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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 28th April 1857.

No. 25. Read the following letter from Lieutenant Colonel J. C. BOULDERSON, Commissioner of Police; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, dated 6th April 1857, No. 37.

SIR,

With reference to my letter, dated 2nd December 1856, with which I submitted for the consideration of Government, certain Rules for the better discipline of the Penitentiary, and Lock-up-houses at the Presidency; and with reference also to the order of Government thereon, noted in margin; I have the honor to submit a set of Rules and Regulations, which have received the sanction of the Inspector of Prisons, vide Extract

Judicial Department, dated 6th January 1857, No. 21. from his letter, marginally noted, and to request you will do me the favor to place them before Government again.

(Signed) J. C. BOULDERSON,
Commissioner of Police.

Regulations and Orders to be observed at the Madras Penitentiary.

1. The House of Correction is under the immediate orders and direction of the Commissioner of Police. The Superintendent is appointed by him.

2. A book is kept at the Penitentiary for the visiting Justices, and other visitors to record therein the date of their visit, and their opinion of the state of the discipline and interior economy of the Jail.

3. The Superintendent shall at all times receive any complaints or applications of a Prisoner, and make the same known to the Commissioner, when he forwards his daily Reports, or earlier if emergent.

4. All Prisoners on admission must be strictly searched. All knives, sharp instruments, weapons or articles calculated to facilitate escape, shall be taken from them, and as soon after admission as possible, each Convict shall be examined by a Medical Officer. He shall be shaved, his hair cut, and his body well washed. The hair of no female Prisoner, however, nor of a Prisoner by default, shall be cut or shaved unless a Medical Officer deems it necessary on account of vermin, dirt, or sickness.

The Superintendent shall note down in the Prison Admission Register, each Prisoner's name, age, height, features, colour, caste, &c., &c., and any particular marks he may have on his person.

In the Property Book, an entry shall be made of all the clothes, monies and other effects, which each Prisoner may possess, or that may be afterwards sent to the Prisoner for his use. He shall take charge of them for safe custody only, in view to the same being restored to each Prisoner on his dismissal.

All property surreptitiously introduced into the Prison by the Prisoners or afterwards found upon them shall be forfeited.

5. The Superintendent shall cause each Prisoner, on admission, to be informed of the General Rules and Regulations of the Prison, and a printed copy thereof shall be hung up in the grand room.

A few simple Rules in English and Vernacular languages as to the behaviour required of Prisoners and the punishment they would incur by misconduct, should be affixed to different parts of the Prison.

6. Employment of some kind equal to hard labour, shall be provided for all Prisoners sentenced to Imprisonment with hard labour, and the hours of work shall be from 8 A. M. to 5 P. M. allowing for rest an interval of one hour about noon.

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(Signed) J. C. BOULDERSON,
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General Instructions for the guidance of the Constables in charge of the Police Lock-up-houses at Madras.

1. A Constable shall be placed in charge of each Lock-up-house and the Police Guard on duty at each place shall be under his orders.

2. The keeper of the Lock-up-house shall be appointed by the Commissioner of Police from whom he shall receive instructions, whose orders he shall obey, and to whom he shall report daily.

3. The keeper shall take charge of all persons handed over to him by the Police usually called (night cases) charged with any crime or unlawful act. It shall be his duty to take all such persons before the Magistrate of his District, at his next sitting. When Prisoners are detained more than one night in custody, previous to their cases being enquired into, he shall obtain a Warrant of commitment from the Commissioner of Police. In the case of persons remanded for further examination, he shall obtain a Commitment from the Magistrate.

In case of persons being troublesome and violent or attempting to escape, the keeper shall have power to place them in a Solitary Cell, and if necessary to handcuff them. In all such cases, however, he shall send a report of the circumstance to the Commissioner of Police.

He shall submit to the Magistrate of his District daily, a report according to Form (A.) In this report he must be careful to name all persons remanded for examination and the nature of the charge against each, so as to prevent any case being overlooked.

He shall draw Batta or Provision allowance for all Prisoners under his charge, at the following rate per diem. European male and female—four Annas; Native male and female—one Anna and six Pice; Children &c., &c.,—one Anna and six Pice.

