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27th May 1863.*

No. 231. Read the following Report of the Waltair Central Jail Site Committee; to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Waltair, 11th May 1863.

Agreeably to the Proceedings of Government, dated 28th April ultimo, No. 659, the Committee has met and discussed the various sites available for the new Central Jail at this station, and has come to the opinion that not one of the proposed sites is free from objection.

2. There are four sites available.

1st.—That originally selected by Mr Rohde, close to the Artillery Lines. The strong objections advanced against this by Sir G. Whitlock, Major General Browne, and the Medical Committee consisting of Drs. Cooper, Rennick and Dougall are already before Government.

2nd.—There is the Mango tope ground. This also, though not so closely in the vicinity of the European Troops as the last, is considered objectionable by Major General Browne, as not sufficiently distant. Moreover, it is exposed to a cold chilling wind from a gorge through the Hills, which renders its selection doubly riskful.

3rd.—There is a site near the present encampment, where the prisoners are living in Tents. In respect of this it will be sufficient to append copy\* of a joint report from the three Medical Officers present at the station.

\* Enclosure 2.

4th.—There is a site in other respects eligible at a sufficient distance from the Military, and free from objections of the nature affecting the third site; but it lies in the very centre of the locality tenanted by the non-Military residents, and is therefore in the highest degree objectionable, in view to their health, comfort and interests.

3. Other possible sites can be found, but none against which similar objections would not be urged.

(Signed) C. A. BROWNE, Major General,  
Commanding Northern Division.

( „ ) J. ROHDE,  
Inspector General of Jails.

( „ ) D. F. CARMICHAEL,  
Acting Collector of Vizagapatam.

( „ ) O. CHAMBERS, Captain,  
District Engineer.

Order by Major General C. A. BROWNE, Commanding Northern Division, dated Waltair, 9th May 1863.

A Committee composed as follows will assemble this evening at 5 o'clock at the Prisoners' Camp, Vizagapatam, for the purpose of inspecting a site proposed for a Jail.

D. O. No.

President.

Surgeon Major RENNICK, Acting Deputy Inspector General.

Members.

Assistant Surgeon ANDREWS, Civil Surgeon.

Assistant Surgeon DOUGALL, No. 2 B., R. A.

The Committee having examined the proposed site for the Central Jail, are of opinion that from the nature of the soil which contains considerable quantities of decomposing granite it may prove to be a feverish locality. It is also exposed to a S. W. wind blowing over marshy ground which may be regarded as another objection.

For these reasons the Committee do not like to take upon themselves the responsibility of recommending the site.

The experience of two Members of the Committee, however, is, that the inhabitants of dwell-

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ings similarly situated with regard to soil and prevailing winds are healthy, and do not appear under malarious influence.

(Signed) R. H. RENNICK, President.  
( " ) C. A. ANDREWS, } Members.  
( " ) J. DOUGALL, }

(True Copy.)

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,  
Acting Collector.

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ORDER THEREON, 27th May 1863, No. 815.

Recorded with reference to the Proceedings of Government under date the 16th instant,  
No. 744.

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

No. 28 April 63 - O 659.  
" 12 May 63 - O 719

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Report of the Mal.  
Fair Central Soil  
Site Committee

dated 11 May 1863.  
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Enclosure - 1.

States that objections  
to all the proposed  
sites exist.

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