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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
14th November 1867.*

No. 179. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Public Works Department, dated 7th November 1867, No. 3462.

Passing orders regarding the Jail at Ootacamund. } (Vide Proceedings, Public Works Dept., dated 7th Nov. 1867, Nos. 162 & 163).

No. 180. ORDER THEREON, 14th November 1867, No. 1838.
Communicated to the Inspector General of Jails, and to the Collector of Coimbatore.

(Signed) R. S. ELLIS,
Chief Secretary.

To the Inspector General of Jails.
,, Collector of Coimbatore.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
7th November 1867.*

No. 132. Read the following Endorsement of the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, dated Camp at Oollee, 24th October 1867, No. 120 :—

Read the following letter from the Executive Engineer, Neilgherries, to the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, dated Ootacamund, 15th October 1867, No. 95.

Your Endorsement on G. O. No. 2,940, of 21st September 1867.

1. I have the honor to report that the bricks made at the Lawrence Asylum works are only just sufficient for the building designed by Mr. Chisholm for the male branch.

2. The preparation of all materials for the female branch was stopped by order of Government in March last, so no bricks are available at the Lawrence Asylum sites for the Ootacamund drainage scheme; lastly, even if bricks were available at the Lawrence Asylum sites, the cost of carriage into Ootacamund would be so heavy, i. e., nearly doubling the price per thousand, that I could not recommend their being obtained from that source; I therefore propose to make as many bricks as the clay remaining in the Government brick-fields, near Kandal, will admit of, and then moving to another locality as near as possible to the station.

3. On Saturday, the 12th instant, I had an interview with the Inspector General of Jails, and arranged with him to locate a gang of sixty-four prisoners in a temporary Jail, as per plan already submitted, and approved of by you, to be constructed in the Kandal brick-fields; this Jail, if sanctioned immediately, will be ready for the reception of the convicts by some time in December 1867, or by January 1868 at the latest.

4. To save the cost of another temporary Jail, the Inspector General of Jails proposes that the convicts of Ootacamund Jail, about eighty in number, out of which I calculate sixty men would be available for work, should be employed in the reclamation portion of the scheme, and on the earth-work necessary for the sewer; but before making use of the services of these convicts, it is absolutely necessary that the improvements of their own Jail should be pushed on as much as possible; if the convicts are kept steadily at this work for a couple of months, I think I shall by that time be able to spare them, and if a further provision of funds to the extent of eight or ten thousand rupees be made, I hope to complete the new Hospital for the Jail and outside boundary wall within the present official year. Rupees 15,000 have already been placed at my disposal for this work, of which I have spent up to date about Rupees 13,500.

5. The survey of the swamps to be reclaimed, which formed part of a project submitted by me in 1861, is ready, and shall be submitted immediately; but it is necessary that I should be furnished with the drawings accompanying Captain Tulloch's Report, in order that my estimate may be prepared in accordance thereto.

6. In order to carry out the reclamation scheme, it will be requisite to build boats, but before submitting plans and estimates for them, understanding that Government have already in their possession, either at Madras or Negapatam, several spoil-boats built of iron, and so constructed as to allow of their being taken to pieces and put together again, I think it desirable that inquiries should be made regarding these boats, as if they are likely to be suitable for the work in question,

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it might possibly be cheaper to use them than build new ones. As a guide to the kind of boat required, they should not draw more than $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet when laden.

Superintending Engineer's Endorsement on G. O. No. 2,940, of 21st September 1867.

1. Major Farewell will be so good as to take measures for the manufacture of the quantity of bricks likely to be required for the main drainage of Ootacamund; and is requested to inform the Superintending Engineer whether such manufacture will be conducted at the Lawrence Asylum or other brick-field. It is taken for granted that none are to spare of those originally made for the Asylum works.

2. Major Farewell is also requested to be so good as to lose as little time as possible in preparing a survey of the swamp to be reclaimed, with detailed plan and estimate of the work; placing himself, in Colonel Walker's absence, in personal communication with the Inspector General of Jails as to the employment of the convicts, and provision of accommodation for an additional gang. The limits of that portion of the lake which is to be deepened, of the ground to be reclaimed, and of the channel by which such reclamation is to be carried out, may be at once laid down. But until boats shall have been built, it does not appear that the actual work of reclamation can be undertaken.

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R. E.,
Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.

CALCUTTA,
27th September 1867.

Submitted to Government, with reference to paragraphs 4 and 5 of G. O. No. 2,940 of 21st September.

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R. E.,
Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.

No. 163. ORDER THEREON, 7th November 1867, No. 3,462.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 19.

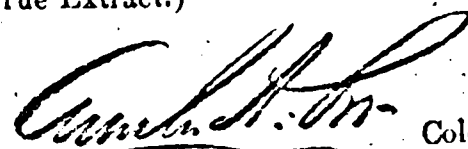
1. The Superintending Engineer of the 7th Division will be informed, with reference to paragraph 6 of

Major Farewell's letter, that no iron spoil-boats are available for employment in the reclamation of the swamp at the head of the Ootacamund lake.

2. The Government regret that they are at present unable to supplement the grant for the Jail at Ootacamund, but in the event of funds being hereafter set free from the allotments for other districts, they will give favorable consideration to Major Farewell's application for an additional assignment.

3. The plans which accompanied Captain Tulloch's report on the main drainage of Ootacamund will be forwarded to the Superintending Engineer of the 7th Division for transmission to Major Farewell.

(True Extract.)



Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, with two Plans.

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