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Government of Madras.

Judicial **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No. 71 Press Mis. —

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No. 120. Read the following letter from the Inspector General of Jails, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Ootacamund, 3rd January 1866, No. 660.

In forwarding the accompanying letter from Major Farewell, proposing to transfer the gang of prisoners placed at his disposal for the road to Calicut, and hitherto lodged in a building I placed at his disposal, to Pykara, eight miles further on the road, I have the honor to request that the Government will be pleased to sanction the proposed arrangement.

2. The Collector, it will be observed, sanctions the occupation of the principal room of the choultry lately built by Government at Pykara, as a prison, provided it is vacated at the beginning of the monsoon. Prisoners will work two miles on either side the bungalow, and thus save the cost of free labor for four miles of the recently sanctioned road, towards which a small supplemental grant has been made.

3. The charge of the convict gang would be vested in Major Farewell.

4. I am anxious to get the prisoners out of the building they now occupy, as I require it, and the prisoners have nearly completed the work within an easy distance of it, including, I believe, by far the heaviest part of the whole line.

From Major W. FAREWELL, Executive Engineer, Neilgherry Range, to the Inspector General of Jails, Ootacamund; dated Ootacamund, 28th December 1865, No. 447.

Now that the gang of prisoners temporarily located in the Mill at the end of the lake have nearly completed the work they were employed on, I request that you will be good enough to recommend, as a temporary measure, that they be removed to Pykara, where they can easily be located in the new Chuttrum lately constructed there, the accommodation being quite equal to that they have at present in the Mill. During the next three months the Chuttrum is hardly ever used by travellers, as the weather is generally at this period settled and fine, and the Collector of the District, with whom I have communicated on the subject, sees no objection to its being temporarily occupied, as proposed by me.

2. The Chuttrum is an enclosed one, with four small windows, which I will have guarded by strong iron gratings, erecting a temporary place for cooking close to the Chuttrum, and adding also, in front of the Chuttrum, between the wings, an iron covered verandah for shelter for the Police sentry.

3. Close to the Chuttrum, Police Lines have already been built, which are quite large enough to accommodate, as a temporary measure, the small guard required for these men.

4. I calculate that 50 good men will complete the work I propose to give them in about 108 days, at the expiration of which time the men might be transferred to the Chinchona Plantation Jail at Neddiwuttum. To allow of 50 men turning out daily to work, it would be necessary to have a gang of at least 55 or 60 men in the party told off for Pykara.

5. I would suggest that only good and strong men, whose time of imprisonment has nearly expired, should be selected for the work; and I trust there will be no objection made to the convict Maistries marginally named being attached to the gang. These men are used to the work, and have behaved very well during the time they have been employed under my orders. To induce the prisoners to work cheerfully and well, I propose to give them the same indulgence that I have allowed them since their location in the Mill.

"Allaghurry."
"Avady."
"Pulnee."

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6. G. O., Public Works Department, No. 2230, dated 4th August 1864, and G. O., Judicial Department, No. 1126, dated 26th July 1864, provide for my personal Magisterial charge of any convicts placed under my orders. The only question that remains is their victualling, which might be arranged in the same manner as at present. The European Jailer in charge of the Ootacamund Jail might continue to look after the Jail, with the assistance of a good Head-warder, and I shall be glad to make him such allowance as you may deem fair for the extra duty thus entailed on him.

No. 121. ORDER THEREON, 16th January 1866, No. 71.

The Governor in Council sanctions the arrangement proposed in the foregoing letter.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Inspector General of Jails.
„ Revenue Department.
„ Public Works Department.

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