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No. 74. Read the following letter from E. C. BAYLEY, Esq., Secretary to the Government of India; to the Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated Simla, 8th August 1864, Circular No. 1935.

Home Department.

Judicial.

Paragraphs 18, 19, and 20 of a communication from the Public Works Department, No. 485C-3173, dated 13th July.

With reference to the annexed extract noted on the margin, I am directed to request that the importance of fully utilising prison labor in the construction of Jails, by the employment of *every available* prisoner on the work, may be constantly kept in view. This question is one of great importance at the present moment, when large additions are contemplated to the existing Jail accommodation throughout India. I am to state that in the erection of some Jails, from 33 to 50 per cent. of the original estimate has been saved by the judicious application of convict labor.

Extract, paragraphs 18, 19, and 20 of a communication from the Public Works Department, No. 485C-3173, dated 13th July 1864.

18. It will be observed that this design is for pucka masonry throughout. This of course very greatly increases the expense. It is believed to be quite unusual, and should, it is thought, be prohibited. The estimate, as it stands, is about two lakhs. If increased at similar rates to provide the additional accommodation that will no doubt be thought necessary, the cost will hardly be less than 2½ lakhs.

19. It is presumed that if kutcha work be used throughout, the cost might probably be reduced to 1½ lakhs, which would still give the high rate of 300 Rupees per man.

20. In connection with this part of the subject, the extreme importance of insisting on the full application of the prisoners' labor in the construction of their Jails, is specially noted for consideration in the Home Department.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) E. C. BAYLEY,
Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 75. ORDER THEREON, 10th September 1864, No. 1352.

Communicated to the Public Works Department, to the Inspector General of Jails, and to all Session Judges.

(True Extract.)

J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

To the Public Works Department.
„ Inspector General of Jails.
„ Sessions Judge of .

Exd. J. Tulloch.

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(True Extract.)

E O Taylor

Secretary to the Government of India.

This is a matter for the consideration of the P W Dept

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The Public Works Dept.
" Inspector Genl. of Jails.
" Sessions Judge of the several Districts

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