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No. 3. Read the following letter from J. ROHDE, Esq., Inspector of Prisons; to E. MALTBY, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George, dated 6th August 1857, No. 332.

SIR,

I have the honor to forward an extract from a letter from the Sessions Judge of Chingleput, proposing to relieve the Commissariat of the cost of the establishment for supplying the Guindy Jail, by making the writer do the duty on an increase of 1 small Pagoda, 3½ Rs., to his present salary, this saving to Government is stated at 312 Rs. a year.

2. If the Government will allow me, I would employ this 312 Rs. in paying two writers at the Jails which most require it, that is, those in which the Court establishment can least be spared to render assistance.

(Signed) J. ROHDE.,
Inspector of Prisons.

From W. DOWDESWELL, Esq., Sessions Judge of Chingleput; to J. ROHDE, Esq., Inspector of Prisons, dated 29th July 1857, No. 219.

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Para. 2. There are at present a writer and a black smith, on the Guindy Jail establishment, the former on a monthly salary of 14 Rupees, and the latter on Rupees 10-11-10. Besides this, there are two peons and a Conicopoly of the* Commissariat Department, stationed at Guindy, for the purpose of supplying provisions to the Convicts. The services of the blacksmith are indispensable, and those of the writer absolutely necessary, as the Jailor, whose pay I must observe, is only 20 Rupees a month, does not know how to keep his accounts and prepare the periodical reports, and requires a person to interpret to him the representations of the Convicts and peons.

*On 29½ Rupees.

3. With respect to the supply of provisions to the Convicts at Guindy, I have for the present, requested the Commissary General to continue the supplies made from his department till further notice, and they will be withdrawn as soon as I shall have made my own arrangements to supply the same from my department. I intend to introduce into the Guindy Jail the same system of supplying provisions to the Convicts as is now observed in this Jail, and make the Jail writer to perform the duties of the Jail Conicopoly by giving him an increase of one Pagoda to his present salary, which of course would obviate the necessity of keeping up the Commissariat establishment, and save to Government an annual expenditure of Rupees 312 on account of the Jail at Guindy. I therefore request your sanction to increase the pay of the Jail writer from 4 to 5 Pagodas, and I can then cause him to perform the duties of the Jail Conicopoly at Guindy, in addition to his present duty, as I find him to be quite competent to do both duties.

(Signed) W. DOWDESWELL,
Sessions Judge.

(True Extract.)
(Signed) J. ROHDE,
Inspector of Prisons.

No. 4. ORDER THEREON No. 1131; dated 2nd September 1857.

1. In Extract Minutes of Consultation, 30th May last, No. 1026, Public Works Department, communicated to the Inspector of Prisons from this Department on the 9th of June following, the Session Judge of *Chingleput* was charged with the subsistence of the Convicts at the *Guindy* Jail in common with the other prisoners in that Zillah. He now proposes to introduce into this Jail the same system of supplying provisions as obtains at *Chingleput*; and to make the Writer perform the additional duties of *Conicopoly* with an increase of Rupees 3-8 per mensem to his salary. This arrangement will obviate the necessity of keeping up the Commissariat establishment at present entertained there, and effect a saving he states, of Rupees 312 per annum. The Inspector of Prisons requests to be allowed to appropriate this money towards the employment of two Writers at the Jails where the Court servants can least be spared to assist.

2. It is observed that the entertainment of the Writer alluded to above, was sanctioned under date 4th January 1857, "for the purpose of preparing the daily Indents upon the Commissariat Department for the diet of the Convicts, keeping the pay accounts and registers of the Jail establishment and copying the correspondence of the several departments with whom the Officer in charge of the Convicts is placed in communication." Much of this work will not now devolve upon him; and had the Jailor been competent to prepare his own registers and reports and to communicate with the prisoners without the aid of an interpreter, which Mr. *Dowdeswell* reports he is not, the services of the 'Writer' might have been dispensed with. The salary of the Jailor, it is remarked, is only Rupees 20 per mensem; and the Inspector of Prisons has already intimated (22nd August 1856) that the services of efficient men cannot be secured on such terms; nor is *Guindy* one of the places at which he recommended that the salaries of the Jailors should be raised.

3. Under these circumstances the Right Honorable the Governor in Council sanctions the introduction of the system proposed by the Session Judge of *Chingleput* for supplying provisions to the Guindy Jail; and the augmentation of the pay of the Writer from Rupees 14 to 17½ per mensem, he being required to do the work of *Conicopoly* also. The Commissary General will consequently be instructed to withdraw the establishment now furnished by him to that Jail.

4. His Lordship in Council cannot agree to the proposal of the Inspector of Prisons to apply the saving effected by this arrangement to the entertainment of two Writers at the Jail where they are most needed. If there be a necessity for the employment of such agency at any particular Jail, the Inspector should bring the circumstances of the case under the consideration of Government, in a separate letter, and the application will be dealt with on its own merits.

(Signed) E. MALTBY,
Acting Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

Judicial Department

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Dated 2d September 1857.—

Read the following Letter from the Inspector of Prisons.

(Here enter 6th August 1857 № 332.)

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Inspector of Prisons
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Auditor of Comtt Accounts.
Civil Auditor
Accountant General } Despd 8th

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