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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department, 23rd September 1863.

No. 202. 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, 12th September 1863, No. 262.

I have the honor to acknowledge the Order of Government, 3rd September 1863, No. 1,420, on the reference from the Government of India relative to the location of Chinese Convicts.

2. I observe that His Honor the President in Council does not appear to anticipate the location of any number of the Convicts from the Straits in prisons, my reply to a similar reference anticipated the location of these Convicts, on transportation, in Colonies.

12th September 1863.

3. It is now competent to the Government to carry out any portion of a sentence of transportation in the place in which the Convict is sentenced, I imagine that the term transportation in general implies that the prisoner transported will not ordinarily be kept within the walls of a prison, but that they shall, as anticipated by the President in Council, be placed in the position of emigrants under surveillance and control.

4. There can be no doubt that both for the purposes of imprisonment as required by the Madras Government and of location in profitable employ under surveillance and control, these Hills offer advantages possessed by no other part of the Presidency, I would guarantee employment to any number who might be sent. If the Government thought fit, a Colony might be established on a Government Estate as an intermediate stage.

5. I cannot say what number might require accommodation in Jail; but I should think from what I saw and heard in the Bombay Jails I visited, the number would not exceed 100. I know not the rules enforced in that Presidency in regard to these men, but I am quite sure that these Hills would greatly benefit by the presence of the Convicts in the mode suggested by the Government of India.

No. 203. ORDER THEREON, 23rd September 1863, No. 1,535.

A reference will be made to the Bombay Government as to the arrangements under which the Chinamen referred to in paragraph 2 of Mr. Bayley's letter of the 7th ultimo, are confined and worked at Mahableshwar.

2. The Governor in Council is not disposed to sanction the prisoners under sentence of transportation from the Straits being allowed to go at large, as Mr. Rohde appears to contemplate; but he will be prepared to consider any definite recommendations Mr. Rohde may be prepared to make for turning their labor to account on the Neilgherry Hills or at other stations.

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

No. 204. To the Chief Secretary to Government, Bombay, dated Fort Saint George, 23rd September 1863, No. 1,536.

With reference to the enclosed copies of a correspondence which has passed with reference to a proposal to send prisoners sentenced to transportation from the Straits to this Presidency, instead of, as hitherto, to Bombay, I am directed to request that, with the permission of His Excellency the Governor in Council, you will be good enough to inform me at what stations the prisoners sent from the Straits to the Bombay Presidency have been confined; how many of them are Chinamen, and how many, Malays; how they have conducted themselves; and in what manner they have been employed.

From the Government of India,		21st August 1862,	No.	4,439.
To	do.	19th Sept.	„	1,545.
From	do.	8th October	„	5,556.
To	do.	26th Nov.	„	1,922.
From	do.	7th August 1863,	„	4,944.
To	do.	3rd Sept.	„	1,421.

2. It is stated in Mr. Bayley's letter of the 7th ultimo, that the Chinamen transported to Bombay are chiefly, if not entirely, located at Mahableshwar, and that the gardens formed by them there are a marked feature of the place. The Madras Government would wish to be informed under what arrangements these men are confined and worked at Mahableshwar.

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

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Order thereon 23d September 1863. No 1535

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