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Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
29th May 1861.*

No. 176. Read the following letter from J. ROHDE, Esq., Inspector General of Jails; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Ootacamund, 13th May 1861, No. 205.

1. I have the honor to submit for the consideration of Government that it will be desirable to provide means for conveying European and American Convicts direct from the Railway terminus at Coimbatore, to the prison at this place in *light* vans not exceeding 4 cwt. in weight, and secured against any attempt to break from them. If this is agreeable to the views of the Honorable the Governor in Council I will submit designs and specifications of the conveyances and have them built if required.

2. The Government is aware that no cell furniture was provided for in the estimates of this Jail; I shall as a matter of course have this made up, charging for the same if necessary by a supplemental bill.

3. I have not provided water closets to the cells, but the walls are constructed and cells arranged with the view to their introduction if required.

4. The furniture I propose for each cell is, one bed frame hinged to the wall and provided with a hasp and staple for locking it up during the day, a table fixed to brackets from the walls, a water can, basin, a stool, a chamber pot, and a lamp; the pots may be dispensed with if closets are introduced at any time. Closets cannot be fitted till a water service is provided; for the present other arrangements must be made.

5. I have laid the foundation of a wall for enclosing a court around a well to be dug, this court will have a door of communication with the yard of the prison which will be blocked up till the well is dug.

6. I propose furnishing with neat but substantial furniture the Jailor's quarters, if this meets the approval of Government, and for this purpose five hundred Rupees will be sufficient.

7. Stores for cooking for the prisoners will be required, also cooking utensils, plates, mugs, knives and forks, &c.; I shall procure these as I have opportunity, on receiving the order of Government to do so.

No. 177. ORDER THEREON, 29th May 1861, No. 695.

His Excellency the Governor in Council thinks it quite unnecessary that light prison vans should be constructed for the purpose of conveying from Coimbatore to the Ootacamund Jail European and American prisoners sentenced to penal servitude. If the men be sent in small parties and under a sufficient guard, such special precautions will not be required.

2. The Government approve the arrangements proposed by the Inspector General for furnishing the cells, Jailor's quarters &c., as explained in paras. 2 to 7 of his letter.

3. Mr. Rohde is requested to submit as soon as possible an account showing what has been expended on the Jail in all its details up to date, and the cost of the further expence which will have to be incurred to complete the whole.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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