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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.  
Civil Works.

READ—the following papers :—

Memorandum from the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, to the Superintending Engineer, First Circle, dated 8th September 1883, No. 347 E. :—

In paragraph 14 of his letter, No. 166, dated 28th June 1883, to the Chief Secretary to Government, the Inspector-General of Jails, in reporting generally on the subject of the employment of convicts, suggests that "convict labor might be given gratuitously" on the work about to be undertaken in connection with the harbour works at Cocanada. The Superintending Engineer, First Circle, is requested to report on the expediency of employing such labor on carrying out any part of the work.

From G. T. WALCH, Esq., Officiating Superintending Engineer, First Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Dowlaishweram, 26th September 1883, No. 1825 G.D.

With reference to your No. 347 E., dated 8th September 1883, I have the honor

One copy of a letter, No. 1213, dated 20th September 1883, from the Master Attendant, Cocanada, to the Superintending Engineer, First Circle.

\* See also No. 1218, dated 25th July 1883, and telegram, 15th August 1883.

to state that, as this department has not \* the exclusion of the groynes or "training walls" at Cocanada, I communicated your memorandum to the Master Attendant for his views on the subject, and enclose copy of his reply (No. 1213, dated 20th September 1883).

2. I also asked the Superintendent of the Central Jail "about how many convicts there would be available for quarrying near Sámalkót or elsewhere, and for general work" connected with the work under notice, but have not yet received a reply.

3. I see no reason (of course quite apart from the question of safeguarding the convicts, which is a question for the Jail Department) why convicts should not be used as recommended by the Master Attendant.

ENCLOSURE.

From F. GILLHAM, Esq., Master Attendant, Cocanada, to the Superintending Engineer, First Circle, Dowlaishweram, dated 20th September 1883, No. 1213.

With reference to your No. 1715 G.D., dated 14th September 1883, with enclosure, I have

Copy of Public Works Department Chief Engineer's memorandum, No. 347 E., dated 8th September 1883.

the honor to state that no contracts have yet been entered into for the groyne work, as there has been some difficulty experienced in getting

contractors to supply stones from Sámalkót except at exorbitant rates, which the original estimate sanctioned for the works could not afford, and the revised estimate has only now just been received sanctioned. I am of opinion that the works would be much facilitated, and a considerable saving made, if convict labor can be obtained, as suggested, gratuitously for quarrying stone at Sámalkót and Dowlaishweram or Rajahmundry, and loading it into boats for conveyance to Cocanada. It would then only be necessary to enter into contracts for boats to convey it from both places, and at the same time one or two gangs of convicts could be employed for unloading the boats and working at the groynes. I would therefore request that an early decision may be obtained with a view of as little unnecessary delay as possible being occasioned in obtaining contractors, if necessary, for supplying the stone, in the event of convict labor not being available.



ORDER—dated 15th October 1883, No. 2901 W., Public Works.

The above correspondence will be communicated, through the Judicial Department, to the Inspector-General of Jails, with reference to paragraph 14 of his letter, No. 166, dated 28th June 1883, to the Chief Secretary to Government, on the subject of the employment of convict labor on public works.

2. It is observed that it is now contemplated to transfer the work of the Cocanada groynes to the Public Works Department for execution. Convicts could, it is thought, be usefully and economically employed on quarrying at Sámalkót if arrangements can be made for housing them there. The Superintending Engineer will report whether unused military buildings are available for the purpose. It would be a long lead for the stone if quarried at Rajahmundry; but it may, on inquiry, prove to be the most economical arrangement, if much extra cost has to be incurred on housing and guarding the prisoners at Sámalkót. The matter should be carefully investigated by the Superintending Engineer in communication with the Inspector-General of Jails, and the result reported at an early date.

(True Extract.)

Major, R.E.  
Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Superintending Engineer, First Circle.

" Judicial Department.  
" Marine "

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BUILDINGS AND ROADS.  
CIVIL WORKS.

Govt. of (1883) Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated October, 15th.

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Encl.

G.O., 15th Oct. 1883, No. 2901 W.

OCTOBER.

Groynes at Cocanada

Correspondence suggesting the employment of convict labor on the —, communicated, through the Judicial Department, to the Inspector-General of Jails; and the Superintending Engineer, First Circle, ordered to report on the comparative merits of Sámalkót and Rajahmundry as places for quarrying.

Memorandum

In para 14 of his letter No. 106 of 28<sup>th</sup> June 1883 to the Chief Secretary to Govt., the Inspector General of Jails in reporting generally on the subject of the employment of Convicts, suggests that "Convict labor might be given gratuitously" on the work about to be undertaken in connection with the Harbour Works at Cocanada. The S.E. First Circle is requested to report on the expediency of employing such labor on carrying out any part of the work.

S.E. First Circle

For per. S.E. (S) R.R.

(S) J. Shaw Stewart  
Col. R.E.  
for Chief Secy to Govt.



No 2392 W d/15.9.82  
 " 2852 W d/31.10.82  
 " 3154 W d/30.11.82  
 " 127 B d/19.1.83  
 " 1329 C d/13.7.83  
 " 1760 B d/14.8.83  
 " 1564 C d/18.8.83  
 " 1916 d/20.7.83 (Judicial)

No 347 is at the 5-18

Copy of D.D. Chief  
 Engineer's Memo No 317 dated 8/9/83.

