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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
26th June 1867.*

Read the following papers :—

No. 242. From T. A. N. CHASE, Esq., President of the Municipal Commission, Kurnool, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Kurnool, 9th May 1867, No. 64.

With reference to the correspondence noted marginally, in which the Honorable R. S. Ellis urges the necessity of improvements in the Town of Kurnool, and the Government are prepared to consider the expediency of aiding the Municipal Commissioners to improve the town,

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, under date the
1st March 1867, No. 335.
Do. do. 16th do. No. 452.*

I have the honor to request the permission of Government, as a special case, to use the prisoners in the District Jail about the limits of the Municipality.

2. As a general rule, the Government have refused to concede the use of the prisoners, free of charge, to Municipalities (Government Order, No. 452, dated 16th March 1867), but I trust that order, as regards this town, may be held in abeyance, for the municipal funds are not sufficient to effect much more than the payments towards the Police, its own establishment, and such works as are now being carried out, viz., the construction of latrines and dust boxes.

3. There is a small portion of road now in a terrible state, between the Civil Dispensary and the Sub-Magistrate's Office, running through the principal bazaar in the town, which should at once be repaired, but delay is forced, because we are unable to pay the expenses of a temporary establishment or contractors to carry it out. The prisoners, I have found on inquiring, cost about Rupees 6-4-0 per diem for a gang, and it would take them at least two months to execute this work. The cost, therefore, would be at least Rupees 375.

4. If the Government would place at the disposal of the Municipal Commissioners at least a gang of prisoners free of charge, it would be deemed a great boon, and, at the same time, be one of the most direct methods of aiding the Commissioners in carrying out municipal improvements that I am aware of.

5. The Jail here is situated almost in the centre of the Fort, which is contiguous to the town, and the prisoners have no intramural labor, with the exception of a little weaving, which gives employment to a very small number. The Superintendent finds, therefore, a difficulty in obtaining suitable labor for them, and is very willing to allow the prisoners to repair the municipal roads, were it not for Government Order, No. 452, dated 16th March.

Referred to the Inspector General of Jails for his remarks.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
11th June 1867.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

No. 243. From the Inspector General of Jails, Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 13th June 1867, No. 46.

I have the honor to return the letter from the President of the Municipal Commission at Kurnool, dated 9th ultimo, received by me this day, in which that Officer applies for the labor of a gang of convicts free of charge, as a special case, for certain reasons given, and to state that I have no objection to make, provided that the Superintendent is not required to give more men than he can spare with reference to any work connected with the Jail itself.

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No. 244. ORDER THEREON, 26th June 1867, No. 1013.

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2. The Inspector General of Jails raises no objection to the proposal, provided that it does not interfere with any work connected immediately with the Jail.

3. Under these circumstances, the Government direct that, as a special case, and as a temporary arrangement, the labor of a gang of convicts be placed at the disposal of the Commissioners free of charge, for the purpose specified by the President. The Superintendent of the Jail will take care that more prisoners be not detailed for this work than can be spared with reference to works connected immediately with the Jail itself.

(True Extract).

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Inspector General of Jails.
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