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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
15th September 1863.

No. 105. Read the following letter from J. ROHDE, Esq., Inspector General of Jails; to A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq., Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated Ootacamund, 3rd September 1863, No. 243.

I have the honor to report having this morning visited the sheds already prepared beyond the Lawrence Asylum site for Convicts under the Orders of Government, No. 597, 18th April 1863.

2. Captain Farewell informed me that the main shed was intended for 120 Convicts, it consists of a wattle and daub building, 200 feet long, with a sectional area of 120 feet, thatched, with openings in the thatch, but otherwise close, with benches of wattle raised on either side for sleeping banks, the total cubic space available is, as stated above, $200 \times 14 \times 10 = 28{,}000$ cubic feet, which divided by 500 would give accommodation for 56 prisoners.

3. I do not think it necessary in a temporary building to provide 500 cubic feet of accommodation for each man, indeed a space 14×10 would, when coolies are hutted, be considered sufficient for 10 or 12 men, who would have but little more than 100 cubic feet a man, and yet they continue healthy. When the building prepared by Captain Farewell is dry I should have no hesitation in saying that, in my opinion, 100 Convicts might, without detriment to health, be lodged in it; but, if the Government think 500 feet necessary, only 56 can be accommodated.

4. I requested Captain Farewell to cut a slip of 2 inches in width off the bottom of all the doors for ventilation and to cut drains and slope the ground from the buildings to them. I should not be disposed to put prisoners in the building till the floor and walls are dry.

5. The Hospital will provide accommodation for trivial cases and will be fit for occupation, when dry.

6. Should the Government insist on 500 cubic feet of space being provided for each prisoner it will become a question with Captain Farewell whether the prisoners are worth having.

No. 106. ORDER THEREON, 15th September 1863, No. 1,477.

The Governor in Council concurs in the opinion of the Inspector General of Jails that in temporary buildings of the nature of that described in the foregoing letter and in the climate of the Neilgherry Hills it will be quite sufficient to allow 250 cubic feet of air for each Convict.

2. In the Proceedings of Government of the 18th April the Executive Engineer was directed "at once to commence the erection of huts sufficient to accommodate 500 convicts." It would appear from the foregoing letter that as yet accommodation has been provided for only 112 Convicts. Major Farewell will be called upon through the Department of Public Works to state when the requisite number of huts for 500 Convicts is likely to be ready. The Inspector General of Jails should at once transfer to the Hills as many Convicts as there may now be accommodation for.

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

Exd. T. McMootry.

Judicial Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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Thereon 3rd Sept. 1863 No. 2437

Order thereon 15th Sept. 1863 No. 1477

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