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Government of Madras.

Public works DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 599, HCO	1776	Press Mis.
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No. ³⁶⁶409. . Read the following letter from the Officiating Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Camp at Ootacamund, 3rd July 1872, No. 68 —

WITH reference to G. O. No. 1,569 of 28th June 1872, I have the honour to report that funds not being available to cover the cost of the convicts located in the Jail at the Lawrence Asylums, I have been compelled to request the Inspector-General of Jails to arrange for their immediate removal, and have recommended, as the convicts are all well acclimatized, able-bodied men, they be transferred at once to the Ootacamund Jail, where there is ample accommodation for them, and they can be most usefully employed on the reclamation work; the number of convicts at present engaged thereon being a mere drop in the ocean of work that remains still to be completed of this project.

2. In order to prevent any rise in the labour rates at the Lawrence Asylums, which if not guarded against will inevitably take place, I beg to recommend that the detachment of Sappers and Miners' strength as per margin, at present employed in different

1 Subadar
2 Havildars
3 Naigues
1 Bugler
52 Privates

localities on the Hills, be increased to a full Company, with its head-quarters fixed at the Lawrence Asylums, where sufficient and commodious quarters are

available for them. Should Government approve of my suggestion, I respectfully beg that His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief may be moved to issue instructions to the Commandant of Sappers and Miners to complete the detachment on the Hills to the strength above noted, which, I understand, the Commandant of Sappers and Miners is anxious should be done.

3 I deem it necessary to note that the Range Officer informs me, while not being able to provide work for the convicts at the Lawrence Asylum works he can easily do so for the Sappers now asked for, since he can employ them not only at those works but on others in the vicinity to which convicts cannot be detached.

No. ⁴⁰⁰410

ORDER THEREON, 25th July 1872, No. 1,776.

MILITARY WORKS, No. 9.

In preferring the request made in his letter No. 68 of 8th July, the Superintending Engineer of the 7th Division has entirely overlooked the stipulations of G. O., No. 1,302, of 19th September 1871, which expressly limited the supply of convict labour in aid of the Municipality of Ootacamund for good and sufficient reasons laid down in the Minutes printed with that order.

2. The Government however approve of the removal of the convicts from the Lawrence Asylum works as soon as the Inspector-General of Jails can provide accommodation for them elsewhere, and application will be made in the Military Department to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief to permit the Command

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ant of Sappers to make up the strength of the detachments now on the Hills to a full Company, its head-quarters being at the Lawrence Asylums, and detachments worked where required, as now.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Officiating Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.
.. Judicial Department.
.. Military do
.. Controller of Public Works Accounts

No 68

Superintendent Office 7th Division
Camp Colacumund, 3rd July 1872

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From The Superintending Engineer
7th Division

To The Secretary to Government
D.P.W. Colacumund

Sir,
With reference to G.O. No 1569 of 28 June 1872 I have the honor to report that funds not being available to cover the cost of the convicts located in the jail at the Lawrence Asylums, I have been compelled to request the Inspector General of jails to arrange for their immediate removal, and have recommended, as the convicts are all well acclimatized able-bodied men, they be transferred at once to the Colacumund jail, where there is ample accommodation for them and they can be most usefully employed on the reclamation work. The number of convicts at present engaged thereon being a mere drop in the ocean of work that remains still to be completed of this project.

In order to prevent any rise in the labor rates at the Lawrence Asylums, which if not guarded against will inevitably take place, I beg to recommend that the Detachment of Sappers and Miners' strength as per margin at present employed in different localities on the Hills be increased to a full Company with its Head Quarters fixed at the

- 1 Subadar
- 2 Headclerk
- 3 Miners
- 1 Bugler
- 22 Privates

Lawrence Asylum, where sufficient and com-
modious Quarters are available for them - I think
Government approve of my suggestion, I res-
pectfully beg that His Excellency the Com-
mander-in-Chief may be moved to issue
instructions to the Commandant of Sappers
and Miners to complete the detachment
on the Hills to the strength above noted,
which I understand, the Commandant of
Sappers and Miners is anxious should be
done -

I permit myself to state that
the Range Officer informs me while not
being able to provide work for the con-
victs at the Lawrence Asylum works
he can easily do so for the Sappers and
asked for since he can employ them
not only at those works, but on others
in the vicinity, to which convicts can-
not be detached.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most obedt Servant

W. H. C. C.

Offg Secy to Govt, 7th Div.

N^o 1776

P.W. Department

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Read the following letter
from the Superintending Engineer 7th Division.

Now enter 3 July 1872 N^o 68

Order thereon

Handwritten notes:
I think the subject
of this letter is
discussed in
Journal

A. V.

Handwritten initials

Handwritten signature

In referring the
request made in his letter
N^o 68 of 8th July, the Super-
intending Engineer, 7th Division,
has entirely overlooked the
stipulations of G.O. N^o 1302
of 19th September 1871 which
expressly limited the supply
of convict labour in aid
of the Municipality of
Coimbatore for good and
sufficient reasons laid
down in the Minutes printed

with that Order.

The Government however
~~approve of~~
will not object to the removal
of the convicts from the
Lawrence Asylum Works
it insisted upon by Lieut.
Colonel Farewell as a per-

manent arrangement, and as soon as
if the Inspector General of
Jails can provide accommo-
dation for them elsewhere.

And application will be
made in the Military
Department to His Excellency
the Commander in Chief to
permit the Commandant
of Sappers to make up the
strength of the detachments
now on the Hills to a full
Company, its Head Quarters

being

being at the Lawrence Asylum,
and detachments worked
where required, as now -

G.M.W.

The S. G. of the
Judicial Dept.
Military
Controller of P. W. D.

Recd 31/7/72.

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Govt. of (1872) Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To The Offg. Superintending Engineer
of the Ordnance

Dated

Recd.

Encl

G. O. 25th July 1872, No 1776

Nos. 399 & 100

Lawrence Asylum

Marks - Asylum
The removal of the convicts
from the Lawrence Asylum
works as soon as ~~from~~
accommodation for them
could be provided elsewhere,
and approved, and application
to be made to the Military Authority
for making up the strength of
the battalions on the Hills and
full company.