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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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No. 21.

Extract from the Minutes Consultation under date the 6th January 1857.

Read again letter from the Commissioner of Police, dated 2nd December 1856.

Read the following letter from J. ROHDE, Esq., Inspector of Prisons; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George, dated 12th December 1856, No. 609.

SIR,

I have the honor in reference to the proposed Rules for the House of Correction submitted to Government by Colonel Boulderson to state that I think it might be more convenient if they were more complete before they were considered by Government.

2. It might be well to state at once all the Books that should be kept, the mode in which and person by whom Entries should be made, and the mode in which Orders should be recorded.

3. The duties and responsibilities and relative position of all Officers of the Prison should in my opinion be distinctly laid down with the leading and general instructions of each as to mode of communication, &c.

4. A book for entry of names of Visitors other than those appointed would probably be desirable.

5. Forms of Account of employment of prisoners, daily numbers, periodical Returns, rations and expenses might be desirable. I send those I use, the Books of daily Returns I have not prepared and some have miscarried from the printers.

6. The extent to which the Superintendent can act on his own responsibility should, I think, be more clearly defined.

7. Not knowing the position of the Superintendent I can offer no suggestions in regard to his duties but as a general rule I think that nothing by which punishment should be enhanced or lessened should be left to a Jailer.

Para : 4. 8. It might be well perhaps to say in regard to property that all private property found on Prisoners sentenced to imprisonment should be taken from them on admission, ticketed and restored on their quitting Jail; but that all property surreptitiously introduced or afterwards found on them should be forfeited.

Para : 5 9. A printed copy of the Rules might also be suspended in every Court and Ward.

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Para : 7. 11. Perhaps the Police Act provides for grosser cases of misbehaviour, if not I think some such provision as Sections V and VI, Regulation X of 1832, should be introduced.

Para : 8. 12. Is not a visit twice a month rather too much indulgence? It would be desirable perhaps that every such visit should be recorded for the Magistrate's review.

Para : 9. 13. In case of committed Prisoners and Prisoners for default permission might be perhaps allowed to receive cooked rations from their friends on leave specially given.

Para : 12. 14. A sentence is not fully carried out if a prisoner sentenced by a competent tribunal to seven day's imprisonment is released on the 6th.

15. In regard to the issue of these instructions to the Police Lock-up-Houses I should think the Officers in charge hardly to be entrusted with the same powers as the Superintendent of the House of Correction and it is hardly safe to leave it to them to form deductions from orders which hardly in any case as far as I see apply to such places.

16. In other respects I think the Rules as far as they go desirable.

1. Ordered that a copy of the foregoing communication from the Inspector of Prisons be furnished to the Commissioner of Police for consideration with reference to his letter of 2nd December 1856, No. 147.

2. It appears to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council desirable that, as suggested by the Inspector of Prisons, *all* the Books that are to be kept at the Madras Jails should be distinctly specified in the Rules, the mode in which and persons by whom entries are to be made in them. The Commissioner of Police will take into consideration the Forms of Periodical and other Returns and Statements which are now used in the Mofussil Jails, and adopt, with any necessary modifications, such of them as are applicable to the Jails at Madras, communicating on this, as on any other, point when he may be in doubt with the Inspector of Prisons who is now at the Presidency.

3. The Government quite agree with the Inspector of Prisons that the duties, responsibilities and relative positions of all the Officers connected with the Jails should also be laid down in the Rules, with general instructions as to the mode of communication, &c. The extent to which the Superintendent may act on his own responsibility should be clearly defined, and he should certainly be allowed no discretion as to the enhancement or lessening of punishments. The Right Honorable the Governor in Council also concurs with the Inspector that the Officers in charge of Lock-up-Houses can hardly be trusted with the same powers as the Superintendent of the House of Correction, and that they should be furnished with specific Rules suitable to their peculiar position.

4. In regard to the suggestion of the Inspector of Prisons, that some such provisions as those contained in Sections V and VI of Regulation X of 1832, should be introduced into the Rules submitted by the Commissioner of Police for the punishment of grosser cases of misbehaviour than those specified in para: 7 of those Rules, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council observes that that Enactment does not apply to Madras, and he is not aware whether the Commissioner of Police can inflict greater punishment than is prescribed in that para: but on this point reference will be made to him.

5. The Right Honorable the Governor in Council sees no objection to the discharge on a Saturday of a Prisoner whose term of imprisonment expires on the Sunday following.

6. The suggestion that all property surreptitiously introduced into the Jails or found on Prisoners subsequent to their admission should be forfeited, seems proper, but on this the opinion of the Commissioner will be taken, as also on the remarks of the Inspector in paras: 10 and 12, of his letter regarding the hours of labor and visits allowed to Prisoners.