No 1213.

Marine Office  
Cocanada

20<sup>th</sup> September 1883.

From

The Master, Attendant.  
 Cocanada

To

The Superintending Engineer  
 1<sup>st</sup> Circle  
 Dowlaisheram

Sir,

With reference to your No. 1715 G.D.  
 dated 11<sup>th</sup> September 1883, with enclosure, I  
 have the honour to state that no contracts have yet  
 been entered into for the Groynes work as there  
 has been some difficulty experienced in getting  
 Contractors to supply stones from Samalotta  
 except at exorbitant rates which the original  
 estimate sanctioned for the works could not afford  
 and the revised estimate has only now just been  
 received sanctioned. I am of opinion that the  
 works would be much facilitated and a considerable  
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may be obtained with a view of as little  
unnecessary delay as possible being occasioned  
in obtaining Contractors if necessary for  
supplying the stone in the event of Convict  
labor not being available.

I have the honor to be  
(signed) J. Gillham  
Master Attendant  
(True Copy)

By order  
J. V. M. 1883  
Master of the Ship Office

No. 1825 G.R.

FROM,

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER

FIRST CIRCLE. 113

TO,

THE CHIEF ENGINEER

P. W. Department  
FOR IRRIGATION.

DOWLAISHWERAM, 26<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1883

SIR,

With reference to your No. 347  
E. 8-9-83 I have the honor to state  
that as this Department has not the  
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walls" at Coanada I communica-  
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Attendant for his views on the subject  
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safe guarding the convicts which  
is a question for the Jail Department)  
why convicts should not be used  
as recommended by the Master



Attendant-

Have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedient

C. M. Walsh

Off: Sup: Eng: 1<sup>st</sup> Circle

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M. No. 8544

From

The Sup<sup>r</sup> Engineer  
1<sup>st</sup> Circle

To

The Chief Engineer  
P. W. Department

Dated 26<sup>th</sup>  
Despd 27<sup>th</sup>  
Recd 4/10/83 } September 83

No. 1825 GD

Enclosure One  
Groynes or "training  
walls" at Coconada -  
Employment of Convict  
labour on the - Fur-  
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C. J. R. 11/10  
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Sum. order

Public Works Department. No. 2901/83

Proceedings of the Madras Government,  
Under date the 15<sup>th</sup> Oct 1883.

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Read the following: -

Memo. to the S. E. First Circle (M. E. No. 3447 Ed. Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> 1883)  
From the Master Attendant (.. " 1213 of " 20<sup>th</sup> ..)  
From the S. E. First Circle (.. " 1825 G. of " 20<sup>th</sup> ..)

The above correspondence  
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the Judicial Department,  
to the Inspector General of  
jails, with reference to para  
14 of his letter No. 166 dated  
28<sup>th</sup> June 1883 to the Chief  
Secretary to Government,  
on the subject of the  
employment of convicts.



labor on public works.

2. It is observed that it is <sup>now</sup> contemplated to transfer the work of the Cocanada gaol to the S.W. Department for execution. Convicts could, it is thought, be usefully and economically employed on quarrying at Samalotta if arrangements can be made for housing them there. The Suptg. Engineer will report whether unused military buildings are available for the purpose. It would be a long lead for the stone if quarried at Rajahmundry; but it may, on inquiry, prove to be the most economical arrangement.

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if much extra cost has to be incurred on housing and guarding the prisoners at Samalotta. The matter should be carefully investigated by the Suptg. Engineer <sup>in communication</sup> with the Inspector General of jails, and the result reported at an early date.

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S.E. First Circle  
Judicial Dept  
Marine Dept

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the

Read the following

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Memo. to the Suptg. Engr. First Circle - A.B. N. 3476 of 8<sup>th</sup> September/03  
 From the Master Attendant " " 1213 of 20 " do  
 From the Suptg. Engr. First Circle " " 1825 of 26 " do

The above correspondence will be communicated, through the Judicial Department, to the Inspector General of Jails, with reference to para 14 of his letter N. 166 of 28<sup>th</sup> June/03 to the Chief Secretary to Government, on the subject of the employment of convict labor on public works.

Quarrying of Samalatha will be for the most common & economical mode of proceeding of arrangements can be made for housing the convicts there. It is an old military cantonment & I think there is only a company or two of Sepoys now stationed there. When I was in there there were plenty of buildings which might have been made available. It would be a long lead for the stone if it were quarried there.

Judicial Dept. were warned the prisoners at Samalathurine Dept. who Rajahmundry is taken into account. Suptg. Engr. First Circle. E.E.S.

might prove the most economical when the cost of housing & providing for the prisoners at Samalathurine is taken into account. The matter should be well investigated. R.



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The Hon H. L. Sullivan

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S. J. 11.10.03

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Govt. of (1883) Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated

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Re

From

G. O. 15<sup>th</sup> Oct 1883, No 2901

Nos.

Groynes at Arcade

Correspondence regarding  
the Employment of Civil  
Labor on the Arcades  
then in judicial Dept to the  
Inspector Genl of Jails  
& the S. E. District Civil Engineer  
to report on the comparative  
merits of Samalcoth &  
Rajahmundry as places for  
groyning.

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Subd. Secy. to Govt.