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Fort Saint George Public Works Consultation of 7th December 1858.

No. 107. Read the following Extract from the Minutes Consultation in the Judicial Department, dated 25th November 1858, No. 1671.

Calling upon the Inspector General of Jails to report on the question raised by the Officiating Chief Engineer as to whether the New Jail proposed to be constructed at Ootacamund is intended for Native or European Prisoners. } (Vide Judicial Consultation, 30th November 1858, Nos. 7-8.)

No. 108. ORDER THEREON, No. 2630; dated 6th December 1858.

Ordered to be communicated to the Officiating Chief Engineer with reference to his letter dated 30th October 1858, No. 5027.

(Signed) W. H. BAYLEY,
Acting Secretary to Government.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

No. 1671.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 25th November 1858.

Read the following Extract Minutes Consultation in the Public Works Department.

Referring copy of a letter from the Officiating Chief Engineer, representing that the Estimate of Rupees 30,000 sanctioned by the Government of India and forming item No. 7 of the Budget for 1858-59, is intended for a new Jail for Native Prisoners at Ootacamund and not European Convicts, as observed by Major Strachey; and, under these circumstances, soliciting instructions as to whether he may consider himself authorized to direct the execution of the work.

(Here enter 13th November 1858, No. 2396.)

Order.—In the above communication, the Officiating Chief Engineer states that the Estimate for Rupees 30,000, sanctioned by the Government of India, under date 28th September last, and forming item No. 7 of the Budget for 1858-59, is intended for a new Jail for Native Prisoners at Ootacamund and not for European Convicts as observed by that authority, this project being unconnected with the proposal for building a European Penitentiary on the Hills. Under these circumstances, Lieutenant Colonel Lawford solicits instructions as to whether he may consider himself authorized to direct the execution of the work for Native Convicts under the sanction above adverted to, as, if the building is intended to accommodate Europeans, the plan and estimate will require considerable revision.

Extract Minutes Consultation, 23rd June 1857, No. 711.

Extract Minutes Consultation, 1st December 1857, No. 1565.

Extract Minutes Consultation, 1st April 1858, No. 428.

2. When submitting the plan of the building above referred to, viz., of the small Jail to be attached to the Sub-Court at Ootacamund, the Inspector General of Jails observed that he had "arranged the Cells to suit any class of Prisoners;" and in a subsequent communication, dated 4th March last, No. 99, he distinctly stated that this new Jail was designed by him partly as a Prison for Europeans sentenced to penal servitude, until, as was understood, the larger prison could be constructed solely for their use. The Government cannot therefore understand the necessity of the present reference of the Officiating Chief Engineer, or why the Plan and Estimate require, as stated by him, "considerable revision," if Europeans are to be—as indeed it was intended they should be—accommodated in this Jail. Before however issuing further orders in regard to this building, Government resolve to call upon the Inspector General of Jails for a report on the subject of the present communication from the Officiating Chief Engineer.

(True Extract.)

W. A. Bayley

Acting Secretary to Govt.

To the Public Works Department.
,, Inspector General of Jails, with E. M. C. in the P. W. D.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

P.M. Enc.: 16 Jan/58 Ct. 93-94
—— 18 May —— " 43 & 45
—— 15 Dec/57 " 28-29
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Calling upon the
Inspector General of Fort.
to report on the Petition
passed by the Magistrates
Inhabitants of Belleville for
the Deed of Land
for the enlargement of
Burial Ground in
connection with
the Cathedral Church
of the Diocese.
With an order &c

No. 107 & 108.

No. 2630

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