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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
from 18th to 27th May 1859.*

No. 77. Read the following letter from Colonel J. C. BOULDERSON, Commissioner of Police; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 11th May 1859, No. 69.

1. With reference to para. 3 of the Extract from Minutes of Consultation under date 20th August 1852, No. 536, Judicial Department, I have the honor to forward for the information of the Honorable the Governor in Council, the Annual Statement of the House of Industry, from 1st April 1858, to 31st March 1859.

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4. Statement C exhibits the nature of the employments in which the inmates of the Institution have been severally engaged.

5. In statement D are set forth the expenses incurred in the purchase of materials to be worked up by them, together with contingent charges inclusive of house-rent, and likewise the amount realised by the sale of articles manufactured, in which a loss of Rupees 210-6-8 was sustained.

6. Statement E gives the names and description of the paupers remaining on the 31st March last.

7. On four of these Statements A, B, C and E, it does not appear to me necessary that I need offer any remark, but I would observe, with reference to Statement D, that the excess of expenditure indicated by it, amounting to Rupees 210-6-8, has been occasioned by the extraordinary charge for house-rent during 9 months of the 12 under review, but for which novel expenditure, aggregating Rupees 405, the work executed by the Foundlings, and the juvenile offenders confined in the Penitentiary, the result of whose labour are given together, would have shown a profit of Rupees 198-9-4, instead of a balance the other way.

8. In explanation of the preceding para., I must state that since the completion of the Penitentiary, those females and youthful offenders of the other sex, who would formerly have been confined and employed in the House of Industry, during the term of their sentences to hard labour, have been committed to the new Jail, and that the charges incurred on account of the Foundlings, who only now remain in the Institution of which I am speaking, are consequently out of proportion to the service rendered by it. They cannot well be diminished, if a separate establishment for the reception of these unfortunates is to be kept up, but I feel it my duty to submit to Government, a proposal for the better appropriation of the money so spent; such appropriation being quite compatible with the continued exercise of benevolence toward the class of objects who have hitherto profited by it.

9. For several years past Government have contemplated the removal of the Foundlings provided for by them into the Monegar Choultry, so soon as a ward suited to the reception of these children could be added to the buildings there fully occupied, but nothing has yet been done (that I am aware of) to give effect to their intention, and the purpose of action on it, seems still remote. The question should however be disposed of, I think, in one way or another. In para. 5 of my letter to Government, under date 13th January 1857, I made allusion to the House of Industry and in para. 6 of same letter, I recommended that a portion of the establishment be transferred to the Penitentiary where their services are most needed, to re-enforce the very inadequate staff of officials allotted to that Jail, whose utmost exertions could hardly meet the

House of Industry.		Rs.	A.	P.	requirements of duty imposed on them. The strength of both establishments is noted in margin, and I append a report shewing the number of prisoners in custody in the Penitentiary on the 7th day of this month, accompanied by a list of the records which the Jailor of the latter is
1 Superintendent of the House of Industry	...	35	0	0	
1 Writer	...	21	0	0	
1 School Master	...	14	0	0	
1 Waterman	...	5	0	0	
2 Scavengers at 3 Rupees 8 Annas each	...	7	0	0	
		Rupees..	82	0	0

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House of Correction.		
1 Superintendent	35	0 0
1 Attender on sick prisoners .. .	5	0 0
1 Toly	3	8 0
2 Scavengers at 2 Rupees each .. .	4	0 0
Rupees..	47	8 0

required to keep, in addition to the performance of his ordinary functions, an inspection of that list, will, I hope, convince the Government that the services of a Writer are absolutely needed.

The School Master of the House of Industry is now employed a portion of every day in teaching the juvenile offenders in the Jail, the rest of his time being devoted to the Foundlings. As one Toly has been sufficient to attend on the children, the other is engaged there also.

