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FROM THE OFFG. SECRETARY TO THE
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
To THE SECRETARY TO THE
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,

Fort William, 31st October 1859.

Military.
Accommodation for Troops.

Sir,

I AM directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 1847, dated 1st August last, intimating that an estimate amounting to Rs. 54,700 for the construction of a military prison at Jackatalla had been sanctioned and the work ordered to be commenced at once.

2. The Hon'ble the P. in C. directs me to draw the attention of the Govt. of Madras to the present position of this question of prisons on the Neilgherries.

3. In the letter of this Govt., No. 1201, dated 12th March 1857, the consideration of the Madras Govt. was invited to the late Hon'ble Court's Despatch No. 2, dated 2nd January preceding, in which sanction was accorded to the construction on the Neilgherries of a General Penitentiary for European Convicts from the several Presidencies, and requesting the submission of estimates for the Jail buildings.

4. In the Madras Budget of 1858-59 an item of Rs. 30,000 was entered for a new Jail for native prisoners at Ootacamund which at first was declined but subsequently sanctioned on the representation of the Madras Govt. that the Jail had been designed partly as a prison for Europeans sentenced to penal servitude until a larger prison could be constructed solely for their use.

5. The Madras Govt. now report having authorized the immediate erection of a military prison at Jackatalla on the ground of its being urgently required for military discipline.

6. Thus two prisons, one for Civil the other for Military Convicts, at a cost of Rs. 84,700 are under construction in these Hills, while the Central Penitentiary seems to be postponed indefinitely.

7. It is further noticed that in submitting the project for the erection of a Central Jail for Madras prisoners on the Red Hills, Chingleput, at a cost of Rs. 1,62,290 (which was not sanctioned, though the general necessity was admitted) no allusion was made to the General Penitentiary ordered by the Court of Directors.

8. From the foregoing it will be seen that the Govt. of India is not yet in a position to judge of the expediency or otherwise of the measure it is now called upon to approve of.

9. The vicinity of a Military Cantonment would be rather an object in choosing the site of a Central Penitentiary, in which Military discipline might be as well served as by a separate prison, whereas other useful purposes are sacrificed by the selection of the latter.

10. As no reason has been stated why the scheme sanctioned by the Home Government should in any way be departed from, I am to request that special explanation on this point may be given at an early date, pending the receipt of which, I am to add, sanction to the present expenditure must be suspended.

11. A general plan of Jackatalla showing the position of the various public buildings was asked for in September 1858, in April, and again in June 1859*, but to this date it has not been received.

* P. W. D. letter No. 4826, dated 30th Sept. 1859, para. 5.
Ditto No. 2711, dated 30th April 1859, para. 4.
3974, " 15th June " "

Register No. 29.

I have the honour to be,
SIR,
Your most obedient Servant,

Offg. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

FORT WILLIAM,
The 31st October 1859. }

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Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 1st November 1859

Read the following letter
from the Officiating Secy
to the Government of India.

Calling for special explanation respecting the departure from the scheme sanctioned by the Home Govt for a General Penitentiary for European Convicts on the Nilgiri and suspending the sanction to the present expenditure for a Military Prison at Sac Nathatta. (Here enter 31st Oct. 1859 No. 1533)

Ordered in consequence that the following letter be despatched.

To Col. M. Gule
Secy to the Govt of India (Here enter 1st Dec 59 - No. 2806)

2 Para 5 thereof will be communicated to the Judicial Department whence the necessary orders will be issued to the Inspector General of prisons for hastening the

Case: 5 August 59 58-14-46
15 Sept 59 55-58
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8 July 58-59

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From the Offg. Secy
to the Govt of India

Dated 31st Oct.
Received 15th Nov 1859.

No. 2806. 1st Dec 1859

Calling for special explanation respecting the departure from the scheme sanctioned by the Home Govt for a General Penitentiary for European Convicts on the Nilgiri and suspending the sanction to the present expenditure for a Military Prison at Sac Nathatta.

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The final selection of the
site for the General Peniten-
tiary for Europeans on the
Neelgiri Hills

3. As soon as the site
shall have been determined,
the Chief Engineer will lay
before Government the
Plans and Estimate with
as little delay as possible.

J. H. A.

4 Copies

To The Judicial Dept with P.
of the letter
to Chief Engineer & C. P. P.

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Sub. Order 9th April 1857 No. 21
" 14th May 1857 " 616
" 11th June " 813.

Order 14th Sept 18
18th May 1
20th June

J. H. A.

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 " 15th Sept 5/59 " 55-56
 " 5th Nov 5/59 " 75 76
 " 10th Dec 5/59 " 30 38
 " 8th July " " 58 459

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Respecting the claims
 sanctioned by the Home
 Government for a general
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 Communicated to Judicial
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