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Government of Madras.

*Judicial* DEPARTMENT.

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21st November 1861.

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No. 121. Read the following letter from W. GREY, Esq., Secretary to the Government of India; to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated Fort William, 31st October 1861, No. 2,156.

Home Department.  
Judicial.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letters Nos. 1,106 and 1,180, dated respectively the 3rd and 20th ultimo.

2. In the former letter the Government of Madras has raised a question as to the expediency of selecting any place in the Neilgherries as a site for a Jail for European and American Convicts, and in the latter the establishment of a General Prison in any part of the Madras Presidency for the reception of such Convicts from all parts of India is apparently deprecated.

3. The Governor General in Council having fully considered the arguments urged in these letters and having regard to the probability that the great majority of Civil European Convicts will continue to be tried and sentenced in Calcutta, is of opinion that instead of establishing a General Prison for all India, it will be preferable that each Presidency should provide for the reception of its own Convicts, and a communication on the subject will accordingly be made to the Governments of Bengal and Bombay.

4. I am desired to state, however, that it will be necessary as a temporary arrangement, until such time as a suitable Jail can be constructed in Bengal, to remove some of the men now in confinement at Calcutta to the Jail which has been built at Ootacamund; and I am directed, therefore, to request that as early an intimation as possible may be given of the time when that Jail will be ready for the reception of prisoners. It is probable that accommodation will be required for from 25 to 30 men.

5. It is presumed that, to meet the present requirements of the Madras Presidency, it will not be necessary to incur any further expense in the construction of a Jail for the reception of European Convicts.

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No. 122. ORDER THEREON, 21st November 1861, No. 1,424.

Communicated to the Inspector General of Jails, and to the Public Works Department.

2. Mr. Rohde is requested to state when the Jail at Ootacamund will be ready for the reception of the Convicts.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,  
Chief Secretary.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

N<sup>o</sup>: 1124 - 21 November 1861

Communicated to the  
Inspector Genl. of Sails,  
& to the Pub. Wks. Dept.

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at Ostacumund will  
be ready for the recep-  
tion of the Convicts.

*[Signature]*

The Inspector Genl. of Sails. }  
Pub. Wks. Dept. } *21<sup>st</sup>*

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 of India. Home D<sup>t</sup> 2156.

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With ref: to the letter from  
 this office No. 1180 of 20<sup>th</sup> Sept 61.  
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 as to the time when the Ptacannud  
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 of convicts.  
 With an Order.

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No. 2156

From

W. GREY, Esquire,

To

Secy. to the Govt. of India,

J. D. SIM, Esquire,

SIR,

Secy. to the Govt. of Port St. George.

Dated Port William, the 31st October, 1861.

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Wm. D. Sim