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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
29th October 1868.*

No 632. Read the following letter from the Inspector General of Jails, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Ootacamund, 19th October 1868, No. 136.—

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the order noted in the margin, together with six original papers.

2. On the 4th August, I received from the Superintendent of the Vellore Central Jail a copy of Mr. Leggatt's letter to the Superintending Engineer of the 4th Division, on the subject of skilled convict labor, which was sent to me in order that I might meet his requirements if possible. I replied next day to the effect that artisans were not to be found in any number amongst the convict population, and that consequently there were but few skilled workmen in Jail, with the exception of those who had been taught at the Jails now in course of construction who, I presumed, were still required where they were; but I authorized Captain McLeod to ascertain from the Superintendents at Salem and at Trichinopoly whether they could spare any men, but the replies were in the negative. Last month, Major Drever being in want of masons, wrote to the Superintendents at Madura, Chingleput, Coimbatore, Salem, and Trichinopoly, but none could be spared. There are probably more skilled convicts at the Lawrence Asylum works than in any other Jail, but they are all required, and not long ago Captain Hankin applied to me for more stone-cutters from the low country Jails, with which application I could not comply.

3. As the transfer of convicts from one Jail to another is expensive, I do not think it would be of any advantage to bring men to Vellore from Jails where their services are equally required, but if after this explanation it is still desired, I will issue the requisite instructions.

4. I am in hopes that some advance has been made at Vellore in instructing the convicts, as Captain McLeod informs me in his monthly Report of Progress, received this day, that all the convicts in the Fort Jail (about 200) were employed the whole month in brick-making, and that one hundred men from the Central Jail are now engaged in the same manner.

No. 633. ORDER THEREON, 29th October 1868, No. 3,403.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 94.

Under the circumstances explained in this letter, the Government do not consider it advisable to order the transfer of skilled convicts from other Jails to Vellore, but Mr. Leggatt will be directed, through the Superintending Engineer of the 4th Division, to endeavour to train as many of the men at present on the works as show any aptitude.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Inspector General of Jails.
„ Superintending Engineer, 4th Division.
„ Judicial Department.

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No. 136.

From Lieut. Col. W. J. Wilson
Inspector General of Jails

To Colonel Sir R. E.
Secretary to Government
Public Works Department
Fort Saint George.

Sir, I have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt of the order noted in the margin
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Sir
Your most obedient
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The Inspector General
of Jails.

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Dated October 17.

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