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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
19th January 1866.

No. 317. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Judicial Department:—

Stating that Government will leave to Mr. Rohde the distribution of the Chinese Convicts in the several Jails, and observing that no more of such Convicts will be sent to Ootacamund until the experiment has had a further trial. } (Here enter 13th January 1866, No. 54.)

No. 318. ORDER THEREON, 19th January 1866, No. 161.

Miscellaneous.

Communicated to the Board of Revenue.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Acting Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, with Proceedings Judicial Department, No. 54.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 88. Read the following letter from the Inspector General of Jails, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Ootacamund, 23rd December 1865, No. 657.

In acknowledging the Proceedings of Government, of the 19th December 1865, No. 1813, relative to the employment of prisoners at the Neddiwuttum, a decision on which is reserved till the results of the experiment at Dodabett is known, I have the honor to submit that, in my opinion, the experiment at Dodabett does not offer a fair criterion. It was against my judgment that the Chinese convicts were massed. I should have represented this matter, but that, in anticipation of their being detached, after learning their work, to the plantations at Neddiwuttum and Melcondah, I thought the arrangement unobjectionable. Should the Government not sanction this transfer, I trust I may be permitted to dispose of the Chinese prisoners as I may think necessary, should I see any cause to apprehend danger from their association.

2. I would beg that no more Chinese may be sent to Ootacamund, until the experiment is more fully tested.

3. My advice is that the Chinese should not for the present exceed the proportion of one to six of other convicts in any Jail.

No. 89. ORDER THEREON, 13th January 1866, No. 54.

The Government will leave to Mr. Rohde the distribution of the Chinese convicts in the several Jails, with the remark that their known character for combination, and their ability to communicate with one another in a language unknown to their guards, are strong arguments against the association of many in one Jail.

2. No more Chinese convicts will be sent to Ootacamund, until the experiment has had a further trial.

(True Extract).

G. Courtenay

Chief Secretary.

To the Inspector General of Jails.
" Commissioner of Police.
" Revenue Department.
" Superintendent of Govt. Chinchona Plantations.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

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