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Judicial **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
18th February 1862.

No. 145. Read the following letter from J. ROHDE, Esq., Inspector General of Jails ; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Ootacamund, 15th January 1862, No. 17.

I have the honor to acknowledge the Proceedings of Government of the 8th January 1862, No. 23, relative to the reduction in the number of Returns required by me, and to state that I have endeavoured to reduce and simplify these Returns as far as possible, that I have now further reduced them as shewn in the Memorandum annexed, but that I cannot see how they can be further reduced consistently with my being kept fully informed.

2. I may remark that on the 5th January 1860, the Government sent to me forms of no less than forty-two Returns, mostly monthly, to be adopted (at my discretion) in lieu of those I now require.

3. As the matter is under notice by Government, I would submit that the very complicated and difficult Return called for in the circular letter of the Accountant General, dated 10th October 1861, No. 65, in regard to tools and implements should be dispensed with.

4. I have endeavoured to reduce the form of accounts and vouchers rendered monthly and hope by the beginning of the official year 1862-63, that these will be simplified to the utmost.

5. The object of the annual accounts has been to check the Quarterly Statements often very imperfectly rendered. I have since the 1st May adopted a much more complete form of Quarterly Statement of Prisoners in Jail committed or sentenced, and this affords a check in itself and much more perfect information than had hitherto been received, should this be rendered with accuracy and punctuality the Annual Returns may to some extent be dispensed with, these now consist of only seven Returns.

1st.—Of Annual expenses arranged under the headings of the Contingent Bills.

2nd.—Of Profit and Loss from Manufactures.

3rd.—Of Convicts in Jail as classified in Table D.

4th.—Of Prisoners of all classes.

5th.—Of Arms, Tools, &c., in Store.

6th.—Of Punishments of Guards during the year.

7th.—Statement of convictions of Guards for culpable negligence or connivance by which prisoners have been allowed to escape.

6. To any one acquainted with the Jails, I do not think any of these Returns can be regarded as complicated, and I do not see how any can be dispensed with without great inconvenience.

7. I may remark that excepting the sanitory Returns (which I cannot dispense with) I have required no Return Quarterly which as an Officer in charg of a Jail, I had not in some form or other to render monthly.

8. Had I not considered the inadequate means at the disposal of Officers in charge of Jails for the preparation of Returns, I should have further required a Return of the convictions classified according to the offences, but feeling that this information is obtained by Government from the Judicial Returns rendered by the Court of Foujdaree Udalut, I have been content to allow my own Returns to be far less complete than I could desire.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
18th February 1862.

Memorandum of Quarterly Statements of the Jail of for the Quarter 186 -6
dispatched on the day of 186 .

		Statements.	Remarks shewing what are blank and therefore not sent.
1	1	Of Prisoners in Jail remaining, received, discharged, &c.	Amended from 1st May 1861, and smplified.
2	2	Employment of Prisoners... ...	To be simplified from 1st May. 1862.
	3	Extra Guards.	Discontinued.
3	4	Punishments under Regulation X of 1832...	Amalgamated from 1st May 1862.
	5	Minor Penalties....	
4	6	Sickness and Mortality.	
5	7	Detail of Deaths and Transfers from Sickness.	

OOTACAMUND,
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR
GENERAL OF JAILS,
14*th January* 1862.

(Signed) J. ROHDE,
Inspector General of Jails.

No. 146. ORDER THEREON, 18th February 1862, No. 256.

The Inspector General of Jails reports on the Returns furnished to him as Head of the Department.

2. He remarks that the Returns now prepared quarterly, were formerly sent in every month.

3. Of the 15 statements referred to in paragraph 8 of the report of the Committee for simplifying correspondence, by discontinuing the statement of extra Guards and combining two others, their number has been reduced to 7 Annual, and 5 Quarterly Returns, and the monthly sanitary report. Mr. Rhode explains that these forms are not unnecessarily complicated. By amending the quarterly forms, some of the annual statements will be eventually dispensed with.

4. The Government observe that the question of the depreciation of stores is at present under their consideration. Pending further orders they are not prepared to dispense with the Return called for by the Accountant General by his Circular of the 10th October 1861, No. 65.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

Judicial Department.

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4. In regard to the Depreciation Statements of Tools, &c., in Use & in Store, required by Acct. Rules & Circulars, 10th Oct. 61 & No. 65, the Govt. observe that these statements form part of the general system of Acct. of the Presidency, & cannot be abolished in any one Dept., unless it is intended to extend the rule generally.

Dept. 18th "

The Govt ought to know how the men have been employed when labour ought to be turned to account. WD.

Should omit letter 2 - has case stood 2 Months? Quarterly - this must be left to the Judge - as it was formerly. WH

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The Inspector Genl. of Jails.
" Acct. Genl.

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Judicial 186 . Department.

No. 256

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Dated 18 February 186

Stating that pending further orders Govt are not prepared to dispense with the return of tools and implements called for by the Accountant General & his Circular of the 10th Oct/61 No 65.

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