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Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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No. 84. Read the following letter from the Inspector General of Jails, to the Chief Secretary, to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Ootacamund, 18th December 1866, No. 127.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Order of Government noted in the margin, directing my attention to the 2nd and 3rd paragraphs of a letter from the Inspector General of Police,

Judicial Department, 22nd November 1866, No. 1854. dated 14th ultimo, in which that Officer states, in the first place, that when the outer walls of Central Jails are completed, all labor is to be intramural; and, in the second, requests that I may be directed to carry out the system as early as practicable.

2. It is intended that Convicts should be employed as largely as possible in the construction of the Central and other Jails, and, even when the outer walls are finished, I presume there will still be labor outside for a considerable number, as there will be brick fields to work in, stone or laterite to quarry and cut, and water to carry. At this present moment, Convicts are employed outside the Central Jails both at Rajahmundry and at Coimbatore, under the direction of Officers of the Public Works Department. When I informed Mr. Robinson, in reply to a letter of his, regarding the strength of the guard required for the Central Jail at Cannanore, that the labor there was to be intramural, I referred to the time when the Jail should have been completed and workshops built, but I was not correct in assuming even so much; for you will observe from the 6th paragraph of the

Judicial Department, 5th October 1866, No. 1562.

Order of Government noted in the margin, that the point was not then decided, nor has it been up to the present time, so far as I am aware. It is my own wish, for the sake of discipline, and for the enhancement of the punishment of imprisonment, as well as to diminish the expense of guarding, to introduce intramural labor as early as possible; but, even should it be decided that such is to be eventually the rule, the labor of the Convicts at the Central Jails could not, at present, be restricted to within the walls without loss.

3. On receipt of the Order first above quoted, I requested the Superintendents at Coimbatore and Rajahmundry to inform me whether they could withdraw any of the outside gangs without inconvenience, and, if so, whether the men so withdrawn could be profitably employed inside. At Coimbatore, it has been the object of the Superintendent to employ as many men as possible inside, and this number will necessarily be increased whenever the wall of the Hospital enclosure has been completed, for the work in the buildings there will then become intramural. On some days, the Engineer does not require so many men as usual, and on these days the surplus men are sent out; otherwise, their labor would be lost. At Rajahmundry, where the outer wall is not yet finished, a considerable body of Convicts is employed outside, under the superintendence of the Public Works Department, but Captain Bloomfield assures me that he employs as many inside as he can find work for.

No. 85. ORDER THEREON, 9th January 1867, No. 49.
Communicated to the Inspector General of Police, with reference to his letter of the 14th November 1866, No. 1889.
(True Extract).

To the Inspector General of Police.
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Erd. J. H. Burns.

Chief Secretary.

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Regarding the description
of Convict Labor at the
Central Jail of
Orizaba and Rajah-
mundry pending their
completion.

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