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No. 361. Read the following letter from Lieutenant Colonel W. J. WILSON, Inspector General of Jails, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Ootacamund, 20th July 1866, No. 49.

In compliance with the instructions contained in the Order of Government noted in the margin, I have the honor to submit my observations on the

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thirteenth paragraph of the letter from

the Inspector General of Police, dated 2nd June 1866, No. 884.

2. I have no desire whatever that the duty of providing accommodation for the Police Guards should be transferred to the Inspector General of Jails, but I doubt the expediency of the arrangement proposed by the Inspector General of Police, and submit the following plan for the consideration of Government:—Whenever it may be determined to locate Convicts in huts or in temporary Jails, I would suggest that the Inspector General of Jails should inform the Inspector General of Police of the number of Convicts to be so located, and request him to state the strength of the Guard which he considers necessary, together with any remarks he may have to offer as to the nature and extent of the accommodation to be provided for the party. On receipt of this information, the Officer entrusted with the preparation of the plans of the huts or other temporary buildings should be requested to prepare a plan for the Police Barrack also, and to submit it along with the other plans, so that the whole design might be laid before Government at one time.

3. In the same paragraph, it is suggested that the Inspector General of Jails should await the report of the Departmental Officers before Convicts are marched up to the Hills, and allusion is made to a gang of 100 Convicts in such a manner as to lead to an inference wholly unsupported by the facts. The Superintendent of the Jail at Tinnevely having reported that the Jail was much overcrowded, I directed him to make arrangements for the transfer of 96 Convicts to the Central Jail at Coimbatore; and bearing in mind the probability of a demand for labor on the Hills, I requested the Superintendent to select the men with reference to their bodily fitness for that purpose, but there never was any intention to send them to the Hills in a body, or without giving due and sufficient notice to the Police. My first letter to the Superintendent of Tinnevely was dated 22nd March, and as the party did not leave that place until the 16th April, the move can scarcely be said to have been sudden. The men in question are still at Coimbatore.

4. In the 11th paragraph of his letter, Mr. Robinson requests that Government will forbid the further transfer of Convicts to Neddiwuttum until accommodation for the Police has been provided and favorably reported on. I herewith forward copies of a correspondence with Mr. McIvor, from which it will be seen that the course now recommended by Mr. Robinson was taken by me on the 18th April last, being two days after the first occupation of the Jail, and that I then refused to complete the gang until the Officers of Police were satisfied with the accommodation provided for their men. Captain Drever, the Deputy Inspector General of Police, with whom, agreeably to the Orders of Government, I had been in communication regarding the Jail at Neddiwuttum, was duly furnished with a copy of my letter to Mr. McIvor; and supposing that the contents were not then made known to the Inspector General of Police, my letter of the 29th May (copy enclosed) in reply to his of the 25th idem, put him in possession of the facts, and must have been received

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by him immediately after the despatch of his Report of the 2nd June, if not before. As I am unwilling that the Government should remain under the impression that it was necessary to issue a special order directing that no further addition should be made to the number of Convicts at Neddiwuttum until proper accommodation had been provided for the guard, I have thought it advisable to submit this explanation, which I trust may be considered satisfactory.

5. The gang at Pykara was withdrawn on the 2nd June, and that at Kandul on the 29th idem.

Extract from a letter from the Inspector General of Jails, to the Superintendent, Government Chinchona Plantations, Ootacamund; dated 18th April 1866, No. 1036.

I have the honor to inform you that I can complete the number of Convicts at Neddiwuttum to 200 whenever you are prepared.

2. It will be necessary to provide suitable huts for the increased guard of Police, and as soon as these are ready the same ought to be intimated to the Deputy Inspector General or Superintendent, in order that they may take steps to satisfy themselves of the nature of the accommodation, and that further reference on that point may be avoided.

(True Extract).

(Signed) W. J. WILSON,
Inspector General of Jails.

From W. G. McIVOR, Esq., Superintendent, Government Chinchona Plantations, Ootacamund, to Lieutenant Colonel W. J. WILSON, Inspector General of Jails; dated Ootacamund, 21st April 1866, No. 129.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 1036, under date the 18th instant, and beg to inform you that 16 comfortable huts are already finished for the Police at Neddiwuttum, and that 16 more huts with fire-places are now in course of erection for further accommodation of the Police; these I hope will be completed in about a fortnight. In the meantime, the Police are very comfortably housed, although not sufficient accommodation for their families until the above huts are finished.

2. I may observe that the remarks in paragraphs 7 and 8 in letter, No. 80, from the Inspector General of Police, are not applicable to the Chinchona Department, as every care has been taken to provide the Police with healthy and suitable accommodation, and the men so fully appreciate this that there will be no difficulty in obtaining a sufficient number to volunteer for special service on the plantations.

3. I trust that the huts not being finished for the families of the Police will not cause any delay in completing the number of Convicts at Neddiwuttum to 200, as the labor of every available man is at present urgently required on the plantation.

