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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
24th November 1862.*

Read the following papers :—

No. 163. From J. ROHDE, Esq., Inspector General of Jails; to A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq., Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated Ootacamund, 4th November 1862, No. 586.

1. The great increase in the number of prisoners at Coimbatore and Salem renders it necessary to adopt some steps for relieving those Jails, and it occurs to me that the readiest course is to remove 100 men to Palgbaut where Colonel Ouchterlony tells me they may be usefully employed, and where Mr. Hannyngton will for the present direct them. It will in this case be necessary, as a temporary measure to re-employ the establishment sanctioned by the Supreme Government on the 16th February 1861 at a cost of Rupees 44 monthly.

2. I would further submit that by removing 150 time-expiring Convicts into huts on these hills, I could make room for 100 more in the Ootacamund Jail.

3. When I formerly recommended the employment of these Convicts at Colonel Horsley's suggestion on the western trace, my proposal was that such a selection of Convicts should be made that the necessity for a Police Guard should be avoided; this the Government thought objectionable and the matter dropped. I have now consulted Captain Weldon, Superintendent of Police, Captain Farewell, the Executive Officer of the Neilgherry range, and Colonel John Ouchterlony the Deputy Chief Engineer; there will I find be no objection to the Police being employed to guard the Convicts if shelter is found for them, sheds for forty men and Police Guard, will, Captain Farewell tells me, cost under 100 Rupees, if timber is given from the neighbouring sholas. The expense of two sheds may to some extent be avoided, 1st by putting the Convict party at the east end of the trace into an available tile shed which is within 200 yards of the spot to which the road is made; and 2ndly, by borrowing a shed which I am promised at the spot where the trace begins to descend from what I may call the Neilgherry plateau. Three more stations would be needed if a larger body of Convicts are employed on the work.

4. I know of no other work on which gangs may be employed with so few disadvantages, and Captain Farewell informs me that there are no other lines projected which the Government have sanctioned. Should the Government therefore be of opinion that the labor of men, two-thirds of whose sentence has expired should be utilized, the plan proposed by Colonel Horsley to me seems to offer a good opportunity of carrying out the intention.

5. There is a house on the bank of the lake rented by me at 200 Rupees annually; this I could secure for the accommodation of a further body of 40 Convicts, and a Police guard to work at the east end of the trace to a distance of three miles, if it is preferred to the shed which, though nearer, is in want of some repair.

6. I have at Cuddapah advised, and sanctioned the employment of Convicts on Railway works wherever the distance allows of the Sessions Judge visiting them and secure and proper buildings are provided; but elsewhere, I have been unable to obtain suitable buildings and I know not what to do unless I can obtain sanction to the employment of road gangs.

7. If the Government see fit to allow this, it will be observed that it formed part of my original plan. In proposing it I had respect to the lengthened periods to which our Courts sentence criminals unequalled I believe in any other country.

Letter dated 5th May 1855, para. 6.

8. If the Jails could be relieved the difficulties in the way of enforcing discipline within walls would be lessened; that discipline and penal labor I can never hope to exact in the present buildings, but I must say I think the removal of well conducted prisoners in the latter part of their term, with certain indulgences and a system of gratuities, either by a fund accumulating to the prisoner's credit against his release, or by extra condiment at meals, or both would tend greatly to the prisoner's amendment by begetting an incitement to which there is now no inducement.

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No. 164. From J. ROHDE, Esq., Inspector General of Jails; to A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq., Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated Ootacamund, 12th November 1862, No. 583.

I have the honor to communicate letters* from the Sessions Judge and Zillah Surgeon of Salem, and the Deputy Inspector General of Hospitals, Southern Division, showing the necessity of removing one-half the prisoners from the Zillah Jail at that station.

2. Considering the rapidity with which prisoners accumulate at Salem, I concur in the opinion expressed, but, I cannot acquiesce in the propriety of removing them to the old Jail with its ordinary mortality, ranging from 18 to 30 per cent. far better would it be to form a camp and put the prisoners, they will more than pay the expenses if disposed of as proposed in my letter of the 4th November 1862, No. 586.

3. I will immediately secure the building I described as Moosa Sait's house at this station, with iron to the windows for security and do my best to relieve the Coimbatore Jail, the iron will be available when the building is no longer required. I wait the orders of Government before detailing parties to the western trace beyond the limits of the station.

No. 165. ORDER THEREON, 24th November 1862, No. 1,908.

His Excellency the Governor in Council authorizes the Inspector General of Jails to relieve the Coimbatore and Salem Jails by transferring to Palghat as many prisoners as can be accommodated at that Station.

2. Mr. Rohde is also authorized to arrange in communication with the District Engineer for putting a gang of prisoners on the road between Coimbatore and Metapollum which is now under repair.

3. The Government do not approve of the proposal to employ prisoners on the trace from Ootacamund to Neddiwattum. If it should be necessary to detach any prisoners to the Neilgherries they should be employed in levelling the ground for the Lawrence Asylum building; but this arrangement must be deferred until the site has been determined.

4. The Inspector General is authorized to employ the establishment sanctioned by the Government of India for the Jail at Palghat, under date the 16th February 1861, at a monthly cost of Rupees 44. The Inspector General will report what additional establishment will be required to guard the gang employed on the road between Coimbatore and Metapollum. He will arrange for the erection of the necessary huts which it is presumed can be built by the prisoners.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. T. McMootry.

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