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10th March 1871.*

No. 266. Read the following letter from the Acting Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Camp at Cochin, 25th February 1871, No. 243 :—

I HAVE the honour to bring to your notice, with the view of Government being moved to issue instructions in the matter, that Lieutenant Morant, Executive Engineer of the Neilgherries, having reported to me that the number of convicts in the Lawrence Asylum Jail had been reduced to 143 prisoners, I addressed the Inspector-General of Jails on the subject, requesting him to take steps to make up the number the Jail is able to contain to the full complement as early as possible. I enclose his reply, which was forwarded by me to Lieutenant Morant, who represents that he has great difficulty in procuring free labour, and urges the necessity of the number of convicts in the Lawrence Asylum Works Jail being speedily augmented to the number the Jail can contain, namely, 245.

2. The Inspector-General of Jails is correct in stating that convicts cost more on the hills than in the plains, but at the same time it must be remembered that for years past the Lawrence Asylum Works have been burdened with the expense of housing and guarding large numbers of convicts, and that the works have even quite lately been at considerable expense in fitting up the workshops of the Asylum as a Jail, and it is therefore but fair the works should have the benefit of the number of men that have been provided for.

3. Again, under the circumstances brought to notice, as coolies are not to be had, convicts are absolutely necessary to allow of the work being done at all. G. O., No. 2,749, of 16th November 1870, sanctions the employment of the Marli-mund gang on municipal works in Ootacamund; a Jail has been built for them, and the men are employed in Ooty entirely, so they virtually cease to belong to the Lawrence Asylum gang. I beg also to enclose Lieutenant Morant's letter and the statement thereto appended.

No. 267.

ORDER THEREON, 10th March 1871, No. 723.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 23.

As the Government of India have not accorded their sanction to the project recently submitted to them for the female branch of the Lawrence Asylum, and as it is unlikely that the works in connection with that Asylum will require to be carried out on any extensive scale for sometime to come, His Excellency the Governor in Council does not consider it necessary to authorize any augmentation in the present number of convicts employed on the works.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.
,, Judicial Department.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

No 243.

Superintendent's Office,
7th Division,
Camp Cochin 25th Feb/71

Now,

Lieut Colonel W. Farewell S.C.

By Superintendent, 7th Div

To,

The Secretary to Govt.,
Dept of Pub Works
Madras

Sir,

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I have the honor to bring to your notice with the view of Government being moved to issue instructions in the matter, that Lieut. Morant Executive Engineer of the Nilguberies having reported to me that the number of Convicts in the Lawrence Asylum Jail had been reduced to 143 Prisoners, I addressed the Inspector General of Jails on the subject, requesting him to take steps to make up the number the jail is able to contain to the full complement as early as possible. I enclose his reply which was forwarded by me to Lieut. Morant, who represents that he has great difficulty in procuring free labour and urges the necessity of the number of Convicts in the Lawrence Asylum Jail being speedily augmented to the number the

the jail can contain, viz 245.

2 The Inspector General of Jails is correct in stating that convicts cost more on the Hills than in the plains, but at the same time it must be remembered that for years past, the Lawrence Asylum works have been burdened with the expense of housing & guarding large numbers of convicts, and that the works have even quite lately been at considerable expense in fitting up the workshops of the Asylum as a jail, and it is therefore but fair the works should have benefit of the number of men that have been provided for.

3 Again under the circumstances brought to notice, as Coolies are not to be had, convicts are absolutely necessary to allow of the work being done at all - GO No 2749 of 16th Nov 1870 sanctions the employment of the Marli in Dotalamund; a jail has been built for them, and the men are employed in Doty entirely, so they virtually cease to belong to the Lawrence Asylum Gang - I beg also to enclose herewith Morant's

Morant's letter & the statement⁵¹ thereto appended -

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Yours most obedt Servt

Wm. Smith Esq. J.C.
Ag. Secy. Govt. of India

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