

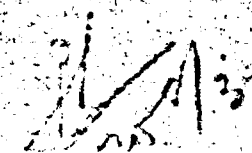
MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	1618	Press Mis.
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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
10th November 1864.*

No. 100. 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, 2nd November 1864, No. 261.

I have the honor to state, that a Jail garden was broken up and cultivated for the last two years, at first by convict labor, latterly it was found economical to employ two paid gardeners, as some constant watching and attendance was necessary; but the work was not such as to justify the employment of a gang of convicts, while the exposed position of the garden precludes the employment of a few prisoners as is done where the gardens are within the Jail enclosure. An offer has now been made to take the ground which the convicts have broken up for three years, and to give the Jail the produce, the Jail manure being available for the cultivation. I consider this arrangement very advantageous to the Jail; but Mr. Innes thinks that it requires sanction. In reality, it is not that the lare hill side is of any value, but that the garden as formed by the prisoners at a very large expenditure of labor is so, and I think the prison entitled to the advantage now offered of 175 maunds of the produce for the use of the convicts.

2. This will render available nearly the whole of the convict labor for public works; and I must say I have every reason to be satisfied with the exaction of labor from the prisoners so employed, which cannot be expected where prisoners are employed on the many little duties about a garden.

3. I beg the sanction of Government to the transfer, to private hands, of the Jail garden, on the condition of the proportion of the produce agreed on being delivered for prison use.

No. 101. ORDER THEREON, 10th November 1864, No. 1618.

The Governor in Council cannot pass orders on the subject referred to in the foregoing letter, until he is furnished with further and more definite information with reference to it.

2. In the 1st paragraph of the letter which, from the mention of Mr. Innes' name, would seem to have reference to a garden attached to one of the Jails at Ootacamund (but on this point nothing definite is said), it is stated that an offer has been made to take the ground which the convicts have broken up for three years, and to give the Jail the produce, the Jail manure being available for cultivation. At the end of the paragraph Mr. Rohde observes, that he thinks the prison entitled to the advantage now offered of 175 maunds of the produce for the use of the convicts.

3. From the foregoing statements, the Government can only form a conjecture as to the terms of the offer which has been made. It is not clear whether the term of three years refers to the period during which the ground has been worked by the prisoners, or to the period for which the person who has made the offer is willing to cultivate it. It is not stated what species of cultivation is to be carried on, or what description of produce is to be given to the Jail; nor does it appear what proportion the 175 maunds, to which allusion is made, bears to the estimated produce of the ground. All these are points on which the Government must have clear and definite information before they can pass any orders on the Inspector General's proposal. In re-submitting that proposal, Mr. Rohde will forward, for the consideration of Government, any communication he may have received on the subject from the officer in charge of the Jail.

(True Extract.)

To the Inspector General of Jails.
Ed. J. Talloch.

Chief Secretary.

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from
the Inspector General of Sails

(Here entered 2nd December, 1818. No. 281)

Order thereon 10 November/1818.

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To the Inspector General of Jails. deposed

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