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

No. 99. 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, 16th November 1864, No. 316.

In acknowledging the Order of Government, 10th November 1864, No. 1618, passed on a letter of mine, 2nd November 1864, which was defective, I beg to return a copy with the omissions supplied, and to state that Mr. Innes' suggestion and subsequent communication was verbal.

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. 100.

I have the honor to state that a Jail garden, at this station, 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 a part of 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 bare 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 potatoes 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.

(True Copy.)

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

No. 100. ORDER THEREON, 7th December 1864, No. 1766.

The Governor in Council sanctions the arrangement proposed in the foregoing letter.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary,

To the Inspector General of Jails.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

Order 7th December 1864. N.º 170.

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sanctions the arrangement
proposed in the foregoing
letter.

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W. G. P.

Reg. No. 100-101
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To the Inspector Gen. of Police despo 14/12

