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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
20th June 1861.

Read the following papers :—

No 145. From J. ROHDE, Esq., Inspector General of Jails; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Ootacamund, 6th June 1861, No. 241.

I have the honor in reference to the Orders of the Government, dated 1st June 1861, No. 712, relative to the new prison for Europeans, to state that the present prison can be added to, and that, without great inconvenience, the part already built may be used while the other 64 cells are in progress, but that I have not just now a brick to spare, and that if the Government resolve on adding to the present building, I must use what bricks I have, in building the cross wall forming the eastern wall of the new building.

2. The enclosed trace will explain this with more clearness than I can in a short letter.

3. The supposed advantage of the Jackatalla climate, and the vicinity of troops induced a preference to that Station. My personal experience is rather in favor of Ootacamund for hard work.

MEMORANDUM.

One block of sixty-four cells in three floors, the cells opening into a corridor, the dimensions of the cells and width of the corridor and all details to be as in the present block of thirty-six cells, the heating apparatus to be placed in a cellar below one end of the building.

2. This arrangement involves the necessity for opening doors on either side the present heating room, and building immediately the eastern wall* of the new building to the height of fifteen feet above the basement, the prison to the extent it is already finished may then, though with some inconvenience, be used.

3. If a portion of Mrs. Cunliffe's plantation be purchased, the same block might be added to the north of the present prison enclosure; this will be attended with very little inconvenience—there is I believe no one with legal power to sell this property which is now overrun with jungle, and screens nuisances; the Act should be put in force and the purchase effected in communication with Mr. Brooke Cunliffe, one of the Trustees.

4. The plan forwarded gives a general outline of the two arrangements.

(Signed) J. ROHDE,
Inspector General of Jails.

No. 146. From J. ROHDE, Esq., Inspector General of Jails; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Ootacamund, 7th June 1861, No. 243.

1. I have the honor to request instructions relative to the accommodation of the warders to be employed at the prison at this station.

2. I purposely avoided placing them in the prison building as in a country where every human being manages, some how or other, to be dependent on servants, the admission of these within the precincts of the prison was objectionable.

3. The best course seems to be to build two detached double cottages and one single cottage on the ground below the Jail and in situations which would allow of their being at any future time sold or used for other purposes without inconvenience; these I think may be built by aid of convict labor for Rupees 1,200 for each man's quarters, 1,800 being allowed for the head warder's—this is little when compared with the married quarters at Wellington.

P. S.—With reference to my letter of yesterday I have the honor to state that on careful examination of the ground, I think the best course will be to add any additional block of building to the north of the present prison court yard.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
20th June 1861.

No. 147.

ORDER THEREON, 20th June 1861, No. 795.

In the first of the above letters the Inspector General of Jails reports, in reply to the enquiry made by Government in their Order of the 1st instant, that the Jail now building at Ootacamund can be added on to, so as to provide accommodation for 100 European prisoners in all, as also that the part already built may without great inconvenience be used while the other sixty-four cells are in progress.

2. Under these circumstances it appears to Government that it would be very undesirable to construct a second European Prison near Jackatalla, the cost of which would considerably exceed that of the addition which would be made to the Ootacamund Jail—and for which a separate expensive establishment would have to be entertained. The reason for Jackatalla being preferred as the site of the large European Prison is stated by Mr. Rohde to have been the supposed advantage of the Jackatalla climate, and the vicinity of troops, but the Government are not prepared to give much weight to these considerations. They may remark too, that when the design of having a large European Prison on the Neilgherries was first entertained, the small Jail at Ootacamund was intended for Natives. Its conversion into a Jail for European Convicts has altogether changed the aspect of the question.

3. Resolved therefore that the District Engineer of Coimbatore be instructed through the chief Engineer to prepare as soon as possible in communication with the Inspector General a detailed plan and an estimate of the additional buildings required according to the sketch which has been sent up by Mr. Rohde. It will be determined hereafter whether the additional block shall be built on the eastern or northern side of the present Prison, but this need not hinder the preparation of the plan and estimate.

4. If the number of European Convicts to be confined at Ootacamund is thus to be nearly trebled, additional space will have to be provided as court yards for labor and exercise. The District Engineer and Inspector General will attend to this. It will be proper also that the yards should not as in the present plan run without a division on each side of the block of cells, but that they should be divided off by two or more partition walls, so as to admit of several prisoners being worked or exercised at the same time, and without communication with each other.

5. In his second letter the Inspector requests instructions relative to the accommodation of the warders who are to be employed in the Prison. He proposes to build two detached double cottages and one single cottage on the ground below the Jail and in situations which would allow of their being at any future time sold or used for other purposes without inconvenience. He thinks that these may be built by aid of Convict labor for Rupees 1,200 for each man's quarters, 1,800 being allowed for the head warder. The Government approve this proposal, but would prefer, if it be possible, having the cottages on the same level and attached to the Jail building, although with entrances distinct from those of the Jail. Plans and estimates of these cottages should be prepared by the District Engineer in correspondence with the Inspector General at an early date, but looking to the intended enlargement of the Jail a greater number of cottages will be required than those contemplated by Mr. Rohde.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

My dear Pycroft
The plan you proposed
will greatly relieve me in this
case to wait for the report of the
Medical Dept which I have not yet
the very thing I should wish to
on my tour. I am giving all the
information I could to you
from my own relations.
I am sure I have been
very particular in giving you
information and something from
officers in charge of jails. Still
must return to you that I
shall be sure of it. I have
who has been working for
is about the best of the
The plan is very
very well done. I will
it. I am sure you will
be is perfect and I am
the plan is perfect
but the saving will be great.

