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Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department.

5th September 1865.

No. 24. Read the following letter from Surgeon J. MILLER, M. D., in Medical charge of Jails, Ootacamund, to the Deputy Inspector General of Hospitals, Southern Division, Trichinopoly; dated Ootacamund, 14th August 1865.

In compliance with the Order of Government, No. 209, dated 28th June 1865, No. 911, I have inspected the new Jail on the Cinchona Plantation at Dodabett, and have the honor to report as follows.

2. The building is complete and dry, and ready for the reception of prisoners. It consists of one large central room, and of eight small apartments in the enclosed north and south verandahs. The former is provided with raised sleeping benches, which are substantially planked; and it has four doors, four windows, eight small apertures (two at each corner) for allowing the guards to view the interior, and ridge ventilation. The amount of ventilation thus afforded is ample, and yet not excessive, for the windows and view-apertures (which latter are not all required) may be opened or shut as may be necessary. This room is capable of containing 70 men, who will each have 564 cubic feet of air and nearly 30 feet of superficial area, an amount of space quite sufficient in this climate. A hundred men, as computed by Mr. Rohde, would be over-crowded.

3. The eight small verandah rooms are in suites of two. Each pair of rooms has a door, a window, and a fire-place; and ventilation will be further provided for by re-placing the upper panes of glass in the windows by perforated zinc. These rooms can accommodate 24 men, who will each have 413 feet of cubic space, and nearly 40 feet superficial area. It is here Mr. McIvor proposes placing the Chinese convicts. For a time the two pairs of rooms in one verandah will be occupied by a Jailer and an Overseer, until houses for them, now being built, are finished, so that at first there will be accommodation for only 12 Chinamen.

4. Cook-room and godowns, detached, are placed at one end of the building; and in the rear of these, latrines, on the dry earth system, will presently be erected entirely of iron.

5. On the whole, I consider that the new Jail is well suited to the purpose for which it is intended, and that its occupants are likely to enjoy health and comfort.

6. The situation of the building as well as of the plantation on the Northern aspect of the Dodabetta range, with the "Snowdown" eminence on the West, protects them thoroughly from the South-West monsoon. I do not therefore see any objection to the immediate transfer of 70 Native and 12 Chinese convicts from the Ootacamund Jail to the new Jail.

7. The question of medical aid has yet to be considered. To a strength of 82 men, at a distance of three miles from the station of Ootacamund, it will be necessary to attach a Dresser, with a small supply of Medicines. A portion of an end verandah, already partially enclosed, could easily be converted into a small room suitable for keeping and dispensing Medicines. I should anticipate but a small amount of sickness; and I would propose that the cases of slight or temporary illness should be treated on the spot by the Dresser, and that the more serious or protracted cases should be removed to the Jail Hospital in Ootacamund.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
5th September 1865.*

No. 1200.

MEMORANDUM.

Submitted to the Principal Inspector General, Medical Department, in reference to Office Memorandum, No. 2406 of 3rd ultimo, superscribed on Proceedings of Government, Judicial Department, No. 911, of 28th June 1865.

TRICHINOPOLY,
17th August 1865.

(Signed) J. A. REYNOLDS,
Dy. Insp. Genl. of Hospls.,
Southern Division.

No. 251.

MEMORANDUM.

Forwarded to the Secretary to Government, Judicial Department, in reference to the Proceedings of Government, No. 911, dated 28th June 1865.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
23rd August 1865.

(Signed) W. MACKENZIE, M. D.,
For Principal Inspector General,
Medical Department.

No. 35. ORDER THEREON, 5th September 1865, No. 1241.

Under the opinion given by Dr. Miller, the Governor in Council authorizes the immediate transfer of 70 Native and 12 Chinese convicts from the Jail at Ootacamund to the Jail which has been erected at Dodabett. Each prisoner will be inspected by Dr. Miller previous to his transfer, and none but healthy men will be transferred.

2. The arrangements proposed in the last paragraph of Dr. Miller's letter, for the Medical care of the convicts, are approved.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Principal Inspector General, Medical Department.

„ Inspector General of Jails.
„ Accountant General.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

Judicial Department.

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To the A. S. Genl. Medical Dept.
" Insp. General of Ships }
" Asst. General ———— }

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