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2nd September 1865.*

Read the following papers:—

No. 9. Proceedings of Government in the Military Department.

Passing orders for the extirpation of the
Prickly-pear within the Cantonment } (Dated 14th July 1865; No. 2617).
of Samulcottah.

Referred for the report of the Inspector General of Jails.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
21st July 1865.

(Signed) C. G. WALKER,
Under Secretary to Government.

No. 10. From Lieutenant Colonel W. J. WILSON, Acting Inspector General of Jails, to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Bangalore, 18th August 1865, No. 183.

I have the honor to return the order in the Military Department, No. 2617, dated 14th July 1865, forwarded to me for report on the 21st idem, and I herewith annex copies of letters from the Session Judge, and Civil Surgeon of Vizagapatam, from which it will appear that it would not be advisable to send a gang of convicts from that place to Samulcottah at present.

2. A party might be sent from Rajahmundry, as Mr. Collett suggests, and the places of the men so transferred taken up by a further draft from Guntoor; but it is generally supposed that much labor is thrown away in attempting to eradicate prickly-pear during the rains, and I would therefore advise, in event of its being intended to employ manual labor for the purpose, that the matter be postponed until the commencement of the cold season, when a strong gang might be collected from the various jails in the Circars, and the business effectually done.

From C. COLLETT, Esq., Session Judge of Vizagapatam, to Lieutenant Colonel W. J. WILSON, Acting Inspector General of Jails; dated Vizagapatam, 8th August 1865, No. 171.

In reply to your letter, No. 122, dated 25th ultimo, I have the honor to enclose copy of a letter from the Civil Surgeon. The season here is very unhealthy, and for a time the convicts were suffering so much from cholera that I diminished the hours of labor. In the week ending 16th July last, there were 10 deaths from cholera.

2. But for this I should not have had any objection to offer to sending a party of from 80 to 100 convicts. More than this could not, I think, be spared. The convicts are assisting in the building of the new Jail now in progress, and the wants of this station have also to be considered; indeed I have some difficulty in finding ample employment for all the convicts, though such a party as I have stated might be spared without material inconvenience.

3. Probably there is some misapprehension as to the convicts here being "in camp." They were so at one time, but for about 18 months last past they have been lodged in temporary thatched buildings, which are quite substantial enough to last another couple of years at least.

4. I understand that there is water communication from Rajahmundry to Samulcottah, by which convicts might be readily and safely sent from that Jail.

From J. DOUGALL, Esq., Acting Civil Surgeon, Vizagapatam, to C. COLLETT, Esq., Session Judge of Vizagapatam; dated 7th August 1865, No. 20.

With reference to letter from the Acting Inspector General of Jails, No. 122, dated 25th July 1865, I have the honor to point out that there would be great danger in moving a party of

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convicts from Vizagapatam to Samulcottah at the present time. The rains may set in any day now, and the convicts have just recovered from an epidemic of cholera that appeared in this Jail. I may also mention that cholera is prevailing in all the villages through which they would have to march.

(True Copy).

(Signed) C. COLLETT,
Session Judge.

(True Copies).

(Signed) W. J. WILSON,
Acting Inspector General of Jails.

No. 11. ORDER THEREON, 2nd September 1865, No. 1223.

Lieutenant Colonel Wilson's letter and its annexures are communicated to the Military Department, with reference to paragraph 2 of Proceedings of the 14th July last, No. 2617, in that Department.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Military Department.

Exd, J. H. Burns.

Encl. Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers:-

Proc: in the Mily. Dept. dated 14th July '65 N^o: 2617.

*Letter from the Inspector
Genl. of Jails — Inter 18th Augt. '65 N^o: 183.*

Order — 2nd September 1865 N^o: 1223.

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