7. The Right Honorable the Governor in Council doubts whether convicted Prisoners and Prisoners for default should be allowed to receive from their friends cooked rations; but the Commissioner of Police will give his opinion on the suggestion.

8. It appears to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council unnecessary that, a copy of the whole Rules should be suspended in every Court and Ward; but he sees no objection to a few simple Rules in English and the Vernacular languages, as to the behaviour required of the Prisoners and the punishment that they will incur by misconduct, being affixed to different parts of the Prison.

(A true Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

Extd. J. A. Wilson.

Judicial Department.

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No. 609

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Inspector of Prisons

To

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Your Most Obdt Servt

Madras
Offce of Inspector of Prisons
12th December 1856

Hobler
Inspector of Prisons

Jail at *Quarter* 18

Statement of Prisoners in Jail in the Quarter of 18

	Male.					Female.			
	Convicts.	Security.	Committed.	State Prisoners.	Insane.	Convicts.	Security.	Committed.	
Remaining on 1st of Quarter.....									
Remaining end of do									
Received during do									
Released during do									
Transferred to other jails.....									
Died.....									
Escaped.....									
Hanged.....									

Jail at *Quarter* 18

Statement of Extra Guards employed in the Jail during the Quarter of 18

Month.	Number.	Class.	Rate of Pay.			Total Pay.			Stoppages.			Amount drawn and paid.		
			Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.

Jail at *Quarter* 18.

Statement of admissions into the Jail Hospital of *during the* *Quarter of*

Nature of Disease.	Remaining 1st of Quarter.	Admissions.	Discharged.	Died.	Transferred.	Remaining.	Remarks.
Fevers							
Diarrhœa							
Dysentery							
Cholera							
Atrophy							
Anasarca							
Dropsies							
Diseases of the Lungs							
Do. Liver							
Do. Brain							
Rheumatism							
Venereal							
Ulcers and Sores							
Wounds and injuries							
Disease of Eyes							
Do. Skin							
Small Pox							
Total							
Average strength for the Quarter							

Statement shewing the cases in which guards attached to the Jail of
have during the year 18 been convicted of connivance or culpable negligence whereby
Prisoners have been enabled to effect their escape.

Name and rank of offender.	Offence.	Sentence.

Statement of minor punishments inflicted on guards and other servants attached to the Jail of during the year 18

Name and rank of offender.	Offence.	Penalty.

Jail of *Quarter* 18

Statement of Punishments inflicted under Section VI. Regulation X. of 1832 *in the Prison at*

Prisoner's Number and Name.	Offence.	Punishment.

Jail at

Quarter 18

Statement of minor Penalties inflicted on Prisoners in the Prison at

Prisoner's Number and Name.	Offence.	Punishment.

Number of Prisoners and mode of employment in the Jail at

for the *Quarter of* 18

Convicts.		Security.		Occupation or Trade.	Mode of employment and work on which employed.	Amount of work done and rate of charge.	Standard of daily task	Total deficiency or Excess	Value.			Total on each work.		
Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.						Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.

Jail at *Quarter* 18

Statement of Prisoners who have died or been transferred on account of Sickness in the Jail of *during the Quarter*

Prisoner's Name and Number.	Class. (Convict, Security or others.)	When first received into Jail.			Disease.	Date of last attack.			Date of death or transfer.			Remarks—if transferred to be so stated.
		D.	M.	Y.		D.	M.	Y.	D.	M.	Y.	

Jail at Rations *Quarter* 18

Table of ~~Returns~~ issued.

No. of Daily Rations.			Kind of Grain.	Daily Rations in Rs. weight.	Total for the Quarter, seers.	Total cost. Rs.	A.	P.	Value of 1 day's Condiment.	Total value of Condiment. Rs.	A.	P.	Total cost of Food. Rs.	A.	P.
	CONVICTS.	Ordinary.													
		Minimum.													
	SECURITY.	Ordinary.													
		Minimum.													
	COMMITTED.	Ordinary.													
		Minimum.													
	INSANE.	Ordinary.													
		Minimum.													

Sick Rations to all classes.

" Extra to daily Rations

Total cost of food for Quarter.

Jud. Dr. Lr. Eng. 24 Dec.
No 31 of 1857 Para 88

Judicial Dept. Department

Lr a letter from the
Inspector of Prisons dated the
12th December 1856 No 609.
To
The Chief Secretary to the Govt.
Fort Saint George

Prisoners Dress

Copies of Jurisdictional
Returns furnished by the several
Officers in charge of Jails.

Jud. 1856
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Judicial Department

No 21

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Dated 5th ~~December~~ January 1857.

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Copy to the Commissioner of Police for Dir[illegible] with copy of the Inspector's letter

N.B.O. 14—5,450—23-10-25.

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