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Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department
17th February 1864.

No 357. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Judicial Department:—

Stating that arrangements should be made for employing }
large gangs of Convicts on Public Works in various parts of } (Here enter 12th February 1864, No. 181.)
the country.

No. 358.

ORDER THEREON, 17th February 1864, No. 484.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineers.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineers.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from J. ROHDE, Esq., Inspector General of Jails; to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Tinnevely, on Circuit, 31st December 1863.

I have the honor, in reference to paragraph 6 of the Order, No. 1957, 16th December 1863, requiring that the prisoners in the Calicut Jail shall not again exceed 200, to state that there were 335, of whom 284 were convicts at the end of last month; that this includes a gang at Poodoo Angady, but that still the number exceeds 200 in Jail, and that I know not what to do with the excess.

2. I have at this place nearly twice as many prisoners as the Jail ought to hold. At Madura the number is excessive, so is it at Tanjore, at Cuddalore, at Chingleput, and indeed everywhere.

ORDER THEREON, 12th February 1864, No. 181.

Adverting to the present over-crowded state of the Jails throughout the country, the Governor in Council is of opinion that arrangements should be made for employing large gangs of convicts on public works in various parts of the country. Mr. Rohde will place himself in communication on the subject with the several Superintending Engineers, and the Inspector General of Police, and will then submit a definite proposal for the consideration of Government.

2. He should also inquire whether the plan of leasing out the labor of convicts, to which reference is made in the Proceedings of Government of the 20th April 1861, No. 181, and which has been tried on the North West Line of Railway, cannot be more extensively introduced. In Wynaad there is a great want of free labor, and it is possible that arrangements might be made with some of the planters in that District for the employment of a number of convicts on the terms specified in Mr. Rohde's letter of the 23rd March 1861.

(True Extract.)

A. J. Arbuthnot
Chief Secretary.

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

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Henry Thayer
Experiments showed he was
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With an order.

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