10. When Government last year, ordered the removal of the children from the buildings, at the rear of the General Hospital, with a view to making room for sick and wounded Soldiers, I transferred them to a ward in the Penitentiary which was (and still is) available for their reception, and during the time they continued in that Prison, their Superintendent became an effective aid to its Jailer, Mr. Owen, but sickness unfortunately broke out among the Foundlings, some of whom died. Cholera also made its appearance within the walls, and the Medical Officer became urgent for the removal of the children, to whose introduction into the place the prevalent diseases were attributed, they were removed accordingly and the permission of Government was obtained for renting the house which they now occupy. This occasions a heavy outlay which might perhaps be avoided if the Government would sanction the measure which I have the honor to recommend.

11. A Lungar Khana will be very shortly opened in Triplicane, under the auspices of Government, and as it is most probable that females will principally occupy that Institution, I venture to suggest that the Foundlings may be adequately provided for therein. This place will be less expensive than the present, but equally advantageous to the unfortunate and helpless creatures, for whom an asylum has to be found by the State. Those who are now under my care, or who hereafter may become so, might very suitably be brought up in charge of the women to whom the Lungar Khana is destined to give relief. That course would set free a large portion of the establishment now entertained for the House of Industry and allow of its permanent transfer to the Penitentiary. During a considerable portion of last year, upwards of 40 Europeans were in confinement at one time in the Jail above mentioned, and the number of Natives exceeded two hundred and thirty. The custody of so many culprits is a heavy charge for one man, unassisted, save by the Police guard supplied by me to the Prison, and I deem it very expedient that help should be afforded. The present Jailer has fortunately been able to perform his various duties single handed, for more than three years, without one day's absence, either on account of sickness or otherwise, but it can scarcely be expected he will continue to hold out. It is therefore I submit most desirable that a person should always be present in the Prison, to fill his place in case of need, and ordinarily to share his daily work. I trust I may be excused the urgency with which I have taken the liberty to bring this matter before His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor in Council.

12. I shall only add in conclusion a brief reference to one circumstance which should not be lost sight of when the present subject is under discussion.

13. You will remember that previous to the establishment of the Penitentiary, all prisoners sentenced to the Supreme Court to terms of imprisonment were confined in Her Majesty's Grand Jail, but that such is the case no longer. That Jail is now chiefly used for the custody of debtors, and of parties committed for trial by the Magistrates, who ordinarily are few in number, compared with what was usual formerly, when the summary jurisdiction of the Police Court had not been extended. In consequence of this altered state of things, the responsibility and labor of the Keeper of the Grand Jail have been proportionally diminished, while those of the Jailer of the Penitentiary have been increased in a like ratio. Yet an assistant is still allowed in one case, and very properly so I think, and not in the other. This inequality and some besides it, could be corrected, should His Excellency in Council be pleased to sanction the two measures which I have taken the liberty to propose.

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A.

Statement shewing the number of persons admitted into the House of Industry, from 1st April 1858, to 31st March 1859.

Remaining on the 1st April. 1858.....	No. 12
Admitted during the last 12 months.....	37
Discharged do. do. do	33
Died do. do. do	7
Remaining on the 31st March 1859	9
	49

B.

Manner in which those discharged, have been disposed of.

- 20 Claimed by their parents.
- 1 Transferred to the Leper Hospital.
- 3 Wet-nurses discharged (not required.)
- 1 Infant adopted by the Jemadar of the 4th Division.
- 8 Boys and girls taken out by individuals as servants.
- 33 Total.

No. 78. ORDER THEREON, 27th May 1859, No. 734.

The Commissioner of Police submits the usual Annual Returns, showing the operations of the House of Industry during the year ending 31st March 1859.

2. The expenses incurred during the year in house rent, purchase of materials, and contingencies, amount to Rupees 500-1-8. In reduction of this sum may be applied the proceeds derived from the sale of articles manufactured by the inmates, and the value of articles remaining unsold—leaving the charge against the Institution, Rupees 210-6-8. To account for this loss, Colonel Boulderson explains that the charge of house rent, incurred for 9 months in the 12 under review, is extraordinary, and was occasioned by the removal of the Institution from the buildings behind the General Hospital. But for this charge, there would have appeared a profit of Rupees 198-9-4.

Deduct.	
Proceeds.. .. .	265 8 4
Articles unsold.. .. .	23 2 8
	289 11 0
Loss.. .. . Rupees..	210 6 8

3. During the 12 months, 37 persons were admitted, which added to the number remaining at the close of the preceding year, gives the total strength as 49. Of these, 33 were discharged, 7 died, and of the remaining 9, one is a wet nurse.

