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Judicial **DEPARTMENT.**

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21*st July* 1860.

No. 125. Read the following letter from W. M. CADELL, Esq., Collector of Tanjore, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Vallam, 14th July 1860, No. 700.

With reference to the Order of Government, under date the 23rd ultimo, No. 782, I have the honor to inform you that the sum of Rupees 1,500, placed at the disposal of the Inspector General of Mofussil Police, in the Order of Government of the 17th January last, No. 63, has been already paid here to the Superintendent of Police of this District, agreeably to the request of Mr. Robinson.

No. 126. ORDER THEREON, 21st July 1860, No. 911.

Communicated to the Accountant General, and to the Sub Treasurer, and Inspector General Mofussil Police.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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No. 911 — 21 July 1860 —

Communicated to the Acct. Genl. & to the Sub Treasurer, and Inspecr. Genl. of Police &

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The Acct. Genl.
" Sub Treasurer
" Inspector Genl. of Police.
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Read the following letter from J. ROHDE, Esq., Inspect[illegible]ral of Jails, to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George: [illegible] Ootacamund 19th May 1865.
No. 10.

I have the honor to state that, on the 17th morning, I visited the building on the Dodabett Range, intended for the lodgement of Prisoners to be employed in the Cinchona Plantations, as directed by the order of Government, 8th September 1864, No. 1340.

2. The building is complete, with the exception of the fixing of bars to the window frames, and the furnishing of the sleeping benches. It consists of a room 61 feet by 33, with a mean height of 19 feet, ventilated along the ridge, and by means of four upper windows, each 4 feet 8, by 3 feet 8, two in each gable end of the building. There are also two door frames at each end at present fitted with battened doors, which I have requested Mr. McIvor to pierce for further ventilation. The sleeping bunks are double, extending in two lines to within two feet of the ends of the room. There is a clear space of two feet between the bunks and the side walls. The bunks are raised about eighteen inches from the floor, and are planked. The whole building, which is iron roofed, is surrounded by a verandah, the greater part of which is occupied by small rooms, which will accommodate the guard and establishment. Mr. McIvor proposed further to accommodate any Chinese convicts in these rooms; ~~but I told him that, unless those prisoners were placed by Government on a diff~~ footing from the other convicts, I should prefer their being kept together.

3. The Ward, 61×33×19 feet, would give an average cubic content of [illegible] feet, but with a superficial area of only 2079 feet. This would give a cubic space of 395 feet to each of 100 prisoners, but a superficial area of only 20·79 feet, being in this latter respect but little more than half what the Calcutta Committee considered indispensable. It must, however, be remembered that in this climate, in a well ventilated room, 250 cubic feet were considered sufficient in the case of the Lawrence Asylum Gangs. I am still of opinion that the space is sufficient for 100 prisoners, climate and circumstances considered.

Order of Government, 1477 of 1863, 15th September.

4. The question of superintendence and guarding has yet to be co[illegible].

5. In my letter of the 13th August last, I proposed, generally—

1*st*.—That the selection of c[illegible] the Cinchon[illegible] should be [illegible] those one half of whose sentence a[illegible]

2*nd*.—That ordinary food and clothing, as in the Zillah J[illegible] vided in the prison's department, indulgences for labor[illegible] Superintendent of the gardens.

3*rd*.—That such a prison's establishment should [illegible]uld suffice (with the aid of convict maistries) for the whol[illegible]atching [illegible]ecting the prisoners, the Police Force furnishing the prison guards only, and supporting the prison's establishment in case of necessity.

4*th*.—That, in addition to ordinary indulgences, pris[illegible] to obtain reduction of the term of imprisonmen[illegible]

5*th*.—That, as respects the gang near Ootacamund, the powers of punishment created by Regulation X of 1832, should be vested in the Resident Magistrate.

6*th*.—That the diet and clothing should be by contract.

7*th*.—That credit should be given for the value of labor (as at the Asylum Works by the Department Public Works) in account at the rate of 3 Rupees, 4 Annas, a prisoner, leaving 1 Rupee 4 Annas monthly of the actual value of the labor at the disposal of the Superintendent, for indulgences.

6. Except as regards the system for guarding, these suggestions proved by His Excellency the Governor in Council. On this point, I was directed to confer with the Inspector General of Police.

Order of Government, 8th September 1864, No. 1340.

