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No. 138. Read the following letter from J. ROHDE, Esq., Inspector General of Jails; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 6th May 1861, No. 197.

1. In reply to the Order of Government No. 581, (1st May 1861) requiring information as to when the new prison at Ootacamund will be ready for Convicts, I have the honor to state that I do not think it would be wise to move prisoners into a new building, in this climate, till after the monsoon; that otherwise I do not doubt being able to have the building ready by the end of July or middle of August, provided the asphalte and iron platings of the doors and locks are furnished in time.

2. Messrs. Bainbridge and Co. engaged to supply the asphalte which was expected in April, and Messrs. Short Brothers engaged to supply iron plates for the doors, locks and other fittings for the doors.

Dated 25th April, No. 179. 3. I have written* to Major Orr regarding the heating apparatus.

4. I think it would be well to inform the Government of India, that the building will probably be completed by the 15th August, but that the brick work will necessarily be damp and that it does not seem prudent to move Europeans from the plains of Bengal, many of them probably with diseased constitutions to a new building at Ootacamund at the commencement of the monsoon, especially as the apparatus for heating the building will not be fixed.

5. At the same time I would submit the expedience of obtaining, from the Supreme Government, sanction for the necessary establishment that I may be able to make a fit selection.

6. It will be convenient that the prisoners should not be all transferred at once, and I would suggest that eighteen of the number should be sent in the first instance and that the rest should follow at an interval of a month.

7. The establishment I would propose would be for the small prison for thirty-six Europeans and Americans, one Jailer, one head Warder and seven Warders. The former should have the same pay as the Jailer at Allipoor or not less than 200 Rupees monthly, the head Warder 80 Rupees and the Warders 50 Rupees.

8. I should retain the present Jailer Mr. Warburton, the head Warder and Warders must be selected. In every case I intend that the sums stated shall be independent of any pay or pension to which as Soldiers the persons may be entitled.

9. I have not provided water closets, &c., but I have suited the building to them should it be decided to use them.

10. By note I mentioned the end of June as the time when the prison might be ready, but considering the delays consequent on frequent rain, an interruption to the supply of Convict labour from an outbreak of small pox and every contingency, I think it safer to say July, as I stated in my letter of 26th May 1860, or the 15th of August, by which time I hope to get the workmen out of every part of the building.

No. 139. ORDER THEREON, 22nd May 1861, No. 671.

A copy of this letter will be forwarded to the Government of India.

2. It appears to this Government, that the proposed establishment, nine men for the charge of thirty-six prisoners, or one man to every four, is excessive, and they request Mr. Rohde to reconsider his proposal. Meanwhile, sanction will be solicited only for the Jailer, Head Warder, and *four* Deputy Warders.

3. As the Jail at Ootacamund will be the common receptacle of Europeans and Americans sentenced to penal servitude, from all parts of India, it will be submitted to the Supreme Government that all expenses connected with it, so long at least as it may be thus employed, should be charged against the Imperial Revenue—or, if not, should be charged against the different Local Governments and Administrations, in the ratios of the number of Convicts confined in the Jail for offences committed within their respective territories.

4. As cells in the Jails will have to be reserved for European Convicts from this Presidency and perhaps from that of Bombay, it will be requested that no more than twenty-six be for the present sent from Calcutta—the first batch of eighteen, as suggested by Mr. Rohde, being despatched so as to reach the Neilgherries in November next.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

No. 110. To the Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, dated Fort Saint George, 22nd May 1861, No. 672.

With reference to your letter of the 16th April last, No. 762, inquiring when arrangements might be made for the removal from Calcutta of the Convicts under sentence of Penal Servitude, with a view to their confinement in the new Jail at Ootacamund, I am directed to forward a copy of a communication on the subject from the Inspector General of Jails for this Presidency.

2. In my letter of the 12th June last, No. 736, it was stated that the Jail would be ready for use by July 1861. Mr. Rohde still hopes to have the building completed by July, or the middle of August next, provided the supplies of Asphalte and Iron* platings of the doors and locks, for which he has made arrangements with trades-people at Madras, are furnished to him in time.

