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No. 329. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Judicial Department:—

Passing orders on the question of providing quarters for the Superintendents of Central Jails. } (Here enter 10th January 1867, No. 62.)

No. 330. ORDER THEREON, 17th January 1867, No. 161.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 73.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineers of the 1st, 5th, and 7th Divisions, who will submit without delay plans and estimates for the proposed quarters for the Superintendents of the Central Jails at Rajahmundry, Salem, and Coimbatore, taking care to adhere strictly to the orders contained in paragraphs 2 and 3.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineers, 1st, 5th, and 7th Divisions.
,, Do. do. 4th and 6th Divisions, for information.
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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department, 10th January 1867.

No. 108. Read the following letter from the Inspector General of Jails, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Ootacamund, 29th December 1866, No. 134.

The Superintendent of the Central Jail at Salem has hitherto resided at a distance of about three miles from the Jail, as there is no house to be had nearer, but he finds it so necessary to be close to his work, that he has commenced to build a small house in the vicinity of the Jail, and he now solicits that Government will be pleased to permit him to employ a gang of 52 Convicts in the construction thereof, free of cost. The number of Convicts now in Jail amounts to about 870, for whom it is difficult to find work, and, under the circumstances, I beg to submit the matter for the favorable consideration of Government, as a special case.

2. Messrs. Rohde and Ellis, in their report upon Jail management, in June 1865, recommended that Superintendents of Central Jails should have free quarters. No positive decision has been expressed by Government upon this point, but I infer, from the tenor of the Orders quoted in the margin, that there is no present intention to accede to the proposal. The salary of the Superintendent of the Central Jail at Rajahmundry is 800 Rupees per mensem, but the Superintendents at Coimbatore and Salem only receive 600 Rupees each. I presume that the salary of the Officer at Coimbatore will be raised to 800 Rupees, whenever the buildings are completed, as the accommodation will then equal that at Rajahmundry. It is not proposed to add to the Salem Jail, and the pay of the Superintendent will therefore remain as it is, but, for several months past, he has had a large additional charge, which circumstance influences me in supporting his present request.

Judicial Department, 16th June 1865, No. 877, paragraph 12.
Judicial Department, 8th December 1865, No. 1756.

No. 109. ORDER THEREON, 10th January 1867, No. 62.

The Governor in Council considers it very desirable that each Superintendent of a Central Jail should reside in the immediate vicinity of the Jail under his charge, and that, with this view, he should be provided by Government with quarters near the Jail, for which he should pay a moderate rent.

2. Such quarters should be erected, as far as possible, by means of Convict labor. In fact, timber and lime should be the only articles used in their construction, for which the Government should be required to pay in money.

3. The Governor in Council will be prepared to sanction the erection of houses for the Superintendents of the Central Jails at Salem, Coimbatore, and Rajahmundry, in the immediate neighbourhood of the Jails, on being furnished with plans and estimates of their cost, distinguishing that part of the cost which will be contributed in the form of Convict labor from the amount of the estimated payments in money. In each case, the plan and estimate should be accompanied by a sketch of the ground, showing the relative positions of the Jail and the site of the Superintendent's house, and the distance from the one to the other.

4. Pending the submission of the plan and estimate now called for, the Superintendent of the Salem Jail should suspend the construction of the house which he has commenced.

(True Extract).

G. J. Cumberland
Chief Secretary.

To the Inspector General of Jails.
„ Public Works Department.
Exd. J. H. Burns.

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