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2. He has now reported in another letter* that it may certainly be assumed that 80,000 Rupees will be received for the timber during the current official year, and this sum therefore is available for the canal. But the Government have ascertained that the amount assigned to that work by the Chief Engineer out of the 67 lacks of Rupees allowed for Public Works in this Presidency during the current year, is only 67,000 Rupees. The Governor in Council now resolves to direct that 67,000 Rupees out of the 80,000 Rupees to be received for the bridge timber be made available for the canal, thus setting free the same amount out of the funds sanctioned by the Government of India for the works included in the budget. The Chief Engineer will then submit a supplemental distribution list of this sum of 67,000 Rupees, distributing it to those districts and those works, where, on the whole, he may be of opinion that such additional funds are most urgently required.

3. In this distribution he will include the following provisions.

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1.—For the Uttakamund jail referred to in the letter now under notice	20,000 ✓
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Orders for the commencement of these works should be given immediately.

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(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Chief Engineer with Proceedings Judicial Department No. 1457.
" Accountant General.
" Judicial Department.

Exd. Wm. Thomas.

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ORDER THEREON, 28th October 1859, No. 1457.

Under date the 26th Ultimo, the Inspector General of Jails, who had been authorized by Government to undertake the building of the Utakamund Jail, reported that he had been informed by the Chief Engineer that no more than the Rupees 10,000, already sanctioned, would be available, during the present official year, for the Jail. This limitation, he stated, would add most materially to the expense of the building, and any money sanctioned, after May next, would be of little use to him till the end of the year. He understood it to be the object of Government that this work should be completed as soon as possible, and he was making every preparation for building. He had engaged competent persons to superintend what he could not obtain by contract—he had purchased carts and cattle—had opened a brick field—cut and prepared firewood—purchased some timber, and engaged to take more. He could not now stop the work without loss and risk of being unable to re-commence it; to stop brick-making now, till May, would be to stop it till this time next year; to turn out 1,000,000 bricks by May next, he must lay out Rupees 7,000, with 3,000 additional for delivery. The delivery of lime, which must also be got before the monsoon, would cost 5,000 more, exclusive of all charges for actual building.

6th October 1859, No. 1370.

2. On the above application, the Governor in Council, looking to the emergency of the work, and the strong desire expressed by the Government of India, that it should be pushed on with all practicable expedition, was of opinion, that the Inspector General of Jails, should not be restricted to the expenditure of Rupees 10,000, sanctioned during the present official year, for the Jail at Utakamund, but that he should be supplied with such funds as he might require within the total amount of the estimate, Rupees 30,000. The Chief Engineer was, therefore, instructed to provide for this being done by a proportional diminution in the expenditure allotted to other less urgent works in the same District.

3. Colonel Bell now represents, that in the recent allotment, consequent on the limited expenditure allowed for public works, the sum sanctioned in the Budget for new works in the Coimbatore District, had been reduced from Rupees 72,098 to Rupees 43,000. In the latter sum, provision was made to the extent of Rupees 10,000 for the Utakamund Jail. If effect were to be given to the foregoing Orders of Government, a sum of Rupees 13,000 only would be available for the other works in the District—and of this amount, Rupees 8,000 had already been expended, leaving a balance of about Rupees 5,000 with the District Engineer. The works, he adds, are chiefly railway feeders, which have been specially ordered to be pushed on with the greatest vigor. There are the new trace of the Cunur ghat, regarding which an equally urgent Order had been passed, and the Cunur and Uty road, the estimate for which had been three times submitted to the Government of India, and at last sanctioned on account of its great importance to the safety of travellers and goods. If Mr. Rohde was to have all the money allowed in the Order of Government, all the new works, without exception, must be absolutely stopped in a very short time.

4. The Governor in Council observes, that there is a most urgent necessity for the Jail at Utakamund, which is in part designed for the reception of Europeans.

5. The Supreme Government, in the first instance, declined to sanction the work as "a Jail for Native prisoners at Utakamund"—but, it having been explained in a letter, under date the 7th August 1858, No. 1073, in this Department, that the work in question was designed partly as a Prison for Europeans sentenced to penal servitude until a larger Prison could be constructed solely for their use—that the want of some Jail in a suitable climate for the confinement of such

Major R. Strachey's letter,
23rd September 1858, No.
4606, paragraph 6, Public
Works Department.

Convicts, was most pressing—that they could not be effectually put to hard labor in the low country—and that to imprison them there for any protracted period was cruel; sanction of the Government of India was thereon at once given.

6. Again in his letter of the 16th April 1859, the Member for Madras reported to Government, that the Honorable Sir Charles Jackson had asked in the Legislative Council, what steps had been taken to provide a suitable Jail for Europeans sentenced to penal servitude in India under Act XXIV of 1855, and in putting the question, had enlarged on the cruelty of subjecting Europeans to lengthened periods of penal servitude in the Jails at the Presidency Towns, and on the ill-consequences which inevitably attended the interference of the Executive Government in granting pardons, an interference which was, however, unavoidable, as long as there was no Jail available in a climate suitable to Europeans.

7. On the 19th May last, the Secretary to the Government of India, in the Department Public Works, wrote that the Governor General in Council requested that all practicable means might be taken to urge on the work, so that there should be *some* provision available for the imprisonment of Europeans in the climate of Utákamund, at the earliest possible date. It was added, that the matter was one to which the Government of India, attached much importance.

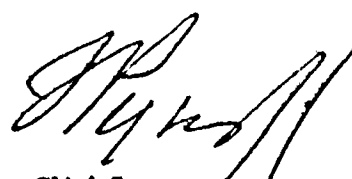
8. Further, in view to the more vigorous prosecution of the work, it was specially committed for execution to the Inspector General of Jails, as reported to the Government of India, under date the 6th April last.

9. There is at present in Her Majesty's Goal at Madras, an European under sentence of penal servitude, who has been confined there upwards of four years. On his health failing, he was sent last year to Utákamund, but after a brief stay, had to be sent back to Madras, as there was no place fitted for his detention.

10. From the above, it is manifest, that both under the Orders of the Government of India, and in the interests of humanity and public justice, it is imperative that nothing should be allowed to retard the construction of the Jail at Utákamund. At the same time, it is clear from Colonel Bell's letter that, if the sum required by the Inspector General of Jails, be assigned him from the general funds for the Coimbatore District, all the other important works, now in progress there, must shortly be brought to a stand.

11. In this emergency, the Honorable the Governor in Council resolves, that such money as Mr. Rohde may require for the construction of the Utákamund Jail, within the balance of the Estimate, or (20,000) twenty-thousand Rupees, be placed at his disposal, in addition to the sum granted by the Government of India, for expenditure on public works, during the current official year. This proceeding will be reported to that Government in the Public Works Department, for confirmation, under the peculiar circumstances stated above.

(True Extract.)


Chief Secretary.

To the Inspector General of Jails.
„ Public Works Department.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

*This letter is signed by the Secretary
to the Govt. of India*

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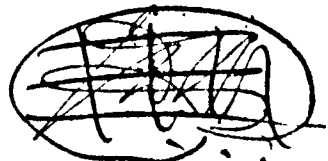
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