

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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20th January 1865.*

Read the following papers :—

No. 198. From Captain A. S. MOBERLY, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department; dated Cuddapah, 20th December 1864, No. 166.

I beg to bring to the notice of Government that the roads in and about the town of Cuddapah have fallen into dis-repair, in consequence of the number of prisoners that have been lent to the Railway.

2. It has always been customary for the prisoners to keep in order all roads within two miles distance from the Jail; and as they have been lent out to the Railway authorities, away from what may be looked upon as their legitimate work, I would beg that the value of their labor, as received from the Railway Company, be handed over for putting again into good order the roads in and about Cuddapah.

3. Another reason for my making this application is because, since the commencement of this year, the Acting Collector has proposed assigning Rupees 1000, from the Local Funds, for the repair of these roads, out of an allotment for this District for 1864-65 of only Rupees 1068; to this my predecessor demurred, declining to approve of the assignment of a single Rupee for this purpose.

4. I cannot think that it is the intention or wish of Government that the Local Funds should be expended in the neighbourhood of the chief town of the District, where a number of prisoners are located, to the prejudice of the rest of the District, except merely in the purchase of materials, which the prisoners could not bring.

Referred to the Judicial Department, for consideration.

CHEPAUK, 23rd December 1864.

(Signed) C. A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.
Public Works Department.

Referred to the Inspector General of Jails, for his remarks.

24th December 1864.

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

No. 199. From J. ROHDE, Esq., Inspector General of Jails, to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Ootacamund, 7th January 1865, No. 463.

In acknowledging your Endorsement on Captain Moberly's letter from Cuddapah, dated 20th December, in which that Officer endeavours to shew that the roads of Cuddapah have been neglected, in consequence of the Railway having obtained the services of some of the prisoners, who were in excess of the number the Zillah Jail could properly accomodate, and that the Department Public Works should therefore receive such earnings of the prisoners as has been paid, I have the honor

I cannot now lay my hand on the order.

to state that Captain Moberly's proposal is altogether irregular. This Government have already distinctly repudiated

such claims to the appropriation of prisons' "savings." Besides this, the Cuddapah prison does give convict labor for the roads, that is the labor of as many convicts as can be spared from a Jail over-crowded, notwithstanding the gangs on the Railway, who are in excess of the complement of the Jail.

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2. The roads about Cuddapah seemed to me a year ago quite good enough for all the purposes of Traffic; indeed they were good and in good order.
3. So far is Captain Moberly's argument from being well founded, that not only is the ordinary proportion of convict labor available, but the paper factory having been abolished at that station, the labor of the large number there formerly employed may now be given to the roads.
4. In cases of this kind, a reference to the officer in charge on the spot should, in my opinion, be made by the Engineer. Either the question would be then settled by the local officers, or, if a reference were necessary, the facts which induced it would be known.
5. All I can say in regard to the amount of convict labor on the roads is that my returns shew 58,563 convicts as employed last year on the public roads of Cuddapah, while 5981 prisoners were so employed in the first, and 9482 in the 2nd quarter of this year.
6. The District Engineer of Chingleput might just as well claim the profits of the weaving establishment at that Jail, as Captain Moberly might claim the payments for work on the Railway. In each case they are judicial savings.

No. 200. ORDER THEREON, 20th January 1865, No. 119.

The Governor in Council concurs in the opinion expressed by the Inspector General of Jails, in the letter above recorded.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

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

Ed. J. H. Barnard.

Judicial Department.

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*From the Superintending Engineer } No. order 20th December 1864. N^o 166
3rd Division }
tho' Public Works Deptt. }
" Inspector General of Jails } " 7th January 1865. N^o 163*

Order thereon 20 January 1865. N^o 119.

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*To the Public Works Department }
Inspector General of Jails } N^o 163/24/1*

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