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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
4th January 1864.*

No. 5. 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 Madras, on Circuit, 16th December 1863, No. 471.

I have the honor to request that the building immediately in front of the Jail, and known as the Sub-Court, may be attached to the Jail where there is proper accommodation for 220 prisoners, the number in Jail being now 518.

2. This proposal is made at the suggestion of the Sessions Judge, and with the concurrence of all Officers concerned.

3. It is absolutely necessary that the Central Jail for the Ceded Districts should be proceeded with, but until the direction of the Railway is definitely settled, I must refrain from suggesting its locality.

4. As prices rise up the country and facilities for moving convicts increase, economy in construction and in the establishment, effective supervision and general convenience may point to some locality near the Railway as better suited than Bellary itself for the building of the Jail. Were it not for the necessity of a double establishment a Zillah station might be avoided, but possibly it may be consistent with economy and general convenience to remove the Zillah station to the vicinity of the Rail, if it was not thought desirable to build at an existing station.

5. Cuddapah, though sometimes hot, is not unhealthy; the old Jail there run up, I believe, by the convicts themselves in 1807, of the most ordinary material, is in a very bad state, and some place not far from the station might there be found where the Jail may be cheaply and well built: and as the presence of European troops is no longer considered essential, this reason for preferring Bellary no longer holds good.

6. All the additional accommodation hitherto sanctioned will not accommodate the increase in the number of prisoners; but unfortunately the warning I gave of this in 1856, was so long without being acted on, that it is now difficult to say whether the encouragement to crime, from want of proper prison accommodation, will not still further increase the numbers before the check can be provided.

7. The want of the power of flogging is inducing an increase also of juvenile criminals, scamps who tell me with a grin that they have been two or three times in prison.

No. 6. ORDER THEREON, 4th January 1864, No. 4.

Under the circumstances represented in the foregoing letter, the Governor in Council authorizes the building at Bellary, which has been hitherto used as a Sub-Court, being attached to the Jail, and used for the confinement of prisoners.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

Order 4th January 1864 No. 4
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To the Super. Genl. of India }
The Civil & Sessions Judge of Bellary }
3rd Decr 6th 1864