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Government of Madras.

Judicial **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department, 30th January 1863.

No. 184. Read the following letter from J. ROHDE, Esq., Inspector General of Jails; to A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Ootacamund, 22nd December 1862, No. 674.

In acknowledging the Order of Government of the 20th instant, No. 2,081, commenting on my not having conformed to the *letter* of the instructions conveyed in the Government Proceedings of the 6th, I have the honor to submit that having already done what the Government required to be done and having other things equally imperative to do, which I could not leave undone, I judged that I should best carry out the views of Government by doing what had not been done, instead of by doing over again what had already been done. The Government Order would have been ill carried out if I had gone to Salem without Captain Gahagan's letter, Specifications and Estimate which were in draft, and which with other papers I have put away on being informed that Government were not prepared to sanction any further expense, besides this the Government Order respecting the location of gangs on the Metapolliem road left me no option, and I required to see Mr. Grant both on that subject and in regard to the ground for the Central Prison, besides this my Budget Estimates were incomplete and might not be delayed.

2. Had I had Captain Gahagan's letter with me when I received the Government Order, I should have continued my journey to Salem, but not having it, it would have been folly in me to do so at the expense of time I could ill spare.

3. I believe I have carried out the various instructions I have received more effectively than if I had adhered to the letter of a single order passed in ignorance that what it required had already been done.

4. I need hardly say that I am too well pleased to find the object I desired carried out to allow of my delaying the work.

5. Mr. Grant is gone to Goodaloor, and I hope to see him on Thursday, till that time I can form no certain plan for locating prisoners on the Metapolliem road.

No. 185. ORDER THEREON, 30th January 1863, No. 135.

His Excellency the Governor in Council cannot admit the sufficiency of the reasons assigned by Mr. Rohde for the delay which occurred in his carrying out the instructions conveyed in the Proceedings of Government, under date the 20th ultimo. Mr. Rohde might have sent for the letter and plan, &c., to which he refers if they were necessary to enable him to confer with the District Engineer regarding the arrangements to be made for building an upper story to the Salem Jail. The reasons assigned do not justify a delay of three weeks in acting on an order which might have been carried out in as many days.

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

Exd. T. McMootry.

Judicial Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from the Inspector General of Jails — Coimbatore.

(Here enter 22d December 1862 No 674)

Order thereon 30th January 1863 No 135

His Excellency the Governor in Council cannot admit the sufficiency of the reasons assigned by Mr. Pohde for the delay which occurred in his carrying out the instructions conveyed in the proceedings of Government under date the 20th Ultimo. Mr. Pohde might have sent for the letter & plan &c to which he refers if they were necessary to enable him to confer with the District Engineer regarding the arrangements to be made for building an upper Story to the Salem Jail. The reasons assigned do not justify a delay of ~~three months~~ three weeks in acting on an order which might have been carried out in as many days.

To

H. Pohde Esqr Inspr of Jails dispd 31.

Jail 1863. Department.

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PROCEEDINGS OF GOVERNMENT.

Dated 30th January 1863.

Delay in making arrangements for building an upper story to the Salem Jail, noticed by Government.

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