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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department, 5th September 1860.

No. 18. Read the following letter from Colonel J. C. BOULDERSON, Commissioner of Police, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 30th August 1860, No. 98.

1. I have the honor to bring to the notice of Government that the quantity of wood now supplied for cooking the food of prisoners, is quite insufficient for that purpose, and to request that the sum now allowed for the purchase of that article per man, may be raised from 84 cents to 1 Pice or $\frac{1}{12}$ part of an Anna.

2. When the present allowance was fixed, wood was much cheaper than it is now, and then also food was cooked for convicts only once daily, when a portion was served out hot every evening, and the remainder was distributed cold next morning. Sometime ago when sickness prevailed in the Jail, the Medical Officer in attendance remonstrated against that practice, as one likely to be prejudicial to the health of the prisoners, and from that time the cooks have been called up before day-light daily, and a fresh warm breakfast is prepared and given to each convict before he is put to his daily task, and in the evening before they are locked up for the night each prisoner is again provided with a warm meal.

Extract from a letter from the Commissioner of Police, to the Commissary General, dated 16*th August* 1860.

"*I respectfully beg to bring to your notice that the "firewood" served out to the Native prisoners in the Penitentiary is quite insufficient to cook their food with, as they are only allowed by Government* 84 *cents worth of firewood. I beg to suggest that* 100 *cents or* 1 *Pie of firewood may be allowed for each prisoner.*"

16*th August* 1860.

(*Signed*) *E. OWEN,*
Supt. Penitentiary.

"I have the honor to give in margin copy of a letter to my address from the Superintendent of the Penitentiary, dated this day, and request that you will be good enough to direct that sufficient firewood be in future issued to cook the food of the prisoners confined into the Penitentiary."

Extract from a letter from the Commissary General, to the Commissioner of Police, dated 24*th August* 1860, *No.* 2,062.

"In reply to your letter forwarding transcript of one from the Superintendent of the Penitentiary requesting increase in the allowance of firewood to the prisoners, I have the honor to inform you that as the allowance of 84 cents was specially sanctioned by Government, no alteration in the present rate can be allowed.

"Should you however consider it absolutely necessary to grant the prisoners this increase in this article of rations, I would suggest the sanction of Government being obtained by you to the contemplated arrangement."

(True Extracts.)

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

No. 19. ORDER THEREON, 5th September 1860, No. 1,131.

Government authorize the rate for firewood issued on account of the Native prisoners in the Penitentiary, being raised to one Pie per head per diem.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

No. 1131 – 5 September 1860.

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The Commr. of Police.
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