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25th June 1863.

Read the following

FROM ROBERT COLE, Esq., Principal Inspector of Prisons,
Fort Saint George; to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief
Government, Judicial Department, Fort Saint George, dated 18th April 1863.

I have the honor to draw the attention of Government to the fact, that
breaks of Cholera have occurred recently in the Jails at Calicut and Salem.

2. Regarding the former Jail, I have the honor to submit a report by Dr. Shaw, Inspector
General of Hospitals, who was on duty in the neighbourhood of Calicut,
dated Calicut, March 30th, 1863, in which he proceeded to Calicut to observe the progress of the epidemic.

3. The predisposing causes adduced by that Officer, viz., defective diet, and over-
and deficient ventilation on the sea-face of the Jail, were, I have no doubt, the chief
the development of the disease and of the lamentable loss of life.

4. In the new Salem Jail, hitherto so healthy, it seems that the separate cells used for
the confinement of one prisoner, have been occupied by four or five. Dr. Shaw's report on the
epidemic in this Jail I expect to receive in a day or two.

5. In both these instances the disease originated amongst the prisoners
Cholera among the populations at the time. In both instances the evil effects
so closely together as to be manifested.

6. I have reason to believe that the Provincial Jails are all more or less overcrowded, and
similar fatal results may possibly occur in other Districts, if steps be not taken to relieve the
prisons of the excess of occupants.

7. The Inspector General of Jails being absent at some distance from the Presidency on
duty, I deem it right to bring this subject at once to the notice of Government.

From JAMES SHAW, Inspector General of Hospitals; to the Secretary,
Principal Inspector of Prisons, Judicial Department, dated Calicut, 30th March 1863.

In obedience to the instructions conveyed in a Telegram received from the Principal Inspec-
tor General "to report if Cholera is abated, to investigate and report the probable cause of the
outbreak," I have the honor to make the following observations:—

I have already reported that the disease has much abated, and
the margin the daily admissions, recoveries, and deaths up till to-day
at noon is shown.

2. There was no satisfactory proof that there was even one
case of Cholera in the town of Calicut, although the Jail is par-
tially surrounded by the houses of the inhabitants, the cause
from this was, that the existing cause of the disease was in
the Jail itself.

3. I several times most carefully examined the Jail and
I detect nothing wrong in the drainage, the wards for the pri-
sons are excellent, lofty, ventilated from the top and the ground.
The sleeping places are wooden platforms raised upon chunam pillars
about 2½ feet from the ground. The wards are kept scrupulously
clean, and baskets of charcoal are placed in each ward.

4. The number of prisoners confined in each ward is
restricted to that which the Jail can properly receive; there would be little to find fault with.

4. Dr. Wyndowe in his report upon the Jail, 24th February 1863, says "the total
space of all the wards is 96,169 cubic feet, which allowing to each prisoner 356 cubic feet, would

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accommodate 274 prisoners; whereas the number of incarcerates at present amounts to 401, if from this be deducted, females 9, sick 24, waiting trial 12, and civil 12, still the total amount 352 shows the Jail to be overcrowded even allowing the minimum space of 350 cubic feet."

5. But owing to a wall as high as the Jail itself surrounding it and in no place ten yards from it, the full value of the ward ventilation is seriously interfered with, and when it is recollected that these men are shut up for 12 or 13 hours at a time, and that the accumulated discharges of the bowels and bladder of the occupants are retained in the same room for this period, these with the emanations from the bodies of persons closely packed together still further poisoning the air they breathe, it is not astonishing that disease should be engendered when only 240 cubic feet is allotted to each man, were 500 cubic feet, which is the lowest ordinary allowance of space for a man, given to each prisoner, the Calicut Jail ought not to have within it more than 200 convicted prisoners at one time.

6. The nature of the diet to which the prisoners had been restricted undoubtedly rendered them less able to contend against the vitiated atmosphere they were breathing for so many hours daily.

7. In my demi-official letter to the Principal Inspector General, I stated that the subject of the diet for the prisoners had for some time been under Dr. Wyndowe's consideration, and I sent a copy of a letter from that gentleman to the Judge of Calicut dated 16th March, the day before Cholera made its appearance in the Jail. In this able letter it is shown that "the diet of the prisoners in the Jail consists almost entirely of carbonaceous food, and points out" that although nitrogenous food may, at a great loss, replace carboniferous as a supporter of respiration, yet it is certain that carbonaceous food cannot replace nitrogenous for replacing textural waste." The new diet proposed had not been introduced when I returned to Calicut on the 26th. The "dry conservancy" is that in operation at the Calicut Jail, the tubs in which the discharges from these prisoners had been collected during the night being carried to the sea half a mile from the Jail and there emptied.