4. The inmates of the House of Industry seem now confined to Foundlings, as they are called—that is, children found in the streets, whose parents or friends cannot be traced for the time. Such children, it appears, are usually claimed by their parents, or discharged in other ways, after a few days detention. Of the 33 discharged during the year under report, 21 had been detained for periods less than a month—and more than half that number had been in for only three days. At present there are only 8 children in the house, of whom 7 are girls.

5. The proposal of the Commissioner to transfer these children to the reformed Lungar-khanah and to provide for future "Foundlings" there, is acceded to. He should state what proportion of the establishment of the House of Industry he would, in that case, make over to the Penitentiary, and what he would do with the remainder.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

Report showing the number of Prisoners in custody in the Penitentiary on the 7th May 1859.

European		East Indian		Natives			Professed Convicts			
Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Boys	Professed Convicts	at large	at large	
22	1	"	"	218	20	2	6	"	"	Remain from last report
3	"	"	"	1	"	"	"	"	"	Admitted on the 6th May 1859 from Town Police Court
"	"	"	"	3	1	"	"	"	"	Ditto Ditto from Vepery Police Court
25	1	"	"	222	21	2	6	"	"	Total
"	"	"	"	3	"	"	"	"	"	Discharged on the 7th May 1859
"	"	"	"	1	"	"	"	"	"	Ditto Ditto
25	1	"	"	218	21	2	6	"	"	Number now remaining in jail
"	"	"	"	16	"	"	"	"	"	Working under the Engineer's orders near the Penitentiary
"	"	"	"	20	"	"	"	"	"	Sent to the Commissioner's Office to work
"	"	"	"	15	"	"	"	"	"	Sent to work at the Mounted Police under the orders of Lieutenant Donisthorpe
"	"	"	"	9	"	"	"	"	"	Sent to clean the Royapettah Police Court
"	"	"	"	2	"	"	"	"	"	Ditto Ditto Town Police Court
"	"	"	"	3	"	"	"	"	"	Ditto Ditto Vepery Police Court
"	"	"	"	12	"	"	"	"	"	Ditto Ditto the General Market
"	"	"	"	20	"	"	"	"	"	Sent to work in Perambore near Mr. Clarke's house to cut brickpits
"	"	"	"	14	"	"	"	"	"	Sent to work near the Vepery Lines P.M.S.
"	"	"	"	4	"	"	"	"	"	Carrying water to the Penitentiary
"	"	"	"	10	"	"	"	"	"	Cooking rice for prisoners in Penitentiary
3	"	"	"	5	"	"	6	"	"	Confined in the Penitentiary
2	"	"	"	7	"	"	"	"	"	Sick in the Hospital Penitentiary
"	"	"	"	3	"	"	"	"	"	Prisoners detained in Ditto
"	"	"	"	6	"	"	"	"	"	Cleaning wards in Ditto
"	"	"	"	2	"	"	"	"	"	Sanflighting & cleaning in Ditto
"	"	"	"	1	"	"	"	"	"	Compter employed in Ditto
20	1	"	"	69	21	"	"	"	"	Supreme Court & Police Court Prisoners making ropes & picking up refuse
25	1	"	"	218	21	2	6	"	"	Total
25	1	"	"	207	21	2	"	"	"	Received dressed foodstuffs from Commissariat
"	"	"	"	11	"	"	6	"	"	Raw provisions have been issued Ditto
25	1	"	"	218	21	2	6	"	"	Total
"	"	"	"	2	"	"	"	"	"	Grand Total 273
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	Night case prisoners received at the Penitentiary on the 6th May 1859

List

List of Books kept by the Jailor.

