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Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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8th July 1864.*

No. 79. 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, 6th May 1864, No. 746.

In acknowledging the Order of Government 26th April 1864, No. 591, in review of my last report on the European Jail, I have the honor to state that my reasons for saying that "Carpentry is a trade which cannot always be maintained," and that "Sawing cannot be conveniently continued within the walls," are, in respect of Carpentry, that good work requires a long training and skill, and that bad work will not pay. This may, perhaps, be more intelligible when I say that for Carpentry, properly so called, such as could conveniently be done within walls, there is no demand; that the demand is for joinery and cabinet work, which alone can be conveniently done within walls, and that this requires more skill than will ordinarily be obtained from prisoners previously untrained.

2. In regard to sawing, the remark I made in regard to carpentry more forcibly applies, namely, that "it is not convenient to have large pieces of wood brought in." I may name another reason, which is that the cost of cartage is doubled except for timber to be used on the premises, and another that, as we have found since Vickery has been sick, the loss by bad sawing is considerable, and sawing hard woods of large scantling *well* is no easy matter even with trained sawyers.

3. I am by no means satisfied that it is expedient to employ prisoners in labor that requires a full dietary, and I do not think it desirable to have a dietary varying with the employment. I have not only in respect of the European Jail been of opinion that health, I do not say robust health, is better maintained by moderate labor and proportionate food than by hard labor and high feeding. Our present dietary is not, in my opinion, calculated to sustain *all* on *hard* labor; some might do a hard task on it, but the majority, and, among these, all who had any drain on their system, or functional derangement, would, at really hard labor, require a higher diet than I consider desirable.

4. You will remember that in England prisoners on such labor, as in Portland, are all accounted as at this hard labor, which necessitates extra food, and I had it stated to me by perhaps the most competent authority in England, that to this high feeding he attributed the insubordination, and risings of the prisoners. I have already increased the dietary originally sanctioned, on which the prisoners lost weight, by the introduction of nourishment in a form that seemed least objectionable, but which is sufficient to maintain men in health and strength. If I exact continuous hard labor, I must increase the diet to those so employed, I cannot employ all in such labor, and I do not think it desirable to have varying dietaries for prisoners of the same class in so small a Jail.

5. The Statement of work done in the period indicated will be forwarded on receipt.

No. 80.

ORDER THEREON, 8th July 1864, No. 1008.

To be recorded.

(True Extract.)

J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

No 7

From

L. C. H. ...
Sessions Judge ... charge of the
European Mission ... Potacamund

To

I ...
General ...

I have the honor to send you two tabular statements
embodying the returns called for by the Government in the 3rd

of their Proceedings dated 26th April 1864. It is
for the whole month.
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done, every man has worked in many countries
and ...

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9/10/1923

with interest

Ed. Bond
9/10/23

The record of prisoners taken in the European Prison - Otacamund - April 1864.

Number			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
Register	Cell		Monday	Tuesday		Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday			Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
2	28	James Burke	M	M		M	M	M	M	M			M	M	M	M	M	M			M	M	M	M	M		M	M	M	M	M	M	
3	1	John man	S	S										S	S						S	S				S	S	S	S	S	S	S	
4	10	Thomas Rogers		Y											Y						Y	Y	Y	Y									
5	4	Henry Watson																															
8	27	Robert West																															
10		Walter Don																															
14	32	James Ford																															
15	23	John Bond																															
16	9	Henry Martindell																															
17	36	William Watson	M	M																	M	M	M	M				M	M	M	M		
18	24	Michael Connick	M	M																													
19	20	William Hawke	Ca	Ca		Ca	Ca	Ca	Ca	Ca											Ca	Ca	Ca	Ca	Ca	Ca		Ca	Ca	Ca	Ca	Ca	
20	31	Frederick Fowler																															
22	2	John Jackson	Ca	Ca		Ca	Ca	Ca	Ca	Ca											Ca	Ca	Ca	Ca	Ca	Ca		Ca	Ca	Ca	Ca	Ca	
23	19	William Vickery				Ca	Ca	Ca	Ca	Ca																							
24	3	Thomas William Burke	Ca	Ca																	Ca	Ca	Ca	Ca	Ca	Ca		Ca	Ca	Ca	Ca	Ca	
26	29	John King	M	M																	M	M	M	M				M	M	M	M		
27		Y. Hanley	Ca	Ca		Ca															Ca	Ca	Ca	Ca									
28	30	Thomas Nolan	Ca	Ca		Ca	Ca	Ca	Ca	Ca											Ca	Ca	Ca	Ca	Ca	Ca		Ca	Ca	Ca	Ca	Ca	
29	34	John Smith	Ca	Ca		Ca	Ca	Ca	Ca	Ca				Ca	Ca	Ca	Ca	Ca	Ca		Ca	Ca	Ca	Ca	Ca	Ca		Ca	Ca	Ca	Ca	Ca	
30	34	Martin Murphy																															
31	26	William Buckley	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
32	25	Samuel Summers	S	S		S	S	S	S	S				S	S	S	S	S			S	S	S	S	S		S	S	S	S	S	S	
33	22	James Walker	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
34	35	John Berry	M	M		M	M	M	M	M				M	M	M	M	M			M	M	M	M	M		M	M	M	M	M	M	
35	33	William de Nival Ramus	M	M		M	M	M	M	M											M	M	M	M	M		M	M	M	M	M	M	
36	21	Michael Jennings	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			Ca	Ca	Ca	Ca	Ca	Ca		Ca	Ca	Ca	Ca	Ca	
37	7	Robert Crockett																															
38	9	Isaac Stanton																															
39	11	James Byrne																															
40	13	George Bark																															
41	15	Robert Baston																															
42	17	Arthur Beavers																															
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- Y = Jailor
 S = Shoemaker
 closing for do
 Carpenter
 Co = Cook
 M = Matmaker
 W = Washer
 Ca =
 B = Barber, Shaving
 L = Ladder
 P = Penitentiary Office
 Probation
 about 3.00 per person.

Otacamund
 Genl. Office
 11 May 1864

/ a true Extract /
 J. H. H. Head Warden
 for Keeper of the European Prison.

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Volume of work by the prisoners

since

escape

during the month

Names

Holsters made or repaired	Stencils applied	Shirts	Pins on caps	Trainers repaired	Boots made	Yarn made	Boots repaired	Shirts made	Caps made	Shirts repaired	Boots repaired	Trainers repaired	Shirts made	Boots made	Yarn made
1															
	1								12						
		4	3	2						11					
		5	10							11					
					15		3								
		2								11					
		1			6										
						4			18						
									29						
					5		3								
						1			62						
		2													
					2										
					12										
								2							

Remarks.

W. Douglas } employed as Cook
 W. Stanley }
 Y. Ford } employed in washing
 M. Cornick } Cornick clothes.
 Pr. de W. Ramus - employed as Clerk
 S. Harkness - employed in chopping
 for fuel - 336 lbs per day
 J. Jackson - employed as Carpenter
 in repairing mat board in
 T. Nolan is learning the trade
 a saddler.
 H. Graham is learning to dress ladies
 boots.
 M. Jennings - was ass.
 assisting at Cooking
 and washing, besides tailoring.
 F. Forbes } were sick
 W. McCoy }
 M. Cornick } greater p.
 M. Murphy } man
 H. Martinelli is learning the trade of
 shoemaker.
 R. West } were engaged
 J. Pendergast } large floor mat

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 Port Office
 8 May 1884

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J. Hyland
 Head Warden
 Keeper of the European Prison

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No. 1023 08.

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Tree
notes in reference

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