8. It appears evident that the outbreak of Cholera in the Jail of Calicut was dependant, 1st upon the convicts being restricted to a most unfit diet; and 2nd, to the overcrowding of the Jail.

9. To remove these causes it was recommended in conjunction with the acting Zillah Surgeon, Dr. Pearse, to give each prisoner, in addition to his present diet, 4 ounces of mutton and to empty the Jail as quickly as possible; if this could not be done entirely, to remove as many prisoners as possible and to have the whole Jail white-washed, one or two minor changes were also effected, amongst others, munchedels being supplied to carry the sick from the Jail to the Hospital, a distance of half a mile, instead of being obliged to walk supporting themselves on two fellow Convicts, and having the receiving tubs tarred and directions being given that they were to be fresh tarred every third day, all these suggestions were at once carried into effect under the orders of Mr. Cook, Civil and Session Judge.

10. This epidemic has been characterized by very little purging, vomiting, or cuticular exudation. Spasms must have been very rare. The men appeared as if struck down by a deadly poison. Many died in a few hours; two cases which I saw only lived for two hours after the first symptoms of the disease.

Every variety of treatment was tried, but all appeared equally inert. Friction, hot bottles, hot bags of sand were most assiduously applied by numerous orderly prisoners, who it is but justice to mention were unwearied in their attention to their fellow Convicts. I regret to be obliged to say that many of these men fell victims to this disease.

11. The first persons attacked were the Moplahs, and it was attributed to their habits of starvation during the feast of the Ramzan which commenced on the 20th of February and did not terminate until the 22nd of this month. But ere long no class of the inmates of the Jail were exempted from attacks of the disease, as by the 27th the admissions of Moplahs were 58, of Hindoos including 4 Christians 48; of the former 32 and of the latter 28 had died up to that date.

(True Copy.)
(Signed) W. R. CORNISH,
Secy. to Principal Inspector General Medl. Dept.

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No. 24. ROBERT COOKE, Principal Inspector of Prisons, Judicial Department;
to the H. H. BUTHNOT, Chief Secy. to Government, Judicial

Department, Fort Saint George, dated 8th May 1863, No.

Referring to my letter* on the subject of recent outbreaks of Cholera in Salem Jails, I have now the honor to forward a Report

Inspector General of Hospitals James
Excellency the Governor in Council.

2. I need add nothing of the Inspector General's emphatic
expressed earnest advice commendation
should be carried out.

3. Perhaps His Excellency in Council may be pleased to notice with favor the commendation of Marrett and the Medical Subordinates, especially of 1st Dresser Madura Nalagum, No. 156, performance of their duty named by the Inspector General in this terrible emergency.

From JAMES SHAW, Esq., Acting Inspector General of Hospitals; to W. R. CORNISH, Esq., Secretary, Principal Inspector General Medical Department, dated 14th April 1863

I have the honor to repeat the information of the Principal Inspector that upon my arrival

the 13th April 1863, cholera
in the Jail.

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admissions deaths fr
appearances case up
instant.

3. There can be little doubt that the overcrowding of the Jail was the immediate cause of the epidemic. Though there are some points of conservancy arrangements which may be corrected, (to be noticed hereafter) yet, irrespective of the overcrowding, there is nothing to prevent an epidemic. There is a great want of accommodation at Salem.

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7. I have

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8. Mr. Marrett speaks in the highest terms of 1st Hospital Assistant Madura Naiagum, No. 156, attached to the Jail. He reports that the Hospital Assistant has scarcely left the Jail night or day, and that he felt perfect confidence that his instructions were always most faithfully carried out by Madura Naiagum.

9. 2nd Hospital Assistant Veerasawmy Naidoo, No. 455, has done duty at the Jail only for a few days, he is attached to the Sub-Collector's Department, but was brought to Salem for the occasion.

10. I have the honor to attach my report upon the Salem Jail.

REPORT ON THE SALEM JAIL

14th April 1863.

The Salem Jail is a new building and has only been occupied since the latter part of 1861, it is enclosed by a wall 16 feet high, but at no part approaching nearer than 180 feet.

2. The Jail is formed of six separate radial blocks, each connected by an iron railing of several feet in length.

3. These blocks contain a series of cells, 144 in number, originally intended to carry out the "separate system," but this has been abandoned, and latterly the average number of prisoners has been 625—the greatest number locked up at one time was 693. Thus, a cell originally intended for one, has now to contain on an average $4\frac{1}{2}$ individuals. I am informed that at times it has been necessary to confine as many as eight prisoners in one cell.