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(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

I will delay writing the account
you called for till my return
from Cape Cod. There is
great work to be done but I fear
and I think building. I shall not
call any more on you.

I have not seen the remains
 submitted for the new Locustella
 but they will hardly be considered
 as a new species. I have half of
 No. 150. 152 and I suppose half of
 this may be covered by adding
 to the Locustella. The new Locustella
 for them is Locustella, for
 wood, sand, fruit, etc. etc. etc.
 No. 150. 152 and I suppose
 No. 150. 152, all of which are
 Locustella, etc. etc. etc.

If this principle is to be kept for
us all it will be a question
what the position of the keeper
should be under this arrangement
that of a mere moderator. I think
however that a separate body
acting with but the most nominal
and shadowy influence be placed
over it. I thought of the accident
of justice and will fully see

no need of this. I have written the
provision to look out the
fact that I want this amendment
accepted of the committee of the
joint rules before drafting them
for this year.

My reports from the
are characteristic of the labor
movement. I have seen that
industrialism other than personal
labor. That is the danger! I have
seen the danger of the
workers. I have half understood the
believe that the whole thing is
and that the men have a right
in the industrial world!

Dr. L. Jackson tells me the
Calcutta committee are likely to give
some trouble at first. I think
this very likely if there are many
Jacks in among them and
till they are somewhat trained.
I should have preferred an extra
man or two, however I dare say

be required than those contemplated by Mr. Rohde.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

we shall get on.
You must if you please
get an sanction for the Indian
houses. I have proposed
very humble cottages. I wish
to keep the men out of the
bazaar and near their work.
Very sincerely yours
Rohde

7th June 1861.

My dear Pycroft -
The plan you propose will greatly relieve me and I have now to wait for the report of the Medical Department, which comes in just at the very time I should wish to be on my tour. I can give all the information the Medical Department give from my own returns. I must however have my returns sent in with greater punctuality and correctness from Officers in charge of Sails. I still want 2 returns of Sails that Lacy Sudder Armer of Itchapoor who has hardly anything to do in the world of all. The prison here can very well have 64 cells added to it. The arrangement will not be so perfect as that proposed for the new prison at Jackatalla, but the saving will be great. The advantages of the hill near Jackatalla are

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Exd. F. Cartledge.

are the milder climate and vicinity
of troops. perhaps also the greater
space and facilities for taking
prisoners beyond prison walls should
this be desirable at any stage
of the prisoners' confinement.

It will, I think be
well if the Government resolve on
enlarging this prison. to put the
act in force in respect of ground
to the south of running part of Mr.
Lambert's land. There is I believe
no point to sell. the place is a jungle
and public nuisance. B. Lambert
offered to sell at \$5000 per acre.
but this will be a very full price
for the whole lot. 5000 should
purchase all. I should absolutely
require...

I will delay sending
the account you called for till
my Administration report is
in. I have a great deal to re-
cover but if Government add

to

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this building. I shall not sell.

I have not seen the revised
estimates for the new Sackataga
it. they will hardly be under
\$150,000, and I suppose half
this will be saved by adding
this building. The cost item for
timber is left at Sackataga. fire
wood sand. Chemung work.
new European supervising water
and all most important items
not much left. This was...

If this prison is
enlarged for 100 cells it will
be a question what the position
of the Keeper should be, and
this involves that of accommodation.
I think however that
separate building will be
the most convenient should
an Officer be placed over it.
though with a resident Magis-
trate and Sub Judge I see
here is no need of this.

Mr Sydney Smith has
promised

inconvenience or need
which

promised to look out the Jail
Act. I wait this and the receipt
of Bombay and Bengal Jail
rules before drafting those for
this gaol.

My replies from Ma-
draz are characteristic, what labor?
answer "Penal labor." What occu-
pations other than penal labor. What
reading & answer Blackwoods
Magazine and similar works.
I am half inclined to believe that
fellow Murphy who said Skittles
was his occupation in the Ma-
draz Jail.

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Very Sincerely Yrs.

Signed/ J. P. P. P.

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Judicial Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter
from the Inspector General
of Jails.

(Here enter date & y June 1861,
No. 241-243.)

Order thereon 20th June 1861, No. 775.

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camund jail — and for
which a separate reform-
ative establishment would
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J.P.

To the Chief Engineer with Sketch
" Depy. & Pub. Works. } depy. 20
" Insp. Genl. of Jails. }

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No. 795.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS
GOVERNMENT.

Dated 20 June 1861.

Of No. 2106.

*Having order on the
letter from the Director
General of India, relative to
the necessary action of the
Government to be employed
in the service of the Government.*