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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,

27th August 1864.

No. 185. Read the following letter from J. ROHDE, Esq., Inspector General of Jails; to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Ootacamund, 13th July 1864, No. 60.

I have the honor in continuation of my letter of the 21st ultimo, No. 29, to forward a copy of a letter from Dr. Marrett showing the present state of the Salem Jail.

From H. R. D. MARRETT, Esq., Zillah Surgeon, Salem; to the Officer in charge of the Jail, Salem, dated 8th July 1864, No. 71.

I have the honor to bring to your notice the arrival yesterday from Ootacamund of 19 convicts in a most weakly, sickly condition; four were immediately admitted into Hospital; six others are so weak that they will not be fit for work for some time; and nine are old men who; as far as labor* is concerned, are useless.

* The transfer of such was against the requisition. J. R.

2. There were 422 convicts locked up last night, and we have only room in the Jail for 384; and over-crowding as you are aware was the cause of the outbreak of cholera in 1863, and a large increase of sickness and mortality, and so it will be now if immediate steps are not taken to restrict the numbers.

3. It is to be regretted that the prisoners just received from Ootacamund are in such an unhealthy condition; for the Jail was assuming a very healthy tone, and by the introduction of such sickly men amongst healthy, Jail diseases such as dysentery, diarrhœa, &c., are often induced and very often with difficulty eradicated.

4. Requesting your serious attention to this matter.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) W. CHERRY,
Sessions Judge.

(True Copy.)

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

No. 186. ORDER THEREON, 27th August 1864, No. 1289.

The Government observe that Mr. Rohde makes no suggestion on the Zillah Surgeon's letter. Mr. Rohde it is understood has recently visited, or is about to visit, Salem. He will make a special report on the present state of the Jail.

(True Extract.)

Secretary to Government.

To the Inspector General of Jails.

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Exd. P. H. Lee.

No. 27 August 18th 1889.

The Government observe that Mr Rohde makes no suggestion on the Tallack dungeon letter. Mr Rohde it is understood leaves the Country shortly & it is about to visit Lisburn. He will make a special report on the present state of the Gaol.

Secd.

To the Inspectors Genl. of Jails. 30/8/89