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Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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22nd May 1867.

No. 228. Read the following letter from Lieutenant Colonel W. J. WILSON, Inspector General of Jails, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 14th May 1867, No. 25.

With reference to the Order of Government noted in the margin, I have the honor to state that the Fort of Arnee having been proposed as a site for a Central Prison, it was visited by Mr. Rohde,

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then Inspector General of Jails, in 1855, who communicated the result of his inspection, in a report, dated 19th September of that year. This report was unfavorable to the scheme in every essential point, more especially with regard to the unhealthiness of the place and the bad quality of the water. The particulars are clearly set forth in the Minutes of Consultation, in the Judicial Department, dated 13th October 1855, No. 752, and it was then decided that the buildings were not to be converted into a Central Prison. The reasons upon which this decision was founded appear to be equally cogent against the expediency of converting the Barracks into a Jail of smaller dimensions. According to the present standard, they might be made to contain about 590 prisoners, a charge of such importance as to require the appointment of a resident Superintendent, and also of a Medical Officer, as Arnee is about 20 miles from the nearest station, and equally distant from the Railway. It is not probable that the services of an Assistant Magistrate can be conveniently spared for the executive charge, and if a Medical Officer can be made available for the combined charge, a special order will be required regarding his pay and allowances; for, Arnee not being a station, there will be no duties to perform except those connected with the Jail. I, therefore, submit that, taking all the circumstances into consideration, it is not desirable to establish a Jail in the Fort at Arnee, and the Sanitary Commissioner concurs in that opinion; but, if it is still considered necessary that we should visit the place, we shall do so at an early date.

No. 229. ORDER THEREON, 22nd May 1867, No. 841.

Under the circumstances stated in the foregoing letter, the Governor in Council concurs in the opinion of the Inspector General of Jails that the project of converting the Barracks at Arnee into a Jail must be abandoned.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Inspector General of Jails.
„ Public Works Department.
„ Sanitary Commissioner,

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