizagapatam.
" Sessions Judges, Chicacole. 8/0
" Sudder Court.
" Chief Engineer.
" Civil Paymaster—Accountant

Jud. 186/. Department

No. 1289.

PROCEEDINGS of GOVERNMENT.

Jet 1629. Fo Nos 1844/61
" 1744 - 1748 - 38/02 - 1431/63
Dated 7th Octr 1861.

Authorizing the abolition of the Ichapore Jail and the removal of the Convicts from that place to the Chicacole & Vizagapatam Jails

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