4. I would also respectfully solicit the favor of your being pleased to sanction the transfer of 16 Chinese and 4 Native Convicts from the Dolabetta Jail—these men will be the steadiest and best working men, and I wish to send them to Neddiwuttum, in order to show the new Convicts what quantity of work can be performed, in order to avoid grumbling or dissatisfaction on the part of the new Convicts with the tasks allotted them—also, your being good enough to direct the transfer of 20 men to Dolabetta, to replace those removed to Neddiwuttum.

From Lieutenant Colonel W. J. WILSON, Inspector General of Jails, to W. G. McIVOR, Esq., Superintendent, Government Chinchona Plantations, Ootacamund; dated Madras, 26th April 1866, No. 1073.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st instant, No. 129.

2. I considered it advisable, remembering what happened on the last occasion, to satisfy myself, before issuing orders for any further transfer of Convicts to Neddiwuttum, that there would be no delay in furnishing the increased guard, and that the accommodation provided was sufficient for its reception. It was for these reasons that I requested you to communicate with the Police, and

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I, at the same time, sent to Captain Drever, who is, I believe, still at Ootacamund, copies of the 1st and 2nd paragraphs of my letter of the 18th to your address.

3. I, therefore, request that, if you have not already done so, you will put yourself in communication either with that Officer or with Captain Weldon, and I shall be prepared to direct the transfer as soon as I am informed that arrangements have been made.

From Lieutenant Colonel W. J. WILSON, Inspector General of Jails, to W. G. McIVOR, Esq., Superintendent, Government Chinchona Plantations, Ootacamund; dated Madras, 18th May 1866, No. 65.

As the approaching withdrawal of the gangs from Pykara and Kandul may give me an opportunity of supplying you with men who are accustomed to the climate of the Hills, I have the honor to request you will inform me whether any steps have been taken, since the end of last month, to provide increased accommodation at Neddiwuttum for the Police guard.

From W. G. McIVOR, Esq., Superintendent, Government Chinchona Plantations, Ootacamund, to Lieutenant Colonel W. J. WILSON, Inspector General of Jails; dated Ootacamund, 21st May 1866, No. 2B.

With reference to your letter, No. 65, of the 18th instant, I have the honor to inform you that huts for the accommodation of the Police guard at Neddiwuttum are in course of construction, and I trust to be able to report their completion by the end of next week. They will, under every circumstance, be quite finished in good time for me to receive the gangs of prisoners when removed from Pykara and Kandul.

From W. G. McIVOR, Esq., Superintendent, Government Chinchona Plantations, Ootacamund, to Lieutenant Colonel W. J. WILSON, Inspector General of Jails; dated Ootacamund, 20th June 1866, No. 13.

With reference to your communication of the 18th ultimo, No. 65, and my letter of the 21st ultimo, No. 2, I have the honor to inform you that 14 new huts have been completed for the accommodation of the Police at Neddiwuttum, but, as the Monsoon has set in with great violence, I think it would be desirable to defer the transfer of the additional Convicts until August, when the force of the Monsoon will be over.

Extract from a letter from the Inspector General of Jails, to the Inspector General of Police; dated Madras, 29th May 1866, No. 97.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th instant, No. 836, on the subject of accommodation for the Police guard at Neddiwuttum.

2. I did not consider it necessary to inform you, in a special and separate communication, that it was in contemplation to increase the number of Convicts at Neddiwuttum to 200, as you were already in possession of the Orders of Government on the subject, in which the fact is clearly stated; and in paragraph 5 of your letter of the 7th April, to the address of the Chief Secretary, you allude to the estimate of the cost of guarding 200 Convicts which was prepared by Captain Drever, the Deputy Inspector General of Police.

3. You will also observe from the correspondence with Mr. McIvor, copies of which I herewith enclose, that the suggestion contained in paragraph 7 of your letter under reply has already been anticipated by me, and that I have declined to transfer more Convicts to Neddiwuttum until I know that proper accommodation for the guard has been provided, and that your Officers are satisfied therewith.

(True Extract).

(Signed) W. J. WILSON,
Inspector General of Jails.

No. 362. ORDER THEREON, 30th October 1866, No. 1713.

The Governor in Council approves of the course which the Inspector General of Jails proposes should be adopted, whenever it is necessary to locate Convicts in

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tents or in temporary Jails, viz., that the Inspector General of Jails shall inform the Inspector General of Police of the number of Convicts to be so located, and ascertain from him the strength of the Guard which he considers necessary, as well as the nature and extent of the accommodation which should be provided for the Guard, on the receipt of which information the plan of the Police Barrack is to be prepared and submitted, with the plans of the huts, &c., to Government, for sanction.

2. The explanation submitted by Colonel Wilson, in regard to the transfer of prisoners from Tinnevely to the Hills, and regarding the measures taken by him for ensuring adequate accommodation for the Police at the Neddiwuttum Jail, is perfectly satisfactory.

(True Extract).

Secretary to Government.

To the Inspector General of Jails, with enclosures returned.
" Inspector General of Police.

Ed. J. H. Burns.

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