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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
11th January 1862.*

No. 60. Read the following letter from W. GREY, Esq., Secretary to the Government of India; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated Fort William, the 20th December 1861, No. 2,506.

Home Department.
Judicial.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your Telegram dated the 15th instant, reporting that the Ootacamund Jail is not yet ready, and in reply to make the following remarks:—

* Vide your letter, No. 736, dated 12th June 1860. On the 26th of May 1860* Mr. Rohde, Inspector General of Jails in Madras, wrote to you saying: "I suppose the building will be ready for occupation by July 1861."

† Vide Telegram of that date. On the 25th of February 1861, the Madras† Government reported: "The prison will be finished in June next."

‡ Vide your letter, No. 672. On the 22nd of May‡ 1861 the Madras Government wrote as follows: "Mr. Rohde still hopes to have the building completed by July or the middle of "August" * * *, but is not of opinion that the Convicts can be moved into the new building till November."

2. The above were the communications received from Madras up to May last, regarding the probable date of completion of the small prison, adapted to contain 36 Convicts, on the building of which Mr. Rohde has been engaged since April 1859.

3. In September the Government of Madras again wrote§ to request that no Convicts might be despatched from Calcutta until the building was reported ready; and in October|| it was intimated from this Department that some of the Calcutta Convicts must certainly be removed for a time to Ootacamund, and an early intimation was asked for of the time when the Jail at that place would be ready. No communication having been received in answer to this letter, a Telegram was despatched to Madras on the 14th instant, the answer to which is the Message under acknowledgment.

4. The Judges and Executive Officers of the Supreme Court and the Government of Bengal have for a long period been very anxious to see the penal servitude Convicts removed from the House of Correction in Calcutta, and a confident expectation was held out to them, on the authority of the communications from Madras above cited, that the change might take effect early in this cold weather.

5. It seems doubtful, however, if Mr. Rohde is left to complete the building at his leisure, whether another hot season may not pass away before his labors at Ootacamund are brought to a close. The Governor General in Council accordingly desires me to request that the Government of Madras will obtain from Mr. Rohde and submit with their opinion an explanation of the delay which has already extended so far beyond the time at which the probable completion of the Jail was fixed. I am also to request that a distinct statement may be furnished as to when the completion of the building may now be expected.

No. 61.

ORDER THEREON, 11th January 1862, No. 46.
Referred accordingly to the Inspector General of Jails.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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From
the Secretary to the Govt
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There is a certain amount
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kind of documents, and
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With an Order