7. Mr. Robinson assented to my proposal, as explained in his letter to you, No. 196, but I am not disposed to assent to his repudiation of responsibility, to the extent proposed in his letter. He would guard 99 convicts by 15 Policemen, and still hold the latter absolved from responsibility. This proportion is at the rate of 1 Policeman to about 6½ convicts, being a very full proportion. I think it better, therefore, to provide, as in other Jails, an establishment for maintaining discipline and carrying out the internal economy, and let the Police take the usual responsibility with the usual complement of guards.

Proceedings of Government, 27th September 1864.

8. As regards discipline, I think the divided authority will be productive of difficulties, and, all things considered, I should propose that Mr. McIvor, who must of necessity direct the labor, should have charge, with such powers under Regulation I of 1833, as the Government may think proper to confer, the Magistrate being vested with full powers, under Regulation X of 1832, in case of more serious offences. On Mr. McIvor, as officer in charge, would devolve all the arrangements for dieting, clothing, &c.

9. The establishment necessary would be the same as at Cannanore, namely, one Jailer, two Head Warders, and four Warders. I could not propose for these a smaller salary than is paid at the Lawrence Asylum Works, namely:—

	Rs.
For the Jailer.....	50
,, 2 Head Warders, at 14	28
,, 4 Warders, at 10.....	40
Total...	118

10. Under Orders, 11th November 1863, this charge (at Lovedale) is met from the estimates.

No. 209. ORDER THEREON, 28th June 1865, No. 911.

The Governor in Council does not think it advisable that any convicts should be located in the prison recently erected on the Cinchona Plantation at Dodabett, until after the close of the S. W. moonsoon; and then only such convicts as have already been some time in the Ootacamund Jail, not exceeding fifty in number, should be transferred there.

2. The building should meanwhile be carefully inspected and reported on by Dr. Miller, who will be furnished with a copy of Mr. Rohde's present letter, and will

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submit, through the Principal Inspector General of the Medical Department, any remarks or suggestions he may think fit to make. Dr. Miller will give his special attention to the amount of ventilation proposed, which, considering the nature of the climate, appears to Government to be excessive.

3. The powers of punishment, created by Regulation X of 1832, will, with reference to this gang, be exercised by the Joint Magistrate of Ootacamund. The usual complement of guards will be provided by the Police. Mr. Rohde will state what establishment of Jailers, Warders, &c., will be required for fifty prisoners—their cost will be met from the Cinchona Budget.

(True Extract).

Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Inspector General of Jails.
,, Inspector General of Police.
,, Principal Inspector General, Medical Department.
To Dr. J. Miller, Ootacamund.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

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Under order 11th November 1863

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...ent of punishment on the convicts under Reg. X. 1832 & I. 1833.

In fact looking to the recent ... in London and ... inclement climate of Dodabetta — & seeing that transportation has been again allowed and that convicts may be extensively employed in building central Jails as recommended by the late Committee I am not greatly in favor of this Dodabetta scheme. &c.

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I would take Dr. ...'s professional opinion relative to Mr Rohde's extreme ideas as to sanitation — no foundation ought, I think, to be located on Dodabetta till after the monsoon & then they should ... prisoners who have been some time on the Hills. — Mr McIvor ought not to have magisterial powers. Altogether, I doubt the economy of the arrangement. Practically, too, I doubt the legality ... for carrying ... convicts to a place like Dodabetta, there to be ... in ... confinement ... were contemplated.

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Judicial Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from the Inspector General of Jails dated 19th May 65 No 10.

Order thereon dated 28 June 65 No 911.

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2. The buildings should meanwhile be carefully inspected and reported on by Dr. Miller who will be furnished with a copy of Mr. Rohde's present letter & will submit through the Principal Inspector General of the Medical Department such remarks or suggestions he may think fit to make. Dr. Miller will give his special attention to the amount of Ventilation proposed, & considering the nature of the climate which appears to Government to be unsuitable.

3. The powers of punishment vested in Regulations × of 1832 will, with reference to this gang, be exercised by the visiting Magistrate & Doctor. The usual convict of guards will be

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[signature]

To the Inspector Genl. of Jails.
" Inspector Genl. of Police } dated 29/6
" Pres. Insp. Genl. Med. Dept. }
" Dr. J. Miller. Ootr.

Judicial 1865. Department.

No. 911.

PROCEEDINGS OF GOVERNMENT.

Feb. 1799 - 2438.

Dated 28th June 1865.

Regarding the Convicts employment on the Cinchona Plantations at Dodabetta. -

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