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Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.
Cons. 21.7.57

G.O. No. 1366	Press Mis.
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Dated 16-7-	18 57

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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 21st July 1857.

No. 11. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer, dated 9th July 1857, No. 1899.

Read the following letter from E. B. THOMAS, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated Ootacamund, 22nd June 1857, No. 306.

SIR,

In acknowledging receipt of the Extract Minutes of Consultation No. 532 of 24th March 1857, from your office, I would beg with all deference to offer a few brief remarks, 'ere so costly and important an undertaking is commenced, as a Central Prison for all the European Convicts of India.

2. My duty is only to assist in selecting an eligible site for the Central European Jail, on the Neilgherries. But before such site is irrevocably decided on, I would venture to suggest *Bangalore*, as a better locality than these Hills; probably more healthy, cheaper and safer to Guard. The necessary Buildings, both in labour and materials, here, will cost at least double what they would at Bangalore, supplies of all kinds are double in price on the Neilgherries, fuel, absolutely necessary here, the same the lodging and subsistence of the Europeans necessary as guards, will be also doubly costly.

3. At Bangalore the European Prisoners would be near a large Military Cantonment always at hand to quell an outbreak, outdoor labour and exercise as practicable; perhaps more so than on the Neilgherries, especially in the 2 monsoons. I think there can be little doubt, that, all these points duly weighed, double the number of European Convicts could be housed, subsisted, worked, and guarded for the same sum at Bangalore, as on the Hills. I have therefore deemed it my duty to bring these facts to the notice of Government before the Central Prison is commenced.

Resolved that a copy of the foregoing letter, No. 306 dated 22nd June 1857, from the Collector of Coimbatore, suggesting Bangalore as a better locality than the Neilgherry Hills for the construction of a European Jail, be submitted to Government, and to observe that the Chief Engineer concurs in opinion with Mr. Thomas.

2. Resolved also that a copy of the above letter and Proceedings be forwarded to the Inspector of Prisons.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. E. FABER, Colonel,
Chief Engineer.

No. 12. ORDER THEREON, No. 1366; dated 16th July 1857.

Ordered to be communicated to the Judicial Department for consideration.

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

No 1899

Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer
in the Department of Public Works Fort St. George
Under date the 9th July 1857.

Read the following letter
No 306

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Colonel G. P. Faber

Chief Engineer D.P.W.

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Coimbatore

Collyer's Office Coimbatore

22nd June 1887

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W. L. S. O.

Chief Insp

To The Secretary to Govt
P. N. O.

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