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Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
28th August 1862.*

No. 274. Proceedings of Government, dated 28th August 1862, No. 1,397.

In his report, dated 1st August, of a visit to the Vellore Jail, the Inspector General has noticed the objectionable arrangement by which the sick among the Convicts are treated at the Station Hospital, and also the expense entailed by it, as three Policemen and one Warder are withdrawn to guard and watch two or three sick prisoners.

2. The Governor in Council agrees with Mr. Rohde that the sick should be treated within the prison. The Principal Inspector General, Medical Department, will issue orders accordingly to the Medical Officer in charge at Vellore.

3. For the present, accommodation will be provided by reducing by transfers the number of prisoners. Mr. Rohde suggests that the Jailor's quarters within the premises should be converted into Hospital and Guard-room, and the Jailor allowed another place of residence. A building near the Jail, now used as a School, will suffice for the purpose, if it could be spared. The Collector of North Arcot is requested to state whether the building indicated, or any other conveniently situated, can be assigned as a dwelling house for the keeper of the Vellore Jail.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

VELLORE, 1st August 1862.

The gang, detained for labor in the fort, consisted of 182 convicts, chiefly from Chittoor; in order, however, to secure the breaking up of gangs, in the absence of means for separating prisoners in the Zillah Jails, some have been sent to the prison at this place. The diet of the Jail has been reduced to that of the Chittoor Jail, but, from some cause, probably the imperfect cooking of the grain where each man cooks for himself, the men were not looking in good condition, though fifty of their number, sent a year ago to Salem and there fed in messes, on Raggy alone, for six days in the week, presented a sleek healthy appearance.

2. Among the prisoners I observed about twenty aged and evidently infirm men, several of whom had been, I was informed, lately transferred from Chittoor—a list of these has been taken down and unless there are any special reasons for their being kept here they will be remanded to the Zillah Jail.

3. An East Indian, lately sentenced, was transferred to this Jail for labor, he was dressed as a Native. There is no reason why East Indian Convicts, accustomed to exposure, should be exempt from the ordinary labor of the Jail, but the cloth should be made up into shirt and trousers.

4. The gang at this station, being sent here for labor on the public roads, and the establishment of the Jail not being sufficient to allow of prisoners being kept unnecessarily within the walls, none but able bodied convicts, suited to hard labor, on the public roads, should be transferred to this Jail; the attention of the Sessions Judge will be called to this point.

5. There is a prisoner in the Jail, Streenevass Pillay, formerly Cutwal of the town, under sentence to seven years' imprisonment; his transfer to another Jail seems desirable and it will be convenient to send him to Coimbatore in charge of the Warder who will shortly deliver a Coimbatore prisoner at this Jail, or otherwise, as may be found convenient; Mr. Barlow has been authorized to make the transfer.

6. At present three Police-men and one Warder are withdrawn to guard and look after two or three sick prisoners who are treated in the Station Hospital: the cost of this arrangement is not less than 25 Rupees monthly, and the arrangement is in every way objectional. There is a difficulty in providing accommodation for the sick within the Jail which is crowded, but, if the Jailer were provided with quarters in the immediate vicinity of the Jail, his present quarters might be used, in part, as a Hospital; in the meantime the number in Jail must be reduced and the small ward now occupied, by night, by six prisoners, may be used for the sick, and the Government will be requested to direct their treatment within the prison.

7. In order to secure proper cooking, cooks from whom all classes will ordinarily eat, will be told off in the proportion of one to 25 prisoners and no private cooking will be permitted.

8. The Maistries' extra allowance will be regulated as directed in the rule originally laid down, namely, that they shall receive a double quantity of condiment and of condiment only, there has been an error in regulating their allowance hitherto at a rate exceeding this.

9. All direct dealings between convicts and the bazaar-men, even by means of tickets will be discontinued, the grain and condiment will be served out, for each day, directly to the cooks, by whom alone the food will be prepared and served out.

10. The Warders should be compelled to maintain silence in gangs proceeding to and returning from labor, and silence on these occasions should be enjoined on the prisoners by a written rule.

11. There is a building, near the Jail, now used as a school, which would be convenient for the Jailer's residence if it can be spared; in this case the expense of converting the Jailer's present residence into Hospital and Guard room will be trifling.

12. Task work is not enforced; whenever the prisoners are engaged in work which may conveniently be tasked, this should be done and be calculated by its cost by contract labor and the value of the convicts' daily work calculated at two-thirds the cost of free labor; thus if a yard of earthwork costs 6 Pice and the daily wages of a cooly are 2 Annas, a prisoner should be compelled to do $\frac{24 \times 2}{3} = 16 \frac{2}{3}$ cubic yards of such work daily.

MADRAS,
14th August 1862.

[Signature]
Inspector General of Jails.

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Judicial Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Dated Augt. '62. N^o.

Order - 28 August 1862 No 1397

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3. For the present, accommodation will be provided by reducing by transfers the number of prisoners. Mr. Rohde suggests that ^{the} sailor's quarters within the

premises should be converted into Hospital & Guard-rooms, & the sailor allowed ^{another} place of residence outside the walls. A building near the Jail, now used as a school, will suffice for the purpose, if it could be spared. The Collector of North Arcot is requested to state whether the building indicated, or any other conveniently situated, can be assigned as a dwelling-house for the keeper of the Vellore Jail.

The Inspector Genl. of Jails. 3 }
" Principal Inspector }
" Genl. Medl. Dept. } Sept 28th
" Collector of North Arcot. } 3

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PROCEEDINGS OF GOVERNMENT.

Dated 28 Dec 1862.
J. H. 1862.

*Following Order for the
list among the Committee
in the Yellow Sea being
traded within the Ocean
and enquiring as to whether
the ship being near the Sea,
now used as a vessel,
could be assigned as
a Quelling factor for the
sailors.*