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No. 116. Read the following letter from J. ROHDE, Esq., Inspector General of Jails; to A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Ottomund, 4th February 1864, No. 544.

In continuation of my letter of the 27th December 1863, I have the honor to forward a copy of the Zillah Surgeon's opinion on the site selected by Mr. Bird and myself for the Tanjore Jail, in which you will see he states that to the best of his judgment no better site exists for the Jail at Tanjore.

From J. ROSS, Esq., Zillah Surgeon of Tanjore; to the Sessions Judge of Tanjore, dated Tanjore, 6th January 1864, No. 5.

At the request of the Inspector General of Jails, I have the honor to offer the following remarks on the proposed site of the new Jail here.

1. The piece of ground fixed on for this purpose is of a somewhat triangular shape, having for its boundaries the Railway on one side, and an ordinary road on each of the other two.

2. It has a gentle slope to the north and east, and consequently thorough drainage will be an easy matter.

3. The soil consists of a light red earth overlying binary granite which crops up in many places about by.

4. There possibly may be some difficulty in procuring a supply of good water, as in many of the wells here sunk through this rock, the water is charged with a considerable amount of saline matter, imparting to it a brackish disagreeable taste. However, there is very good water in a well not far from the spot in question.

5. The situation is dry, open and elevated; indeed, from the absence of trees, it may be found rather too much exposed to the fierce westerly winds which prevail in May and June.

6. The south-east angle of the small Fort commands the proposed site, but is at some distance from it, and there is no other building near, nor indeed is it likely that there will ever be many buildings in such a locality.

7. The Jail will stand alone, visible to all, and by no means the least conspicuous building in Tanjore.

8. In conclusion I beg to say that, to the best of my judgment, there is no better site here for a Jail than this spot pointed out to me by yourself and the Inspector General of Jails.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) E. W. BIRD,
Sessions Judge.

(True Copy.)

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

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OMER THORP, 16th February 1864, No. 211.
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(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

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