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No. 242. Read the following letter from the Inspector General of Jails, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Ootacamund, 16th November 1865, No. 505.

I have the honor to bring to your notice, for the orders of Government, the very serious inconvenience occasioned by the want of any separate building in any prison, for the confinement of persons suffering from loathsome and infectious diseases. The matter was noticed by me in regard to a committal at Nellore, some years ago, of a leper. A similar case has now occurred at Tellicherry: a leper in the advanced stage of the disease was on the 7th of this month sentenced to rigorous imprisonment for eight years (and to a further term of 18 months should he not pay a fine), for house-breaking. Dr. Thompson considers his confinement in the Jail likely to cause disease among the other prisoners, and proposes his transfer to a Leper Hospital, but where such Leper Hospital is to be found, unless it be the Monegar Choultry, and what means there are of securing the prisoner there I do not know. I have long been persuaded that the introduction of such diseased prisoners into Jails does seriously endanger the lives of other prisoners who have certain disorders. In the present case I know not what to propose, except the prisoner's confinement to some separate room, if one can be spared.

No. 243. ORDER THEREON, 30th November 1865, No. 1704.

The Inspector General of Jails must make arrangements for having lepers and other prisoners affected with loathsome diseases confined in separate cells in the Jails in which they are undergoing their sentences.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Inspector General of Jails.

Exd, J. H. Burns.

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