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Govt. of INDIA. Votes
No. 2941.

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To

THE REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

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Dated August, 1869.

Read a Vote

Encl.

G. O., 24th August 1869, No. 1997.

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Nos. 171—173.

With Notes

Considering the renewal of the experimental cultivation of Carolina Paddy, on the premises of the Chingleput District Jail to be applicable.

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Referred to the Inspector General of Jails for his report in the recommendation contained in paragraphs 4, 5, and 6 of the letter from the Acting Sub-Collector of Madras, dated the 7th January last, No. 3.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
21*st June* 1869.

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Acting Under Secy. to Govt.

No. 175. From the Inspector General of Jails, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Ootacamund, 11th August 1869, No. 100.

With reference to the Order noted in the margin, I have the honour to return the Proceedings of Government in the Revenue Department, dated 15th June last, No. 1708, and to state that I do not consider it advisable to introduce the cultivation of paddy as a branch of jail labour at Chingleput.

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2. The Superintendent informs me that, when the inner wall of the fort has been demolished and the inner moat has been filled up, about three cawnies will be gained. The hay field measures about four-and-a-half cawnies, so that only seven-and-a-half cawnies in all will be available, and I cannot advise giving up the hay field as it affords remunerative employment for the convicts, and little is needed either in the way of outlay or of supervision; whereas, I presume, that the successful cultivation of paddy requires some special knowledge: moreover, the purchase or hire of carts, bullocks, ploughs, &c., &c., will be expensive. Again, the number of prisoners of all classes to be confined at Chingleput, after the completion of the Central Jail, has been estimated at 130, and, if men sentenced to simple imprisonment, debtors, and women be deducted, the labouring prisoners are not likely to exceed 100, and for that number other work can be found. On the whole, I am of opinion that, if the experiment is to be made at a jail, it should be tried at a Central Jail in a rice country. There will be more command of labour, and better means of making and repairing carts and implements at a Central Jail than at a District Jail, and the superintendence is not likely to be changed so often.

Judicial Department, dated 21st July 1869, No. 1178.

3. A report from the present Superintendent of the jail at Chingleput is herewith enclosed.

From the Superintendent of the Jail at Chingleput, to the Inspector General of Jails, Ootacamund; dated Chingleput, 5th August 1869, No. 106.

In reply to your letter, No. 854, dated 23rd ultimo, I beg to apologize for not making a more careful reply.

2. I find, upon reference to the Sub-Collector's office, that the calculation of eighteen cawnies mentioned in paragraph 5 of Mr. Crole's letter, dated 7th January 1869, was based upon the supposition that the proposed demolition of the fort recommended by the Committee would be carried out in its entirety, this calculation being made from a plan; but as the Revenue Board now recommend only the filling up of the innermost and the demolition of the inner wall, when this is accomplished I find upon measurement that only about three cawnies will be available. The hay field upon measurement is about four-and-a-half cawnies; if this, then, be added to the other, it gives only a total of seven-and-a-half cawnies.

3. I would, therefore, submit for your consideration whether it is advisable to carry out an experiment upon so small a scale, which it would be, even by the addition of the hay field, a step I should strongly deprecate, first, on account of the cultivation of hay being a good employment for the prisoners; and second, more profitable to Government than cultivation of Carolina Paddy, as it sells for Rupees 40 per ton.

4. Should it be decided to carry out the experiment, I do not think it would be necessary to purchase carts, bullocks, ploughs, or other implements, but rather to hire them.

No. 176. ORDER THEREON, 24th August 1869, No. 1397.

Under the circumstances stated by the Inspector General of Jails, the Government do not consider it advisable to renew the experimental cultivation of Carolina Paddy on the premises of the Chingleput District Jail.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary

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G. O., 21th August 1860, No. 1337.

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