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3. The objections raised by Mr. Thomas have, in the opinion of Government, been sufficiently met by the Inspector of Prisons in the letter recorded above. The price of building materials, it is stated, may be a trifle cheaper at Bangalore, but that would appear to be the sole advantage in its favour.

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4. Under these circumstances, the Government would not be justified in obtruding the subject on supreme authority for re-consideration; they resolve to call upon Mr. Thomas to address himself to the duty required of him in conjunction with others—the selection of a suitable site on the Neilgherries.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) E. MALTBY,
Acting Chief Secretary.

No. 50. ORDER THEREON, No. 1539; dated 7th August 1857.

Ordered to be communicated to the Chief Engineer with reference to his Proceedings, dated 9th July 1857, No. 1899.

(Signed) H. FORBES,
Acting Secretary to Government.

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Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Public Works Department.
" Inspector of Prisons.
" Collector of Coimbatore.

Xxd. F. Cartledge.

Contr. 21st July/57 No. 11412

Public Works 1857 Dept.
Dto Contr. 11th Sept.

No. 1544.

Extract from the Letters of Contr. in the Contr. Dept.

Dated 30th July 1857
Recd 3d Augt
Rec. Con.: 15th Sept. 57. No. 55456

Recommending to the circumstances represented, that Govt. should not be put to any in obtaining the production of the construction of a European Jail at Bangalore, instead of the Neilgherries, & accordingly Calling upon Mr. Thomas for the selection of a suitable site on the Neilgherry Hills.—

Dec. 1539. 7th Augt
Mr. Thomas on order.

1544/1859

No. 1539.

Ordered to be communicated to the Chief Engineer with reference to his Proceedings dated 4th July 1857 No. 1899.

Fort Saint George
7th Augt 1857

By Coy to the Chief Engineer. Cy 8