

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
20th August 1862.*

No. 213. Read the following letter from T. J. KNOX, Esq., Session Judge of Chicacole; to A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to Government in the Judicial Department, Fort Saint George, dated 29th July 1862, No. 232.

Paragraph 1. I had the honor to receive from you, Proceedings of the Government with an Order, dated 21st July 1862, No. 1,146, sanctioning the use of certain Barracks as a temporary Auxiliary Gaol.

2. I think it my duty to inform the Government that these buildings are not adapted for a Gaol, and I protest most respectfully against the Convicts from Vizagapatam and other Zillah Gaols being sent here if such being the object of the proposal of the Inspector General of Gaols was so understood and sanctioned by Government.

3. In letters dated 28th June and 2nd July, I brought to the notice of the Inspector General of Gaols that this Gaol was overcrowded, for in a building he calculated sufficient for 153 Prisoners, I had 213; that each Convict had not 350 cubic feet of space though all authorities on sanitary matters say 500 and some even 800 are necessary for health, and I was very anxious when either an epidemic broke out or a positive impossibility existed to receive more Convicts to have the previous Order of Government for the occupation of these buildings, and also sanction for the extra force of Constables I should require, which latter clause of my request has been forgotten.

4. The Inspector General replied that application had been made as I understood according to my request and for the benefit of my surplus prisoners only.

5. I now find however that the Inspector General of Gaols has applied for these buildings principally on account of the Vizagapatam Gaol, and I beg therefore to warn the Government that though I am of opinion these buildings would suffice as a temporary measure for the custody by night of 20 or 30 Convicts, they are not adapted for an Auxiliary Jail having neither ventilation nor enclosures; if no sickness breaks out I hope to be able to make the present Gaol buildings answer all purposes till the end of next month when a large number of releases must occur of time expired Convicts, but I presume Government do not wish that prisoners from Vizagapatam or other Gaols should be sent here under the circumstances.

No. 214. ORDER THEREON, 20th August 1862, No. 1,360.

The Government observe that there is at present a great want of Jail accommodation throughout the Presidency, and temporary and provisional expedients have therefore to be resorted to, which under other circumstances would not be adopted.

2. A copy of the above letter will be furnished to the Inspector General of Jails, who is well acquainted with the Jail buildings and Barracks at Chicacole, and who will make such arrangements for the lodging of prisoners therein as he may deem most advisable.

3. The Session Judge should apply to the District Superintendent of Police for any extra Constables to whom he may be entitled—and they will be supplied to him at the usual rate of one Constable to every six prisoners, or nearly so.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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Judicial Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter
from the Senior Judge
Chicago.

[No entered 29th July '62 N^o 232]

Order thereon 20th August 1862. N^o 1360

The Government observe that there is at present a great want of Sail accommodation throughout the Presidency, and temporary and provisional expedients have therefore to be resorted to, which under other circumstances would not be adopted.

2. A copy of the above letter will be furnished to the Inspector General of Sails, who is well acquainted with the Sail buildings and barracks at Chicago, and,

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Division 1862, Department.

No. 1360.

PROCEEDINGS OF GOVERNMENT.

Dated 20 August 1862.

Directing the Engineer
General to be & make such
arrangement as he may deem
advisable for the lodging of
passengers at the Hotel Buildings
and houses at Chicago;
and the Magistrate to supply
for the comfort of the District
Superintendent of Police.

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