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10th January 1865.*

No. 72. Read the following letter from J. ROHDE, Esq., Inspector General of Jails, to A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq., Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George; dated Ootacamund, 6th January 1865, No. 462.

The very crowded and unhealthy state of the Madura Jail compels me to request sanction, as a temporary measure, to the transfer to Dindigul of 50 prisoners next to be released from the Jail at Madura; I had hoped to have avoided this measure, objectionable as it is in many respects. The building is not secure, it is not suited to the number of convicts proposed, or indeed, to more than 50 prisoners in addition to those proper to it as a Subsidiary Jail. My desire was to retain the convicts near Madura in aid of Captain

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Moberly's noted project; but the enclosed

letter shews that no accommodation for them can be found.

2. I must say my late experience of transfers to distant Jails is so unsatisfactory that I cannot encourage a hope of my success from this measure for the relief of over-crowded Jails. I am, however, decidedly of opinion, that as a measure forced on us it will be preferable to accommodate prisoners in temporary, but fire-proof buildings, or in buildings temporarily adapted in furtherance of Public Works within or near the District.

From J. ROHDE, Esq., Inspector General of Jails, to C. R. PELLY, Esq., Session Judge of Madura; dated Ootacamund, 27th December 1864, No. 440.

I have the honor to acknowledge your letter of the 22nd instant, and to request that you will make arrangements, if possible, with Captain Moberly and the Police for lodging 100 convicts in the vicinity of the new water works of the town for labor under the Engineer.

2. I will, on receipt of your reply, apply to Government for sanction to this arrangement; in the meantime as a matter of necessity, I must beg you to form the necessary detachment.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. ROHDE,
Inspector General of Jails.

From C. R. PELLY, Esq., Acting Session Judge of Madura, to J. ROHDE, Esq., Inspector General of Jails, Ootacamund, dated Madura, 2nd January 1865, No. 1.

I am in receipt of your letter of the 27th December 1864, and an immediate reply being imperative, I lose no time in informing you that the water project to which you refer, or rather that part of it on which the convicts are now employed, is situated within a mile off the Jail; that no building is available, nor are tents procurable, and to erect huts would, of necessity, occupy some time. I casually met Mr. Hutchins, the late Acting Joint Magistrate yesterday morning, when he informed me that the Jail at Dindigul was finished sometime ago, and that 80 to 100 convicts could be accommodated in it; but that the Police object to taking charge on the ground of insecurity, consequent on their being no surrounding wall: from what I can learn in the course of casual conversation from one person or another, the Jail is insecure, but not so much so as an ordinary building, tents or huts would be; I would therefore suggest for consideration the advisability of the immediate removal of 80 or 100 convicts to Dindigul, the best available, and that they be employed in constructing a wall round the Jail; until it is completed, an additional Police guard would no doubt be requisite, the cost of this would, however, fall far short of the expense which must be incurred if tents are to be procured from Trichinopoly, or temporary huts erected in the vicinity of any work here, and I have no doubt that Mr. Vans Agnew, by whom the above Jail was first proposed, and who is now at Dindigul, could so arrange as to admit of the immediate transfer of 80 to 100 convicts.

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2. In the event of your approving of the above, I have the honor to request you will send instructions in detail for Mr. Vans Agnew's guidance as regards the establishment to be entertained—a European Jailor would, in my opinion, be highly desirable.

3. The emergency of the case must be my excuse for making the above recommendation without previous official communication with the Magistrate of the District. I shall, however, forward a copy of this letter to him for his own information and for communication to Mr. Vans Agnew.

No. 73. ORDER THEREON, 10th January 1865, No. 44.

The Governor in Council sanctions the transfer of 50 prisoners to the Jail at Dindigul.

(True Extract.)

A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

To the Inspector General of Jails.

Exd. T. O'Connor,

Judicial Department.

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the Inspector General of Jails -
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