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14th November 1867.

No. 183. Read the following letter from the Inspector General of Jails, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Ootacamund, 4th November 1867, No. 126.

With reference to the selection of a site for Police lines in the vicinity of the Central Jail at Coimbatore, I have the honor to forward a Survey of the ground belonging to the Jail, showing also the municipal limits and the village of Oopillypollium where the Police reserve is at present located. I also forward a letter from the Superintendent of the Jail, giving cover to one from the officer in medical charge, who is of opinion that it is not advisable to build lines either for Police or for Warders within the limits belonging to the Jail, and who suggests that the site now occupied by the village of Oopillypollium above-mentioned, and which the Municipal Commissioners have it in contemplation to remove as a nuisance, should be made over for the purpose, or that the lines should be built on the ground between the Jail enclosure and the village in question.

2. The only spots available within the Jail enclosure are those marked, respectively, A. and B. in the Survey. The former is about 330 yards from the Jail wall, and was selected by the Superintendent of the Jail; the latter is about 250 yards from the Jail, and is preferred by the Superintendent of Police. The prevailing wind being south-westerly for nine months during the year, and east north-east for the other three, no exception can be taken to either site on this score, and although both are rather nearer the Jail than is desirable, I am not prepared to say they are positively objectionable. I would prefer, however, that the Police lines should be beyond the precincts of the Jail if possible. The spot marked C. is not unsuitable, but the land would have to be purchased. I have not entered into the question as regards the site upon which the village stands, as it is impossible to say when it may be taken possession of. Moreover, it is rather far off, and the lines, both of Police and of Warders if built thereon, would, I presume, be subject to municipal taxes.

3. Nothing has hitherto been said concerning a latrine, but as one will be required for a village of 50 Police men, I beg to suggest that a plan and estimate for two small buildings of the kind, one for males, the other for females, may be prepared.

4. Huts for Warders may hereafter be built at the spot marked A., but as it has not yet been determined what number of these men there are to be, the preparation of the estimates may be deferred. I also trust that the result of the employment of Convict Warders, which is now being tried, may be such as to enable me to reduce the number of paid Warders.

5. I doubt whether there is any necessity to build quarters for Dressers. Both of the Dressers attached to the Jail live in the village of Oopillypollium, and there are two small rooms in the Hospital, one of which could be given up for the use of the Dresser on duty at night.

6. It is requested that the Survey may be returned to this office when no longer required.

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

From H. R. GRIMES, Esq., Superintendent of Central Jail, Coimbatore, to the Inspector General of Jails, Botacamund; dated Coimbatore, 14th October 1867, No. 102.

I have the honor to forward Dr. Roberts' report, in a sanitary point, on the advisability of Police lines being built on the Jail compound. Dr. Roberts strongly urges that neither Police or Warders' lines should be built in close proximity to the Jail, and I agree with him.

2. The Chucklers' village, the removal of which is recommended by Dr. Roberts, is shown on the Survey plan as Oopillypollium, in close proximity to the present Police lines.

3. Compensation to the amount of Rupees 500, and another piece of land, will have to be paid to the chucklers, if it is determined that they should be turned out of their present locality. The matter is about being brought before the Municipal Commissioners, and every exertion will be made to get the village removed, as it is an intense nuisance. I will forward you the decision to which the Municipal Commissioners come to. Should it be decided that the village is to be removed, I would strongly urge that an application be made to Government for sanction, that the ground may be allotted to Police and Warders' lines for the Central Jail, from which it is half a mile distant.

From W. H. ROBERTS, Esq., M. D., Civil Surgeon and Medical Officer, Central Jail, to the Superintendent, Central Jail, Coimbatore; dated Coimbatore, 12th October 1867, No. 33.

In reply to your letter, No. 171, of the 11th instant, I have the honor to state that I think it extremely unadvisable to encroach on the Central Jail compound by any buildings of any kind whatever. Any such procedure will defeat the object originally held in view, viz., that of having a Jail, isolated, well apart from all buildings or extraneous source of any kind, from whence disease may be generated or communicated.

2. The Police lines I consider quite near enough *where they are*. It is important that the Warders and Medical Subordinates should have lines or allotted huts near the Jail, and these might be built on ground between the Police lines and the Jail compound, or on the site now occupied by a Chucklers' village, by the removal of the said village, which is an offensive abomination, the demolition of which will be good for both the Jail and the public.

No. 184. ORDER THEREON, 14th November 1867, No. 1840.

The Governor in Council concurs with the Inspector General of Jails in thinking that the site marked C. is best suited for the Police lines required at Coimbatore. It is not desirable to encroach on the Jail limits for such buildings, and the site of the village of Oopillypollium is open to the disadvantage of being too distant from the Jail itself, and from its present occupation by filthy Chuckler huts likely to prove unhealthy.

2. The Municipal Commissioners should be pressed to cause the removal of this village, which is represented as being a serious nuisance.

3. The Collector will take the necessary steps for the purchase of site C. With reference to paragraph 3 of the letter above recorded a plan and estimate for the latrines of the proposed Police village should be prepared by the Public Works Department.

4. The Governor in Council concurs with the Inspector General that, for the reasons stated, quarters for Dressers are not required.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Inspector General of Jails, with two enclosures returned.

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" Collector of Coimbatore.

" Public Works Department, with the Survey.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

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