* NOTE.—*This iron work has since been received.*

3. The Inspector General is not, however, of opinion that the Convicts can be moved into a new building in a climate like that of Ootacamund, till after the monsoon, that is, as has been ascertained from him by Telegraph, till November next. The brick work, he explains, will still be damp, the heating apparatus will not have been fixed before that time, and it does not seem prudent to move Europeans—many of them probably with diseased constitutions—from the plains of Bengal to a new building at Ootacamund at the commencement of the monsoon.

4. As it will not be convenient to have all the Convicts transferred at once, Mr. Rohde suggests that eighteen of the number should be sent in the first instance, and that the rest should follow at an interval of a month.

5. A Tabular Statement showing the Establishment proposed for the prison for thirty-six Europeans and Americans, accompanies this letter. The Jailer, Mr. Rohde recommends, should have the same pay as the Jailer at Allipore, or not less than Rupees 200 a month, the Head Warder Rupees 80, and each of the 7 Warders Rupees 50. These rates are to be independent of any pay or pension to which as Soldiers the persons who may be selected for these offices may be entitled.

Vide Despatch from the Secretary of State, to the Government of India, 8th December 1858, *No.* 23, *paras.* 6 *and* 7, *communicated to the Madras Government in an order of the Supreme Government Financial Department, 22nd January* 1859, *No.* 670.

6. It appears to this Government that the proposed Establishment, nine men for the charge of thirty-six Prisoners, or one man to every four, is excessive, and they propose to communicate further with Mr. Rohde, on the subject. Meanwhile they desire me to solicit sanction only for the Jailer, Head Warder and *four* Deputy Warders. The rates of pay which are proposed seem no more than are required to secure the services of respectable Europeans at Ootacamund and considering the nature of the duty which will have to be performed.

7. A Tabular Statement in the usual form accompanies. As the Jail at Ootacamund will be the common receptacle of Europeans and Americans sentenced to Penal Servitude, from all parts of India, it is submitted that all expenses connected with it, so long at least as it may be thus employed, should be charged against the Imperial Revenue—or if not, should be charged against the different Local Governments and Administrations in the ratios of the number of Convicts confined in the Jail for offences committed within their respective Territories.

8. As it is of importance that the Inspector General should have ample time to select good men for the posts of Head Warder and Warders, I have to solicit early orders on this Tabular Statement.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
22nd May 1861.

9. The Jail at Ootacamund will accommodate thirty-six European Convicts, each in a separate cell, but as space must be reserved for Convicts from this Presidency and that of Bombay, I am to request that no more than twenty-six may be sent from Calcutta for the present and until the probable requirements of the other Presidencies can be fully ascertained.

10. The first batch of eighteen may as suggested by Mr. Rohde be sent so as to reach the Neilgherries by November next. A further communication from this Government should however be awaited before they are actually despatched.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
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JUDICIAL.

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Forwarded for sanction to the Home Department of the Government of India.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Fort Saint George.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
22nd May 1861.

My dear Pycroft

The room no sh[illegible]
the doctor has arrived at
Aldeburgh and I have ordered
it up quick. so I have no
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Very sincerely Yr
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No. 671 — 22d May 1861 —

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To The Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort St George
Dated 6th May 1867.
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Explaining the reason
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No. 672.

The Secretary to the Govt. of India.

Home Department

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&c. & much time perfectly
absurd to give an
establishment of more
than four warders besides
the Jailor - Let a reference
be made back to Mr Rohde

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however be remembered
that they will have
to deal with criminals
of the worst character,
whose their position
will render reckless
and desperate - This
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that it be sanctioned,
on the understanding
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To The Secretary to
the Govt. of India

Dated 22d May 1861.

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Judicial Department

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		Judicial.	None.	Sailer ——— 200 " " Head Warder — 80 " " 4 Warders, 50 ~~55~~ " " ~~Rs.~~ 630 ~~620~~ " " 480 480					Vide Letter, May 1861 No. , to the Govt. of India.	Favorable.			

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Chief Secy. to the Govt. of Fort St. George.