

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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7th February 1865.

Read the following papers :—

No. 97. From J. ROHDE, Esq., Inspector General of Jails ; to A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Ootacamund, 9th January 1865, No. 469.

In acknowledging your Official Memorandum of the 7th instant, No. 7, I have the honor to state that on the 6th I forwarded Mr. Pelly's reply to my letter, urging the employment of the convicts on the water-works for the town of Madura, from which you will see that this officer states there is no accommodation outside the Jail.

2. In a former letter Mr. Pelly, in speaking of a gang sent to the Asylum works, stated that the Madura prisoners were generally in a low state of health ; it will be necessary, therefore, to task them moderately at first.

3. The Returns shew 338 prisoners in Jail at Madura, of whom 153 are not convicted ; of the 185 remaining, 50 have been since sent to the Asylum Works. The proper number for the Jail to accommodate is 173, consequently the Jail cannot, in its unhealthy state, accommodate prisoners for the water-works.

4. If Captain Moberly can accommodate them, he might have 50 or 100 convicts from Trichinopoly, and 50 from Tinnevely. In fact some relief to the latter Jail is *urgently* called for.

Referred, through the Public Works Department, to the Superintending Engineer of the 8th Division, for report, whether he has any accommodation available for convicts, and if so, for what number. In Mr. Pelly's letter of the 2nd instant, recorded in the Proceedings of Government, under date 10th instant, No. 44, it is stated that no building is available for the convicts whom Captain Moberly proposed to employ on the water-works of Madura.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
21st January 1865.

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

No. 98. From Captain F. J. MOBERLY, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 8th Division ; to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Palamcottah, 28th January 1865, No. 2446.

Referring to endorsement, 21st instant, on a letter from the Inspector General

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of Jails, herewith returned, I have the honor to report that the water-works now in execution is close to the town, and

as near to the Jail as most of the works on which convicts are employed.

2. I know of no building in the town where convicts could be lodged ; and presume that if there were any, the Judge would have availed himself of it to relieve his over-crowded Jail.

No. 99. ORDER THEREON, 7th February 1865, No. 225.

It appears that there is no building available for the accommodation of additional convicts to be employed on the water project at Madura, but, as the works are within a mile from the Jail, there is no apparent reason why a gang from the

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Jail should not be employed on them daily, due care being taken, with reference to Mr. Rohde's remark in his letter of the 9th ultimo, that they are not over-taxed. If there be no objection to this arrangement, the Officer in charge of the Jail will carry it out in communication with Captain Moberly, and will report that he has done so for the information of Government.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Inspector General of Jails.

- „ Officer in charge of Jails at Madura.
- „ Public Works Department.
- „ Superintending Engineer, 8th Division.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

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Superintending Eng. 8th Division.*

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To the Sup^r Gen^l }
 ~ Officers in charge of Jail }
 at Madras. Dec^r 13/2 }
 ~ Public Works Dept^y }
 ~ Sup^r Engrs, & Co. }

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