- 1 { Register of male prisoners in the Penitentiary.
Do of female — do — do
Do of European — do — do
- 2 Do of Supreme Court do — do
- 3 Do of property found upon prisoners on the date of admission
- 4 Monthly Release Book of prisoners from the Penitentiary
- 5 Daily — do — do — do — do
- 6 Report of visits paid to the Penitentiary by the Magistrates
- 7 { Register of prisoners sent from the Magistrate Police Court, with
the account of fines inflicted upon them.
Do Do sent from the Deputy Police Court.
- 8 Contingent Charges bill of the Penitentiary.
- 9 List of the Jail Guard.
- 10 { Register of Officers of the Jail Guard who become
absent by sickness or absent on leave or other
-wise, and the name of the substitute sent
to act in their stead.
- 11 { Indent on the Commissary General for provisions
required for prisoners in the Penitentiary.
- 12 Daily report of the Penitentiary.

Madras Police
Commissioner's Office,
11th May, 1859.
Commissioner of Police

Statement shewing the number of Persons ad-
the House of Industry from 1st. April 1858 to 31st.
1859 and the Period of detention of those discha-

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A
Period of detention of those discharges

N ^o	Years	Months	Days	N ^o
1 Individual	4	5	1	Brought forward
1 " "	1	7	14	1 Individual
1 " "	1	2	26	2 " "
1 " "	1	16	1	1 " "
1 " "	7	4	1	1 " "
1 " "	6	27	1	1 " "
1 " "	5	1	4	1 " "
1 " "	3	26	12	1 " "
1 " "	2	12		1 " "

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No. 2.
Decline in a letter
from the Commission
of Police, dated 11th May
1859 - 1859.

Report shewing the
number of prisoners
in custody, in the
Jailhouse on the
1st May 1859 -

June 1859 &
1859-1859.

C
 in which the inmates of the House of Industry are
 ed. Present number of persons 9.

Boys and Girls in 1st Class } 5
 reading Tamil _____ } 5
 Total _____ 5
 Total _____ 9

under sentence of Magistrates
 Paupers
 Unclaimed Boy _____ 1
 Girls _____ 7
 Wet Nurse _____ 1
 Total _____ 9

D
 Charges, materials purchased, and House rent, during
 months.

	Charges			Materials			House			Total		
months of												
April 1858	3	2	2							3	2	2
May	16	13	1							16	13	1
June	2	6	8							2	6	8
July	4	5	4							4	5	4
August	3	11	11							4	8	11
September	5	4	2							5	4	2
October	2	13	5							4	7	6
November	6	4	11							5	1	11
December	7	13	11							5	2	11
January 1859	11	2	10	6	4					6	2	10
February	8	12	9	5						5	8	9

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19	Drawing Paper 1 st sort at 6 Pice each.	"	9	6
3300	— " — " — 2 ^d — 2 Pice per 100	66	"	"
22	— " — " — 4 Pice each	"	7	4
1	Reel — " — 4 " each	"	4	"
	Unsold Work in Store		67	4 10
			266	8 4

16	Drawing Paper	1 st sort	at	Per	each	"	7 "
1075	—	—	—	2 ^d	—	2	Per 100 21 8 "
23	—	—	—	—	Per each	"	7 8
3	Keel	—	—	—	at each	"	12 " 23 2 8
Grand Total Papers							288 11 "

Commissioner of Police

Address, Police
Prisoners' Office
May 1859.

N^o 69. Madras, Police Commissioners' Office, 11th May, 1859.

From Colonel J. C. Boulton
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To J. Dyer Esq^{re}
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Order thereon 24th May 1859 N^o 734

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Materials purchased	16. 4. —
Contingencies	78. 13. 8
	500. 1. 8
Deduct	
Proceeds	266. 8. 4
Articles unsold	23. 2. 8
	289. 11. —
Left	Rs. 210. 6. 8

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1 st April 1858	12	
Admitted up to 31 st of		
March 1859	37	49.
Discharged	33	
Died	7	40
Remaining	9	

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The Commissioner of Police. Dec 31st

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Annual Report
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Judicial Department

For the year ending May 31, 1857

Judicial Department

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Dated 27 May 1857.

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Reviewing the annual
Report, submitted by the
Commissioner of Police, of the
conduct of the officers of the
Department during the year ending
May 31, 1857, according to the pro-
visions of the Law, and in
order to transfer the same to the
proper authorities for their
consideration and to provide
for future "conducting"
thereof, and to present
information.

information relating
to the conduct of the
officers of the Department.