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16th May 1863.

Read the following papers :—

No. 96. From J. ROHDE, Esq., Inspector General of Jails; to A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq., Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated Cocanada, on Circuit, 1st May 1863, No. 1.

I have the honor to acknowledge your telegrams of the 28th and 30th instant, directing my return to Waltair, to form one of a Committee of which Captain Chambers is one Member for the selection of an unobjectionable Jail site.

2. My object in leaving the station in a little Steamer, unexpectedly reported, was to lay the whole question, which it was quite clear could never have been satisfactorily arranged by the tedious and to me vexatious process adopted, before the Government, and to offer suggestions which would, in all probability, have led to a final settlement of the whole question, one way or other, in a few minutes.

3. I have repeatedly assured the Government that Captain Chambers and I had carefully inspected the ground, that is, the very few spots in any way suitable that so small a place, so broken, so rocky, so liable to sanddrift and so much occupied presented; Captain Chambers' plan showed clearly what ground there was, what spots on it were suitable for the building; I also stated what other land had been thought suitable and in what respects it had been found deficient.

4. I left Waltair, in which I had been kept three months, having fulfilled every order received and having done every thing in my power to meet the altered views of the Government, and convinced (as I still remain) that any solution of the difficulties with which the question was beset, would be found by a personal interview with His Excellency the Governor, the Members of Council and yourself.

5. I had also in view the heavy arrears of work and the preparation of my Administration Report, for which I have to revise every return, a proportion of which invariably require repeated references.

6. I leave this tomorrow by dawk for Waltair, having requested Captain Chambers to return from Golkondah,* and on my arrival shall be prepared to act on the orders I am led to expect.

7. I must now beg the Government to sanction my return by the "India"† Steamer to Madras as by no other possibility can I hope to do what I have to do.

† Expected about the 10th instant.

8. Irksome and vexatious as my attention has been I should cheerfully have borne it had I felt that any one interest of Government was advanced by it; but looking back to the constrained neglect of important duties, the waste of time, my inability to stand exposure to fatigue and heat as I used to do in the four years during which I first held this office, I am induced to beg that with the report of the Committee on the question of site I may not longer be detained.

No. 97. Telegram from the Inspector General of Jails, Waltair; to the Chief Secretary, Madras, dated 7th May 1863.

Proceedings of the 28th April received. There is no site altogether unobjectionable here from proximity to Troops and residents. Serious expense in cost of land, &c. It is a great object to secure a Zillah Jail without additional cost, and Bimlipatam is the best station for every season for both Zillah and Central Jail. Smollett's race course affords a magnificent site for Court and Jail both. Knox and Carmichael agree in this view. Vizagapatam has lost one of its recommendations that of being a Steamer Port. A Military guard may on any emergency be drawn from Waltair or Vizianagrum. There are plenty of good dwelling houses at Bimlipatam, and an excellent house might be rented for the Court. I can, I believe, rent a large building as a temporary Jail of the Arbuthnot's, or the Camp can be moved there. Am I at liberty in connection with the Collector and District Engineer finally to determine on a site at Bimlipatam. Please procure early reply. It was on these and other points I wished to have seen the Members of Government. 7th, 8-45.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
16th May 1863.*

No. 98. Telegram from Inspector General of Jails, Waltair; to the Chief Secretary, Madras, dated 11th May 1863.

The opinion of the Committee is unanimously unfavorable to any site at or near Waltair. Am I to point out the site at Bimlipatam or what am I to do. The Steamer leaves Bimlipatam on the 13th or 14th. My wish is to see the Members of Government before selecting any other Station but Bimlipatam. If necessary I can return. 11th, 12-40.

No. 99. Telegram from Major General BROWNE, and the Members of the Jail Site Committee, Waltair; to the Chief Secretary, Madras, dated 11th May 1863.

There is no unobjectionable site for the Jail at or near Waltair. Report will be sent by post. Each site has been considered and condemned. 11th, 12-40.

No. 100. ORDER THEREON, 16th May 1863, No. 744.

On the receipt of the telegrams above recorded, the Inspector General of Jails was instructed by telegraph to proceed to Rajahmundry for the purpose of selecting a site for the proposed Central Jail either at that station, or at Dowlaishwaram, unless he saw grave objections to the selection of that locality, in which case he was directed to state his objections by telegraph.

2. The Governor in Council is not prepared to sanction the location of the new Court at Bimlipatam, thereby entailing the expense of an additional Medical Officer, and the inconvenience of having the Court at a distance from the head-quarters of the Magistracy; and for the first of the above reasons, he considers Bimlipatam objectionable as the site for the Central Jail.

3. No further telegram having been received from Mr. Rohde, it is presumed that he has proceeded to Rajahmundry; and the Government hope to receive his report at an early date.

4. Mr. Rohde's prolonged detention in the Northern Circars, however inconvenient, has been altogether unavoidable.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary

Exd. T. McMootry.

*Judicial Department
Proceedings of the Madras Government
Read the following papers:-*

*Letter from the Civil Engineer } H. E. 7th March 1863 No 12
Jail of Kienale*

*Letter from the Inspector } H. E. 1st May 1863 No 1
General of Jails*

*Telegram from Do } H. E. 7th May 1863
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Browne & Members of
the Jail site Committee*

Order thereon : May 1863 No

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*As it is the opinion
of the Committee appointed
to consider and report
on the question of site
for the Central Jail which
it was proposed to erect
at Waltair, that there is
no unobjectionable site
at or near Waltair; His
Excellency*

Excellency the Governor
in Council directs that
the Inspector General of
Jails, the Acting Collector
and Agent, the Super-
intending Engineer, and
the Deputy Inspector
General of Hospitals or,
in his absence, any other
Medical Officer who may
be available, will
visit Bimlipatam and
examine the ground
in the neighbourhood
of that town. If these
Officers, after examination
of the ground, agree in
considering the site on
the race course referred
to in Mr Rohde's telegram
of the 7th Instant, or any
other in the vicinity, to
be

be well adapted for the
Central Jail, the Governor
in Council will be prepared
to sanction the selection;
and Mr Rohde, in
communication with the
Acting Collector and Super-
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preliminary arrangements,
so that the work may be
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delay as possible.

2. Mr Rohde's protracted
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been

been fully carried out.

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by
The Inspector Genl of Jails
Acting Collector & Agent at
Vizagapatnam
Superintending Engineer, P.W.
Military Department
Public Works Dept.

Provincial Department
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Letter from the Jail & Prison } Hereafter 7th March 1863 No. 1
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Letter from the Inspector } Hereafter 1st May 1863 No. 1
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Browne & Members of the } Do 11th May 1863
Jail & Prison Committee - }

Order thereon 16th May 1863. No 74th

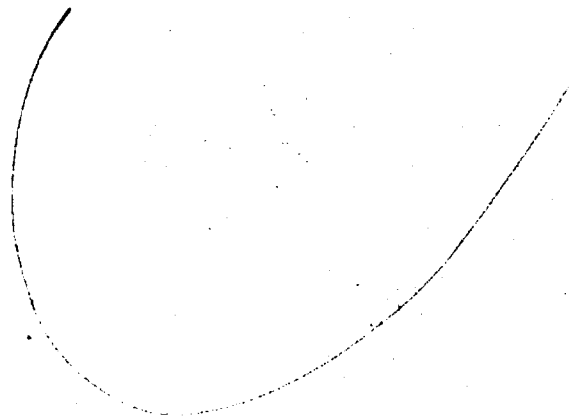
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The Inspector General of Jails (Despatch 16/5/72) for 1872.
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