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Judicial DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	283	Press Mis.
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No. 195. Read the following letter from J. ROHDE, Esq., Inspector General of Jails ; to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 20th February 1865, No. 537.

Vide Order of Government, dated 26th November 1864,
No. 1701.

* Dated 21st January 1865, No. 41.

I have the honor to forward a letter* received from Mr. Levinge, Magistrate and Collector of Madura, relative to the site proposed for the District Jail at Madura.

2. My first idea was to build on the Island, near the Tunkum, on the North side of the Madura river; this was at a time when a bridge over the river was in contemplation. I knew no other promising side within a convenient distance from the town, but I subsequently proposed that the slope of the red gravel hill, about two miles south of Madura on the high road, should be selected. Mr. Levinge thought this objectionable on account of distance, and proposed a site on the Dindigul road; but this I thought objectionable as not having sufficient fall, as not being sufficiently raised, and as having a soil so porous that it would in all probability soon become charged with impurities. I particularly requested attention to the importance of securing a site in which the land springs (surface filtrations) would not effect the sources of water supply. I pointed out that, though the site I preferred was distant from the present residence of the Surgeon, this objection should not induce the selection of a worse locality on that account, as the Surgeon might move to a locality not at an inconvenient distance from both Jail and Hospital; and I am of opinion that no slight inconvenience should induce the building of new Jails in localities, the circumstances of which are such as to induce apprehensions as to their continued healthiness.

3. I think the site now indicated by Mr. Levinge unobjectionable on every ground but that of distance from the Court House; and I must say, I prefer accepting it with this inconvenience to risking the selection of a locality less calculated to ensure permanent healthiness.

4. The land I refer to is waste. Nothing could present a more favorable appearance than it does, and Mr. Levinge's report tends to confirm my opinion of it.

5. On any other locality in the vicinity of Madura I should not propose risking a large outlay.

From V. H. LEVINGE, Esq., Magistrate of Madura; to J. ROHDE, Esq., Inspector General of Jails, Ootacamund, dated Madura, 21st January 1865, No. 41.

In reply to your letter, No. 430, I have the honor to inform you that the site selected by me is alluvial soil, but it is well drained and higher than the surrounding land by 2 or 3 feet. Water would be found below the surface at 10 feet in the wet weather.

2. I do not think the space on the south-east side of the hill chosen by you is quite sufficient for what you want, as you do not mind distance from Madura. The best ground is, in my opinion, on the west side of the hill you have chosen; there, a large plain with a good slope is available, sheltered from the north-east winds; by the Hill the soil is red hard gravel; water at a great depth.

No. 196. ORDER THEREON, 22nd February 1865, No. 288.

The Governor in Council sanctions the adoption of the site referred to at the close of the Magistrate's letter of the 21st ultimo, for the Jail which it is proposed to erect at Madura.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Inspector General of Jails.

„ Magistrate of Madura.

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