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Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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

Read the following papers:—

No. 70. From J. ROHDE, Esq., Inspector General of Jails; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated Ootacamund, 19th November 1861.

I have the honor to enclose a letter* from Lieutenant Hankin, Joint Magistrate in charge of the Jail at Paumben, showing that, by a recent arrangement of the Chief Engineer, he is placed in charge of a range on the main land and in consequence made liable to absence for periods of several weeks together from his duties at Paumben.

* Dated 12th November 1861, No. 82, copy herewith sent.

2. Lieutenant Hankin states that under these circumstances an Overseer will remain at Paumben.

3. I have not been satisfied with the former discipline of the Jail at Paumben, and am aware that many abuses had obtained; Lieutenant Hankin has exerted himself to check these, and I should think an arrangement under which he could be continually resident very desirable. Lieutenant Hankin is an Officer of the Department Public Works, which the former Superintendent and Joint Magistrate was not.

From Lieutenant W. HANKIN, Joint Magistrate, in charge of the Jail, Paumben; to the Inspector General of Jails, Ootacamund, dated Paumben, 12th November 1861, No. 82.

I have the honor to bring the following circumstances to your notice, requesting you to take what steps you think proper in the matter.

2. Hitherto the Office of Superintendent of operations here has been held by an Officer not on the regular strength of the Department Public Works, and although subject to the authority of the District Engineer of Madura with reference to all public works at Paumben, still with various other and distinct duties to perform and responsible for them to the heads of the various Departments. Major Gib for whom I am acting does not belong to the Establishment of the Department Public Works, and against his name in the Army List appears "in charge of Public Works and Detachment of Sappers at Paumben, and Joint Magistrate in the District of Madura."

3. I have received a letter from the District Engineer of Madura, informing me that under the orders of Government the Public Works Establishment of Madura has been modified, and directing me in consequence to assume charge of all the works in the Ramnad and Shevegunga Zemindaries in addition to the duties here, this charge extends some 90 miles from Paumben in one direction, and some 50 or 60 in another, so that however few the Public Works may be, it will of course sometimes be necessary for me to be absent from Paumben, and such absence may extend to 15 or 16 days at a time.

4. Under these circumstances I respectfully submit therefore that all my present responsibility to you as Joint Magistrate in charge of the Jail for the interior economy and management thereof cease; it will be of course impossible for me when absent to return warrants or make any payments to released prisoners or to regulate the expenditure, &c. &c., of the Jail in any way, or carry out any instructions received from you.

5. Indeed if this arrangement is carried out and my present responsibilities be not lessened I shall, as any other Assistant Engineer, have all the duties of a range to perform, and in addition, what I believe no other Executive Office has, Magisterial duties to perform involving sole charge of a large Jail, not to mention a Military Detachment to command, besides duties connected with the Marine Department, and this without any extra remuneration.

6. I would remark that under this new arrangement an Overseer of the Department Public Works will be permanently located here.

7. In conclusion, I would earnestly beg that if you think it necessary to bring this matter to the notice of Government, I may not be considered as offering any contumacious opposition to

the orders of Government or the Chief Engineer, I simply wish to be relieved from the responsibility of duties which I feel my necessitated absence from Paumben will render it impossible for me to carry out in a proper manner.

(True Copy.)

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

Referred to the Public Works Department.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
25th November 1861.

No. 71. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Public Works Department, dated 31st December 1861, No. 2,442.

Directing the continuance of the system in force concerning the execution of work at Paumben until it is decided in the Judicial Department whether the Jail at Paumben shall be maintained or not. } (Vide Proceedings Public Works Department, dated 31st December 1861, Nos. 70—72.

No. 72. ORDER THEREON, 11th January 1862, No. 52.

Referred to the Inspector General of Jails, in continuation of Proceedings, 23rd December last, No. 1,584.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
Public.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from the Chief Engineer :—

Recommending with reference to the Proceedings of Government, dated 4th December 1861, No. 2,222, that pending the issue of orders on the subject of the abolition or otherwise of the Jail at Paumben, that the arrangements sanctioned in the Proceedings of Government dated 19th October 1861, No. 1,926, may, so far as regards No. 3 Range, be held in abeyance, and that the system in force concerning the execution of work at Paumben be continued. } (Here enter 16th December 1861, No. 8,411.)

ORDER THEREON, 31st December 1861, No. 2,442.

1. Under these circumstances, and as recommended by the Chief Engineer in paragraph 3, so much of the Orders of Government of the 19th October last, No. 1,926, as affects the supervision of No. 3 Range of the Madura District, will be held in abeyance; the Ramnad and Shevagunga roads and Salt Pan works being looked after by an Upper Subordinate as at present. This arrangement will continue until it is decided whether the Jail at Paumben shall be maintained or not; a point which will be considered in the Judicial Department.

2. The disposal of Major Gib, on the expiration of his leave, will be separately considered.

(True Extract.)

Secretary to Government.

To the Chief Engineer.
„ Judicial Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Directing the Continuance of the System in force Concerning the execution of work at Pamban until it is decided in the Judl Dt whether the Jail at Pamban shall be maintained or not

Read letter from the Superintt of Jails — 19 Instt. 558.
Read Govt Order — 31 Dec. 1861 — 2442

Public Works No. 52 — 9th January 1862

Referred to the Superintt of Jails, in continuation of Pros: dated 23rd Decr. last No. 1584.

The Superintt of Jails.
" Magistrate of Madura.