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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 7th July 1857.

No. 35. Read the following letter from E. B. GLASS, Esq., Session Judge of Chicacole; to E. MALTBY, Esq, Acting Chief Secretary to Government in the Judicial Department, Fort St. George, dated 20th June 1857, No. 137.

SIR,

I have the honor to state with reference to the Minutes of Consultation of date 29th April 1857, that the Military guard as it now stands on duty at all times; consists of 1 Havildar, 2 Naigues, 24 Sepoys. Total 27. The Peon guard, one Jemadar and 18 Peons. Total 19.

2. To furnish this Military guard, which has to be relieved every two days, 72 Sepoys, 3 Havildars and 6 Naigues are furnished at all times, and 10 men extra are allowed for any deficiency caused by sickness, &c. &c., to supply their places.

3. Therefore the Military guard may be safely and justly rated as follows:

Havildars.....	3
Naigues.....	6
Sepoys.....	82

Total... 91 men.

4. The proposed Peon guard is to consist of the original 19 and 6 additional. Total 25. For this 25 there is no relief whatever proposed, but the men are to be night and day at the Jail, on duty, and no allowance whatever for sick or absent.

5. If the above Military guard was considered the minimum number necessary for the safe custody of the prisoners in the Jail at a time when the number confined in it, did not amount to half the number now imprisoned (vide margin) it must be obvious that six additional Peons to supply the place of 91 Sepoys, is altogether inadequate, to perform the duties required of them. As however the Inspector of Prisons has stated, in a recent letter forwarded to me, that he has found this proposed guard sufficient, for the purpose, in Bellary, and Guntoor, it is incumbent on me to observe; that the characters in these Jails, are in most cases, widely different from the men confined in this Jail. The prisoners there are orderly, and easily managed, at least, such was my experience during nearly five years that I was stationed in the Bellary District. Those in this Jail are chiefly hill men, nearly savages, who on the slightest pretext, or probability of freedom, would have little hesitation in attacking, or murdering the guards. Without any desire to oppose the Inspector of Prison's opinions, and views, the cases have so little in common that I must (under my own responsibility for the safe custody of the prisoners) protest against the withdrawing of the Military guard, without the substitution, of at least an equal force, of Peons; and consider these facts of sufficient importance, to lay them before Government, before the arrangements now proposed, are carried into effect.

(Signed) E. B. GLASS,
Session Judge.

No. 36. ORDER THEREON, No. 761; dated 3rd July 1857
Referred to the Inspector of Prisons to whom the Session Judge of Chicacole should have addressed his letter.

(Signed) E. MALTBY,
Acting Chief Secretary.

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Referred to the Inspector of Prisons
to whom the Sessions Judge of
Chicago should have addressed his
letter.

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Wm. S. Keene, Esq.
3rd July, 1857

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Copy to Inspector of Prisons
with letter
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Chicago.

Full copy letter
Signed S.