4. He shall pay this allowance into the hands of each Prisoner daily, in order that they may provide their own food.

5. Prisoners shall be allowed to cook their own food in the Lock-up-house yard, or they may be permitted to receive it cooked from their friends. It must be a standing rule however that no food shall be cooked in, or introduced into the Lock-up-house, between the hours of 6 P. M., and 6 A. M. Between those hours all Prisoners shall be confined to their respective cells or wards.

6. In event of several Prisoners concerned in one case, being placed under his care, the keeper shall keep them separate and do all in his power to prevent their communicating with each other. In case they should be too numerous to admit of his doing so, he shall report the circumstance to the Commissioner of Police, who shall have power to remove some of them into other Jails.

7. The keeper shall take measures to prevent the introduction of spirituous liquors, tobacco, or any intoxicating drugs into the Jail, and any article of the kind surreptitiously introduced therein, shall be forfeited.

8. He shall cause every Prisoner to be searched on his being placed in custody, and he shall take charge of all property that may be found on his person, keeping an account of the same in view to its being correctly returned, should the Prisoner be released, or otherwise disposed of as the Magistrate may order.

9. No Prisoner placed under his charge shall be released from custody, except by order of the Commissioner of Police, or one of the Magistrates.

10. The Keeper shall take measures to prevent all Prisoners under examination having intercourse with any one, except by order and permission of a Magistrate.

11. The Keeper is held responsible that the Police Guard on duty at the Lock-up, perform their duty properly, and keep themselves clean, and neatly dressed. In case of any misconduct,

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or any neglect of duty, he shall report the same to the Commissioner of Police, his failing to do so shall be deemed a serious neglect on his part.

(Signed) J. C. BOULDERSON,
Commissioner of Police.

Form A.

Daily Report of the

Lock up House.

Date of Commitment.	No. of Persons.	Names of Persons.	When received into Custody.	Charge.	By whose order detained in Custody.

For the information of the Magistrate by order of the Commissioner of Police.

Constable and Keeper.

No. 26.

ORDER THEREON, No. 470; dated 25th April 1857.

The Commissioner of Police submits a set of Rules, which have been approved by the Inspector of Prisons, for the better regulation of the Madras Penitentiary and of the Lock-up-Houses at the Presidency.

2. The Rules seem generally suitable, but a few points are to be noticed.

3. Nothing is said in them respecting the regular visits of the Chaplain to the European Prisoners. The Commissioner will state at what times and under what arrangements these visits should be paid. Reference will then be made to the Venerable the Archdeacon in view to the duty being performed by the Joint Chaplains of Vepery.

4. Books will be kept both for the Chaplains and the Medical Officer, in which their visits will be entered and any thing deserving of remark be noted.

5. The diet is not given, it should be specified for the several classes of Prisoners both as to quantity and quality, and when settled should be enforced in all cases, unless when differently ordered by the Medical Officer.

6. The employment of Police Peons as Turnkeys is objectionable and should gradually be discontinued; fixed attendants being substituted as may be practicable.

7. In the Prison admission register, the country and religion of each Prisoner should be noted as well as the other particulars stated in the Rules.

8. A list of the articles forfeited as having been surreptitiously introduced or found upon the Prisoners, should be submitted to Government half-yearly and sold with their sanction. Perishable articles may be sold at once.

9. Copies of the Rules to be affixed to different parts of the Prison for guidance of the Prisoners, should be furnished to Government for their information.

10. The opinion of the Honorable Company's Solicitor will be taken whether, as considered in the marginal note to Rule VII, Prisoners may be punished under Section XXXVIII, Act XIII, 1856, for misbehaviour of a serious nature.

11. Juvenile offenders should be kept in a separate ward.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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Judicial Department

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Dated.

Read the following letter
from the Commissioner of Police
(here enter 6th April 1871 No 57).

1. The Right Hon^{ble} the Governor
in Council approves the two
sets of Rules for the Madras
Penitentiary and for the guidance
of officers in charge of Lock-up
-houses submitted with the
letter recorded above; and desires
~~that~~ the Commissioner of Police
to watch their operation and
bring to notice from time to
time any modifications that
may seem necessary.

2. Referring to the note
on para 9 of the Rules for the
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Revised Draft No. 170

Abstract of Cons. Dated 25th April 1857
From Commissioners of Police

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Commissioner of Police
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Printed copies of the Rules (VII) separate