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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
15th June 1863.*

No. 337. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Judicial Department, dated 1st June 1863, No. 843 :—

Requesting that orders may be issued for the construction of
suitable huts for the Police Guards to be employed in
guarding the Convicts on the Lovedale plateau near Ootaca-
mund in the Coimbatore District. } (Vide Judicial Proceedings, 1st June 1863,
Nos. 1 @ 3.)

No. 338. ORDER THEREON, 15th June 1863, No. 1,546.

Communicated for information and guidance to the Superintending Engineer 7th Division,
with reference to paragraphs 1 and 5.

(Signed) W. I. BIRDWOOD, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.
PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers:—

From J. ROHDE, Esq., Inspector General of Jails; to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Vizagapatam, 9th May 1863. In acknowledging the Government Order, 18th April, No. 527, now received, I have the honor to state that I have taken steps to ascertain what prisoners of the class referred to will be available from the Jails of Calicut, Coimbatore, Salem and Chittoor, and that I will hereafter arrange with Captain Farewell for their location.

2. It does not appear from the Government Order that any provision has been made for guarding these men, for their supervision and control, dieting and clothing, or from what source the expenses of transfer and other extra charges are to be met.

From W. ROBINSON, Esq., Inspector General of Madras Police; to A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Coonoor, 19th May 1863, No. 1,255.

General Department.

I have inspected with the Magistrate the lines in course of erection for the Convicts to be employed in preparing the sites for the Lawrence Asylum at Ootacamund.

2. May I request that you will issue instructions to construct, simultaneously, comfortable accommodation for the Police guard of such kind and description as, in consultation with the executive local Officers and Magistrate, shall be deemed most advisable. This is not in my Budget, and is of course not properly a Police charge.

3. It will be quite impossible to guard a gang of convicts in insecure temporary lines in such a wild neighbourhood and under such a climate at the standard strength of one Policeman to seven Convicts. I beg that I may be allowed to employ one to five Convicts while the gang is only 200 strong. When the gang of Convicts is raised to 500, one Policeman to six will suffice. We have to provide an ample margin for sick and casualties on this duty.

4. I feel assured that the Government will acquit myself and the local Officers of raising difficulties in regard to so useful a measure as relieving our Jails by employing Convicts on so appropriate a work. But I must state that we have excessive difficulty in maintaining a Police Force, even in the towns on the Hills, and that we must hold out extra inducement to those engaged on so irksome and trying a duty as guarding Convicts day and night in these bleak Hill sides. I therefore beg that extra Hill batta at the rates shown in the margin* may be allowed to men actually engaged in this duty, in addition to the ordinary rates of pay.

* 5 Rupees to Head Constable.
4 " to Dy. Head Constable.
3 " to Constable.

5. I trust that this Hill batta may be considered a legitimate appropriation from the estimate for constructing the Lawrence Asylum.

ORDER THEREON, 1st June 1863, No. 843.

Orders will be issued in the Department of Public Works for the construction of suitable huts for the Police guards to be employed in guarding the Convicts on the Lovedale plateau near Ootacamund.

2. The Inspector General of Police is authorized to employ one Policeman to five Convicts while the gang is only 200 strong, and one to six when the gang is raised to 500.

3. Sanction is also granted for the rates of Hill batta proposed in the 4th paragraph of Mr. Robinson's letter; the amount being debitable to the estimate of the work.

4. The supervision and control of the Convicts will be vested in the Officer in charge of the work, who will also arrange for their dieting under instructions to be furnished to him by the Inspector General of Jails.

5. The Convicts should be furnished with such clothing as may be necessary before being despatched to Ootacamund. On this point Mr. Rohde will instruct the Officers in charge of the Jails from which the Convicts are to be sent. The expenses of extra clothing, transfer and

other extra charges will be charged to the work. Estimate of such charges being furnished to the Executive Engineer by the Inspectors General of Jails and of Police.

(True Extract.)

L. J. Christy

To the Public Works Department.

- „ Inspector General of Jails.
- „ Inspector General of Madras Police.
- „ Accountant General.
- „ Auditor of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. T. McMoolry.

