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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
14th July 1863.*

No. 144. Read the following letter from G. S. FORBES, Esq., Agent to Governor in Ganjam; to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Judicial Department, Madras, dated Chetterpoor, 30th June 1863, No. 33.

1. As the construction of a Jail at Berhampore has now been determined on, I have the honor to request the sanction of Government for the construction of a building to supersede the lock-up hitherto in use at Chetterpoor, the unsuitableness of which as a place of confinement for prisoners under trial has been fully stated in the correspondence noted in the margin.

To Government, 22nd March 1859, No. 55.
To Government, 25th May 1859, No. 138.
From Government, 16th June 1859, No. 828.
To Board, 14th June 1860, No. 157.
From Board, 6th July 1860, No. 3,109.
From Government, 8th July 1861, No. 876.
From Government, 28th August 1861, No. 1,081.
From Government, 7th September 1861, No. 1,128.
To Government, 10th September 1861, No. 164.
From Government, 7th October 1861, No. 1,239.
To Government, 21st June 1862, No. 62.

2. An unhappy illustration of the disadvantages and deficiencies of the present building occurred last month; several Khond and other prisoners had been committed for trial at the June Sessions. There were in all seven cases and eleven prisoners, all from the tracts still remaining under my jurisdiction as Agent; before the Sessions commenced Cholera broke out among the prisoners and before many hours five prisoners were attacked, out of whom four died. There is but one room for the prisoners, and no separate room whatever for women, nor any place to serve as a Hospital either for prisoners, or for the Police, or other public servants, who may require Medical treatment. I was obliged, therefore, immediately to move the rest of the prisoners to the guard room near the Treasury, while the prison room was cleansed, fumigated, and white-washed.

3. There will always be a necessity for prison accommodation sufficient for 40 persons at Chetterpoor, in order to provide for prisoners awaiting trial in Sessions cases from the Agency tracts and in Magisterial cases; and as many years have now elapsed, since the necessity of providing this accommodation (in such a form as to afford proper security and sufficient space and cleanliness) has been fully admitted, I would earnestly press the expedience of sanctioning a new building at an early date and converting the present lock-up into a sick ward which may be done by removing the mud wall of the Court yard which now surrounds the building.

4. While submitting this application, I take the opportunity to request the permission of Government to convert the Barracks of the late Goomsur Sebundy Corps at Russelcondah into a prison, in which all Khonds sentenced to imprisonment may be confined. The Government are aware that to the Hill races (both Khond and Sourah) imprisonment in the plains for any considerable time is in most cases a sentence to a lingering death, and sanction has been given for the erection of a small Jail at Parvatipoor for prisoners from the Hill Zemindaries of Vizagapatam and for Sourahs of the Purlakimedy Maliahs, whom I may sentence to imprisonment. As this building will not be adequate to accommodate more prisoners than are likely to be sent from these quarters, and as the building at Russelcondah only requires iron barred doors and windows and a Court yard wall, and is recommended by its proximity to the Hills, I would recommend its being appropriated to this purpose.

5. The District Engineer is, at my request, preparing plans and estimates both for a lock-up at Chetterpoor and for the conversion of the Russelcondah Barracks into a prison, they will be forwarded through the Department Public Works as soon as complete.

No. 145. ORDER THEREON, 14th July 1863, No. 1,137.

The Governor in Council will await the submission of the plans and estimates alluded to in the last paragraph of this letter. The Agent should, meanwhile, ascertain from the Inspector General of Police whether the Sebundy Barracks at Russelcondah will be any longer required by the Police Department.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

Exd. T. McMootry.

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- 28th Aug 1861 Act 1081
- 7th Sept 1861 Act 50 to 52
- 17th Oct 1861 Act 19 to 22
- 18th July 1862 Act 150 to 158
- 9th Dec 1862 Act 70 to 76
- 17th Jan 1863 Act 3-74
- 17th April 1863 Act 127 & 128

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