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Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 18th January 1859.

No. 3. Read the following letter from J. ROHDE, Esq., Inspector General of Jails; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Kurnool, 27th December 1858.

SIR,

1. In reply to the instructions conveyed by Extract Minutes of Consultation No. 1716, 6th December 1858, I have the honor to state that in my opinion, the rules Dr. Moorest proposes for the *Military* Guards over Gaols are not such as may be considered consistent with the ideas the Military authorities hold as to the duties of the Military Guards, or the extent to which the interference of the Civil authorities is allowable.

2. In this Presidency we do not recognize the intervention of the Military except for the purpose of repressing outrage, they are never I believe expected to interfere in the maintenance of discipline.

3. The disposal of the Guards and the regulations in respect to their arms being loaded or otherwise are with us left to the judgment of the Military.

4. I believe the practice at Madras, is opposed to that of Bengal, where, if I am rightly informed the Sentry relieved hands over his musket and accoutrements to the relieving Sentry; with us the Sentries mount Guard with their own arms and if the Sentries are loaded the whole Guard is necessarily loaded.

5. Military Guards do not accompany visitors to our prisons.

6. Our Military Guards are not posted *within* our prisons.

7. I do not consider it desirable to restrain the action of our Military Guards.

8. They have their orders and the Military Regulations are their guide as to the mode of carrying those orders into effect.

9. If I rightly recollect Mr. Charles Woodcock republished the Orders for the Irish Police Force for the guidance of his Armed Guards, I have not a copy of those rules with me, but recollect that I thought them good, indeed they are I believe generally the same as are laid down in our Military Code.

10. I do not know what compliments are ordinarily paid by Guards to Civil Officers; whatever they be, the rule would apply to Guards over prisons.

Ordered that the following letter be despatched.

No. 4. To the Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, dated Fort St. George, 12th January 1859, No. 33.

SIR,

In reply to Mr. Under Secretary Chapman's letter of the 11th November last, No. 1721, I have the honor to forward copy of a report from the Inspector General of Jails in this Presidency, on the Rules for the guidance of Military Guards attached to Jails, which accompanied the above communication.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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