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Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
16th September 1862.*

No. 144. Read the following letter from J. ROHDE, Esq., Inspector General of Jails ;
to A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to the Government of
Fort Saint George, dated Ootacamund, 12th July 1862, No. 327.

I have the honor to submit for the information of Government my opinion of the course to
be taken with the Guindy Jail in obedience to the Orders of the 18th May, which, for want of
the Returns, I could not satisfactorily answer at the time.

2. At present the great increase in the number of prisoners throughout the Presidency
precludes my abandoning the Guindy Jail, but in my opinion it ought to be abandoned as soon
as the prisoners can be disposed of elsewhere.

3. The mortality has been entirely confined to a gang from Chittoor, where the Jail was
crowded : 18 out of fifty have died, but the cause is not apparent, and I regret to say that there
is no place to which they can be sent. All were seasoned prisoners in good health, they had for
some months previous to transfer had raggy and rice and the only change was to a rice diet, all
but two died of Anasarca, Diarrhoea or Atrophy, indicating an unwholesome Jail, but when visit-
ing the Jail I could not account for this, especially as the prisoners had not generally suffered.

4. I trust the Government will have something done towards building new Jails, the whole
time is now wasted in calling for estimates and, on the plains, a very good skeleton Jail might
be built in the time it now takes to obtain and pass estimates, in the meantime I have no reason
to doubt that convictions will increase at a ratio far exceeding the means of imprisoning the
criminals.

No. 145. ORDER THEREON, 16th September 1862, No. 1,518.
To be recorded.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter
from the Inspector General of
Prisons.

[New order 12th July 1862 N^o 327.]

Order thereon July 1862 N^o

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Under the circumstances
stated in the foregoing
letter the Government have
been obliged for the present
to suspend the Council
and to the urgent necessity which
exists for providing additional
prison accommodation with
as little delay as possible.
It appears from the Inspector
General's report that the number
of prisoners in confinement
at the close of the official year
1861 has exceeded 7000.

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available ^{is} ~~is~~ barely suffi-
cient being not more than
5000. In the proceedings of
Government under date the
18th instant orders were issued for
the immediate preparation
of plans & estimates for
Jails at Berhampore and
Vizagapalam the latter to
be a Central Jail adapted
for the confinement of all
prisoners in the Northern
Circars whose sentences
amount to, or exceed seven
years. Such further addition
as may be requisite to the
~~present~~ ^{present} prison accommo-
-dation now available, &
should, the Governor in Council
thinks, be provided for by
the erection of one or more
of the Central Jails original-
-ly contemplated, the build-
-ing of which was only stop-
-ped by the financial em-
-barrassments consequent
on

Pro. of Govt. 9th July 1861
No 881.

the ^{of} 1857.
The Government re-
quest that Mr. [Name] should
state what new Jails he
would propose to build at
once, in addition to those already
referred to, and what ar-
rangements he would sug-
-gest with ^{the} view of expe-
-diting the prepara-
-tion of the buildings when
authorized. He will report
in each case what num-
-ber of convicts can be main-
-tained in the work-
-shops.
It must detain who
occurs in the preparation
of estimates is a most serious
evil. Nearly a year has
elapsed since orders were
issued to the District
Engineers of Boinbatoe and
Madura to prepare estimates
for the erection of skeleton
Jails at those stations &c. &c.
up to this time the estimates
have

To the Inspector General of Sails
" Public Work *W.C.*

Pro: 5th June 1862 No. 35736

indicate 10/62 by post
From
The Ins^r of Sails
To The Chief Secy to the Govt of
East & George

9/12 to 1/327
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Submits for the information
of Government its opinion
The course to be adopted
with the Quindus Sail and
suggests some thing being
done towards building

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