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## Government of Madras.

Judicial **DEPARTMENT.**

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Read the following papers:—

No. 47. From the Inspector General of Jails, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Ootacamund, 16th November 1865, No. 506.

The influx of prisoners to our Jails, especially at Berhampore, consequent on the scarcity prevailing in the District, renders it necessary that any accommodation elsewhere available should be made use of, and I would propose, pending the completion of more wards in the Central Prison at Rajahmundry, that the work sheds be secured and used as wards. There are 283 prisoners in the Berhampore Jail, the admissions being 33 and discharges 12 last month. I should much prefer this course to re-occupying the old abandoned buildings at Chicacole.

2. Seventy prisoners are wanted at Samulcottah, but no accommodation for them, but that of tents, is proposed by the Military authorities requiring them.

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From the Acting Principal Assistant Magistrate, to the Acting Magistrate of Ganjam; dated Chicacole, 27th October 1865, No. 79.

In acknowledging the receipt of your letter, No. 182, to the address of Lieutenant Colonel Wilson, I have the honor to inform you that the buildings in the main part of the Jail cannot, in my opinion, be retained without a larger outlay than would (while it is not likely to be wanted) be expedient, or than the Government would sanction. The roofs are in great disrepair, and as many of the beams are eaten through by white-ants, I do not think they would stand another monsoon, and consequently I think that the best thing to be done is to pull them down, and sell the material, or use it for the repairs necessary in the other part. The surrounding wall, however, is in good condition, and might well be left standing, more especially as the old bricks, if it were pulled down, would fetch very little, and would hardly cover the expense of demolition.

I quite concur in Mr. Leman's opinion of the Chicacole Jail.
J. ROHDE.

(True Copy).

(Signed) G. THORNHILL,
*Acting Magistrate.*

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MEMORANDUM.

Forwarded to Government, with reference to letter from this office, dated 16th November 1865, No. 506.

OOTACAMUND,
OFFICE OF INSPR. GENERAL OF JAILS,
*20th November* 1865.

(Signed) J. ROHDE,
*Inspr. General of Jails.*

*To the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George.*

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No. 48. From the Inspector General of Jails, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Ootacamund, 27th November 1865, No. 553.

I have the honor, in continuation of my letter of the 16th instant, No. 506, to inform you that, owing to the crowded state of the Berhampore Jail, and the prospect of 30 more prisoners being immediately committed, and of a great influx of prisoners, consequent on the scarcity in the District, I have removed 50 prisoners to the Central Jail of the Division, and propose moving more, as it is better to have a few cubic feet of air less to each prisoner in the Central Jail, than to have a large mortality from over-crowding in the District Jail.

2. The Berhampore Jail has 300 prisoners, with space suited to 168.

3. At this time of the year, the Rajahmundry Central Prison will be all the better for having six instead of four men in a ward. The wards are open at the ends, and the prisoners will have nearly 400 cubic feet of space to a man.

4. As soon as the worksheds are available for securing prisoners in by night, the wards can be relieved.

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No. 49. ORDER THEREON, 6th December 1865, No. 1741.

The Governor in Council approves of the arrangement reported in the second of the letters above recorded.

(True Extract).

*Chief Secretary.*

To the Inspector General of Jails.

Ed. J. H. Burns.

Press No. 2137, G. M.—7-10-65—300.

*Judicial Department.*

## *PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.*

Read the following letters from the Inspector General of Jails.

Here enter 16th & 27th Nov. 1865 Nos. 506 & 553 & Memo. 3/20 dated 5th Dec. No. 2505.

Order thereon 6th December 1865 No. 1741.

The Governor in Council approves of the arrangement reported in the second of the letters above recorded.

To the Insp. General of Jails dated 7/12

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