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Read the following papers:—

No. 70. From Lieutenant Colonel G. W. WALKER, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 7th Division; to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, Madras, dated Cannanore, 31st October 1864, No. 154.

I have the honor to submit three letters and a Memorandum, relative to the employment of 50 convicts under the Executive Engineer at Cannanore. I am driven to solicit the orders of Government direct, as I have failed to keep Mr. Rohde's attention to the point in question, and it is evidently waste of time my endeavouring to effect my object in correspondence with him, although such object was first conceived in endeavouring to meet his own requisition.

From J. ROHDE, Esq., Inspector General of Jails; to Lieutenant Colonel G. W. WALKER, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, Coimbatore, dated Ootacamund, 23rd September 1864, No. 184.

In acknowledging your letter of the 18th instant, I have the honor to state that the convicts in the Jail at Cannanore are at the disposal of the Brigadier.

2. I do not wish to provide any accommodation for gangs, but in the present crowded state of the Jails am obliged to content myself with arrangements in themselves objectionable. All available funds I wish devoted to the Zillah and Central Jails.

From Lieutenant Colonel G. W. WALKER, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 7th Division; to J. ROHDE, Esq., Inspector General of Jails, dated Tambercherry, 26th September 1864, No. 108.

I hope I am not to take your letter, No. 184 of 23rd September, as a refusal to supply 50 additional convicts exclusively for the purpose of cutting stones for the new Military works at Cannanore, within Cantonment limits, for whom Captain Vertue has reported that he has prepared the additional accommodation required in the Fort Jail upon an estimate sanctioned by yourself. The Brigadier General cannot spare us any men from the ordinary strength of the gang at his disposal. I trust, therefore, that you will be so good as to increase it by 50 stout men, fit for the labor of stone-cutting, and to be employed solely on it. They will be worked on the cliff, away from all Native houses or inclosures, and will be most easily guarded.

(True Copy.)
(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Lieut. Col., R. E.,
Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.

From J. ROHDE, Esq., Inspector General of Jails; to Lieutenant Colonel G. W. WALKER, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, Coimbatore, dated Ootacamund, 24th October 1864, No. 274.

In acknowledging your letter of the 26th September, I have the honor to state that on making inquiry at Madras and of the Chief Secretary as to any orders that might have passed relative to the employment of prisoners on public works at Cannanore, I could not hear of any; that I had proposed the employment of a gang to prepare stone for the new Central Jail, but that I had received no definite orders on the subject, and I could only suppose that some might have reached Captain Vertue in the Public Works Department; that I was never called on to sanction buildings, but to state whether I approved of such as Captain Vertue proposed, and this I did. It would rest with the Government in the Public Works Department to order the employment of convicts, but I must say that I think it very inconvenient to have two gangs in distant buildings under separate officers in Cannanore.

2. I could supply convicts if the building were suited to the number required and Government sanctioned the arrangement; but the extra cost of guarding, of extra warders, and other charges attendant on such an arrangement as that proposed would be great.

3. At Zillah stations I can generally supply such a gang free of extra cost by detaching men shortly to be released, and receiving back all non-effective men, but this cannot be conveniently done at a distance from the Zillah station.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department, 7th Deccember 1864.

Memorandum relative to the proposed employment of 50 *Convicts under the Executive Engineer at Cannanore.*

In his Circular No. 132 of 20th February, the Inspector General of Jails called on all Superintending Engineers to report their views on the subject of relieving over-crowded Jails, with reference to Government Order in the Judicial Department, No. 181 of 12th idem.

2. In the last paragraph of his reply, No. 284 of 20th April, the Superintending Engineer specified (amongst others) Cannanore as a place where 200 convicts could be employed, 150 to be hutted outside the Cantonment at the new quarries, 50 to be lodged in the unoccupied portion of the Fort Jail.

3. In his No. 39 of 24th June, the Superintending Engineer reports the Jail having been made available for reception of 50 more convicts on an estimate sanctioned by the Inspector General of Jails himself.

4. With his No. 76 of 1st August, the Superintending Engineer submitted for approval plans and estimates (Rupees 3000) prepared by the Executive Engineer at Cannanore for hutting 150 convicts at the new quarries.

5. In his letter No. 83 of 18th August, the Superintending Engineer reported, that the conditions imposed by the Inspector General of Jails as to the use of iron roofling, by trebling the cost of the huts, rendered them too expensive to permit of the 150 convicts being employed, and that accordingly 50 only were required to be lodged in the Fort Jail. Application to Government for a grant for construction of such a Subsidiary Jail as could not be afforded out of the sanctions for Military works at Cannanore was suggested.

6. Of Mr. Rohde's letter, No. 184 of 23rd September, herewith submitted, the first paragraph simply states that the convicts at Cannanore are at the disposal of the Brigadier General; paragraph 2 is unintelligible, with regard to the matter at issue.

7. Copy of the Superintending Engineer's, No. 108 of 26th September, is herewith submitted.

8. Letter from Inspector General of Jails, No. 274 of 24th October, is herewith submitted.

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER'S OFFICE, CANNANORE, *31st October* 1864.

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Lieut. Col., R. E., *Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.*

Referred to the Judicial Department.

CHEPAUK, *5th November* 1864.

(Signed) C. A. ORR, Colonel, R. E., *Secy. to Govt., P. W. D.*

No. 71. From J. ROHDE, Esq., Inspector General of Jails; to A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq., Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated Ootacamund, 23rd November 1864, No. 325.

In acknowledging your Memorandum of the 18th instant, I have the honor to state that there is no objection to the transfer of 50 Mangalore convicts to Cannanore.

No. 72. ORDER THEREON, 7th December 1864, No. 1753.

As it appears that there is accommodation available at Cannanore for 50 additional convicts, the Governor in Council authorizes the transfer of that number to the Fort Jail at Cannanore.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Inspector General of Jails.
,, Public Works Department.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

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