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No. 103. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Judicial Department:—

Sanctioning the arrangement proposed by Mr. Rohde for the accommodation of the Convicts to be permanently employed on the Central Prison works at Coimbatore. } (Here enter 26th April 1864, No. 593.)

No. 104. ORDER THEREON, 6th May 1864, No. 1,296.

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

(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, 26th April, 1864.

No. 275. Read the following letter from J. ROHDE, Esq., Inspector General of Jails; to A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Ootacamund, 18th April 1864, No. 697.

In acknowledging the Order of Government, 15th April 1864, No. 538, I have the honor to state that, in my opinion, it will be well to complete a sufficient number of ranges of the work-sheds of the *permanent* building of the Jail at Coimbatore instead of wasting time, labor and money on temporary sheds.

2. I have no objection to the permanent work-sheds being iron-roofed, each will give 500 cubic feet to 100 prisoners, or 350 feet to 143 prisoners, and the cost will be nothing; whereas temporary sheds will cost 1200 Rupees for every 50 prisoners, if constructed with any regard to security.

3. My intention was that one radial block with two sets of work-sheds should be pushed on, and I see no reason to question the expedience of this arrangement. The two ranges of work-sheds alone would accommodate 300 prisoners, and these may be first finished in a month I should think; the work sheds might be temporarily fitted with the doors intended for the cells at very small cost, the height of the breastsummer being made to correspond with the height of the grated door.

4. The Government will now find that temporary buildings, except of the most objectionable material, cost too much to justify me in recommending them.

From J. ROHDE, Esq., Inspector General of Jails; to Lieutenant Colonel G. W. WALKER, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, Coimbatore, dated Ootacamund, 15th August 1863, No. 183.

I have the honor to state, in reference to your letter of the 7th August and 9th June, that I should wish the building divided into sections corresponding with the six segments, and each finished off complete in itself, the two sections furthest from the entrance being first commenced.

2. A temporary fence will enable the two completed sections to be occupied in the first instance.

3. Drawings of details were furnished for the Vizagapatam and Coimbatore prisons: copies will now be sent; in the meantime I would beg that the foundations, &c., may be pushed on.

4. In placing the building it is desirable that, even at some other inconveniences, the Hospital wards should face the most healthy, say South-east wind.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. ROHDE,
Inspector General of Jails.

No. 276. ORDER THEREON, 26th April 1864, No. 593.

The Governor in Council sanctions the arrangement proposed in the foregoing letter, for the accommodation of the convicts to be permanently employed on the Central Prison works at Coimbatore.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

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

Exd. J. Tulloch.

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