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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
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No. 502. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Judicial Department:—

Communicating to the Inspector General of Jails and Session Judge of Coimbatore, Memorandum from the Public Works Department stating that the withdrawal of the prisoners now employed on the Central Jail at the above station, will impede the progress of the work. } (Here enter 15th April 1864, No. 538.)

No. 503. ORDER THEREON, 21st April 1864, No. 1,139.

1. Communicated to the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, for information and guidance.

2. Colonel Walker will be requested to submit an Estimate of the cost of roofing the huts with iron sheeting.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department, 15th April 1864.

Read the following papers:—

No. 185. From G. A. HARRIS, Esq., Session Judge of Coimbatore; to A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Madras, dated Coimbatore, 4th March 1864, No. 4.

Every available prisoner in the Jail under my charge, with the exception of those placed under the orders of the Engineer Department for employment upon the Mettoopolliem road, is sent to labor at the Central Jail now in course of construction here, under orders of the Inspector General of Jails, and I believe in accordance with the instructions of Government; but as the public roads about the station are very much in need of repair, I have the honor to request the sanction of Government for the withdrawal of the prisoners from the Central Jail *pro tem* in order to their being employed in putting those roads in order.

Referred to the Inspector General of Jails for report.

FORT SAINT GEORGE, *7th March* 1864. (Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT, *Chief Secretary.*

No. 186. From J. ROHDE, Esq., Inspector General of Jails; to A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq., Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated Ootacamund, 11th March 1864, No. 624.

In acknowledging the receipt of your endorsement of the 7th instant, on Mr. G. A. Harris' letter of the 4th idem, desiring that a gang of convicts be employed on the station roads, I have the honor to state that had the convict labor, when available for the work, been rightly directed there should be no urgent need of repairs now. I told Mr. Harris that the repairs of the roads would be better deferred till after the rains set in, and that convicts would then be available. I am only anxious that hard labor should be enforced, and that the new Jail should be pushed on without delay; if both these ends can be obtained with the detachment of a gang for the roads, I have no objection to Mr. Harris' proposal except that from Colonel Walker's letter,* the deficient supply of free labor was likely to retard the work.

* Dated 11th November 1863, No. 226. Vide Proceedings Public Works Department, 30th November, No. 3509.

No. 187. No. 168.

MEMORANDUM.

The undersigned has the honor to inform the Chief Secretary to Government, with reference to his Memorandum No. 151, dated 24th instant, that, in the opinion of the Superintending Engineer, the withdrawal of the prisoners now employed on the Central Jail at Coimbatore will impede the progress of that work. Colonel Walker suggests, however, as a means of providing convict labor for the station roads, that the prisoners now engaged on the Jail should be united on the site of the work, and placed exclusively under the orders of the Department Public Works; and that the number required for the station roads should be made up by transfer from other Jails which may be now over-crowded.

(Signed) C. A. ORR, Colonel, R. E., *Secretary to Government, P. W. D.*

CHEPAUK, *31st March* 1864.

To the Chief Secretary to Government, with two letters.

No. 188. ORDER THEREON, 15th April 1864, No. 538.

His Excellency the Governor in Council directs, that the foregoing Memorandum from the Secretary to Government, in the Department Public Works, be communicated to the Inspector General of Jails and Session Judge of Coimbatore.

2. Mr. Rohde will give effect to the suggestion made by the Superintending Engineer, and will determine, in communication with that officer, what number of prisoners shall be permanently employed on the Jail works, as well as the arrangement for hutting them, &c. The huts should be roofed with iron sheeting.

(True Extract.)

By ~~Chief~~ Secretary.

To the Inspector General of Jails.
" Session Judge of Coimbatore.
" Public Works Department.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

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To the Supt Engr 2d Div.

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4th April 1864 Despatch Book for April No 1056.

Recd of Govt in the Judicial Dept.

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Communicating to the Inspr Genl of Jails and Sessions Judge of Coimbatore Memo: from Asst Surgn stating that the withdrawal of the prisoners now employed on the Central Jail at that station, will impede the progress of said work -

With an Order