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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

18th August 1877, No. 1970.

Jails.

Read the following papers:—

No. 153. *Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 20th June* 1877, *No.* 2888.

Read again Board's Proceedings, dated 8th January and 5th May 1877, Mis. Nos. 188 and 6603.

Read also the following letter from L. C. PROBYN, Esq., Accountant-General, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Fort St. George, 19th May 1877, No. 1789:—

In reference to the Board's Proceedings, No. 6603, of 5th May 1877, I have the honor to express my concurrence in the opinion that the construction of a combined Taluq Cutcherry and Subsidiary Jail, at a cost of Rupees 3,000, should not be charged to Petty Construction and Repairs, especially if there is no provision in the Budget of the past or present year to meet the expenditure. It is generally considered that the construction of all Civil Buildings costing more than Rupees 1,000 should be undertaken by the Public Works Department and the cost adjusted in the books of that department in such a manner as is prescribed in the Public Works Account Rules; but as this was not done in the present case, the circumstances of which are peculiar, as the money disbursed for the expenditure on the combined Jail and Taluq Cutcherry was obtained from the Convict Labor Fund, and as there is no possibility of distributing accurately the cost of the combined Jail and Cutcherry at Rayaghadu, I would suggest that the sanction of the Government be applied for to admit the expenditure against that fund.

Submitted for the orders of Government.

2. The construction of a Taluq Cutcherry and Subsidiary Jail at Rayaghadu was sanctioned in 1874, and Rupees 2,500 were expended on the work. Bills were submitted to the Accountant-General for adjustment, whereupon he called upon the Collector to separate the expenditure on the Taluq Cutcherry and Subsidiary Jail with a view apparently to debiting the cost of the latter to the Convict Labor Fund. The Collector replied that this was not possible, but that about two-fifths of the total accommodation in the structure was appropriated as wards for prisoners. The Inspector-General of Jails having declined to admit the charge, the Board were requested to state whether it could be debited to "Petty Construction and Repairs," Land Revenue. The Board replied in the negative, and the Accountant-General concurs and suggests that sanction should be obtained for admitting the expenditure against the Convict Labor Fund. It is for Government to decide whether the outlay should be debited to the Provincial Department of Public Works Budget under Civil Buildings, to the Convict Labor Fund, or to both in certain proportions, and the papers are accordingly submitted for orders.

G.O., dated 5th June 1874, No. 1020.
" " 28th Oct. " " 1998.
" " 27th Sept. 1875, " 2114.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Sub-Secretary.

Transferred to the Judicial Department.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
20*th July* 1877.

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Secy. to Govt., Rev. Dept.

No. 1455.

Referred to the Inspector-General of Jails as to whether the present state of the Convict Labor Fund will admit of any, and if so, what proportion of the outlay referred to being debited to that Fund.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
25*th July* 1877.

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Chief Secretary.

No. 154. *From Lieutenant-Colonel T. E. TENNANT, Inspector-General of Jails, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Gooty,* 31*st July* 1877, *No.* 201.

In returning the Proceedings* of the Board of Revenue, received with your endorsement, No. 1455, dated 25th July 1877, I have the honor to report that the present state of the Convict Labor Fund will not admit of any portion of the outlay referred to being debited to that fund, the whole of the approximate balance to the credit of the fund having been allotted to certain works already sanctioned by Government.

* No. 2888, dated 20th June 1877.

G.O., No. 1578, dated 4th July 1877, Financial Department.

2. As regards this particular work, I beg to state that I declined to admit such portion of the charge as was expended on the Sub-Magistrate's Office and Cutcherry; these buildings having nothing whatever to do with the Prison Department. Moreover Government have repeatedly directed that assignments from the Convict Labor Fund were to be spent on the improvement and erection of jails, and that the money was not to be diverted to any other work or purpose without the approval of Government. Already in the Vizagapatam District the Sub-Magistrate's Office at Koraput has been built entirely by money assigned from the Convict Labor Fund, but I respectfully submit that the construction of such buildings ought not to be debited to that fund so long as urgent necessity exists for providing prison accommodation in many parts of the country.

No. 155. ORDER THEREON, 18th August 1877, No. 1970.

The Government agree with the Inspector-General of Jails that under no circumstances can the whole charge be admitted against the Convict Labor Fund.

2. The papers will be transferred to the Public Works Department for consideration and disposal.

(True Extract.)

D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Chief Secretary.

Assistant Secy. to Govt.

To the Public Works Department, with two enclosures.
" Inspector-General of Jails.
" Revenue Department.

Exd. J. Wright.

Revenue Department

No 3818

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To

THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated August, 18*th*.

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C.O., 18th August 1877, No. 1070.

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Nos. 153—155.

Jails.—Papers regarding the debit to the Convict Labor Fund of the cost of construction of a Taluq Cutcherry and Sub-Jail at Rayaghadu, in the Vizagapatam District, transferred to the Public Works Department for disposal, with remarks.

No 4981

Comm.r to the

Board of Revenue

29: aug.t 77

2 R. Pg Revenue 30-8-77