4. Each cell is $12 \times 7\frac{1}{2} \times 11 = 940$ cubic feet, secured by a swinging iron grated door about 6 x 3 feet. Further end of the cell there is an iron grating about 6 inches high, by 30 inches long. Near the roof are three slits in the wall 12 inches by 3, which form the sole means for the ingress or egress of air from above.

5. Had the "separate system" been carried out as originally intended, the means of ventilation would have sufficed for one prisoner; but when five, or as it occasionally has happened six, are shut up in a cubic space of 940 feet for 12 hours consecutively, and where the provision for the escape of the air from above consists only of three tiny openings, the respired air must become pestiferous. I do not do more now than allude to the fact, that, during the 12 hours the men are confined, their excretions remain in the cell in a large open chatty.

6. Mr. Rhode's original plan must have been departed from, as in his report for 1856, it appears to have embraced windows at the back of the cells. I am not aware that there is any Engineering objection to this still being done; but until this, or some other means of allowing a free exit to the respired air be introduced, there will always be danger in placing more than one individual in these cells. In paragraphs 6 and 7 (report for 1856) under the head of ventilation, Mr. Rhode lays down what is really the essential point in ventilating buildings, that it is not the amount of cubic feet of space that is allotted to each individual, but the rapidity with which the air is passed out, and replaced, that constitutes the contents sufficient or otherwise. This principle is apparently been lost sight of in the construction of the Salem Jail cells.

7. The Hospital is without the prison itself abutting from the surrounding wall, and contiguous to the guard room; it consists of 6 or 8 cells of similar dimensions to those in the prisons, and one ward $29\frac{1}{2} \times 17 \times 12$.

8. Both in the Hospital cells and the ward ventilation is most defective; there is no grating opposite to the doors, the upper openings (4 in number) are only 4 inches square, and are not infrequently shut up by birds building their nests in them. The ward has no upper ventilation at all. There are two iron grated doors opposite to each other, but both placed at the same end of the ward. The Medical Officer was unable to give me any information why this very objectionable arrangement had been made in the building of the Hospital, and unfortunately the District Engineer was absent from Salem at the time of my visit. Were the ventilation improved, as I believed it might be, all could with safety contain three prisoners. I understand that the upper story of the Jail, now being built, will be on the same principle as

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9. The men are seven trenches and even in

women are

10. In the men are seven trenches and sixty long, these seven trenches are used indiscriminately for women was similar, but upon a smaller scale. Driving on the pavement and the Jailor's house trench was most abominable.

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11. Interment

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12. Upon inquiring there was no other place neighbourhood was ground.

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ries within the Jail compound when carried out, is in many respects much less principal difficulty in carrying out the an abundance—to take away at station is long in the Salem Jail compound for

15. Having to receive difficulties exist to introduce other substitutes pound, and the prisoners allowed to all locking be somewhat

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16. In the Coimbatore a metal tube allowing the

corner of each ward small receiver to a tub outside of the ward—this is to accumulate inside the apparatus

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which too near the latter should this not be removed Jail must add another

(Signed)

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Memorandum showing the number of Convicts locked up in Jail from 6th March to 6th April 1863.

Month and Date.	Convicts Locked up	Remarks.
March 6th	614	
7th	615	
8th	615	
9th	617	
10th	620	
11th	621	
12th	617	
13th	622	
14th	626	
15th	626	
16th	623	
17th	620	
18th	623	The average number... 624 ²¹
19th	621	
20th	620	The greatest number locked up... 693
21st	627	
22nd	628	The present number of prisoners... 602
23rd	628	
24th	631	
25th	628	
26th	628	
27th	630	
28th	629	
29th	629	
30th	628	
31st	627	
April 1st	625	
2nd	643	
3rd	635	
4th	630	
5th	627	
6th	621	up to date of encampment.

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14th April 1863.

(Signed) H. WALTER,
Jailor.

SALEM.

Scale of diet issued in the Salem Jail.

Description of Grain.	Prisoner					
	Convicts.	Security.	Under trial.	Women.	Sick.	Children.
	Rupees Weight.	Rupees Weight.	Rupees Weight.	Rupees Weight.	Rupees Weight.	Rupees Weight.
Raggy...	60			50	45	...
Rice...	65					20

Condiments to the value of 3½ cash to each prisoner.
4 ounces of mutton to each prisoner on Sunday.
2 do. do. on Tuesday and Friday.

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(Signed) HENRY WALTER,
Jailor.

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Judicial Department,

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No. 21 R. COLE, Esq., Principal Inspector General Medical Department; to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Judicial Department, Fort Saint George, dated 25th June 1863.

I honor to transmit for submission to Government an Extract from a letter from the Zillah Surgeon of Salem, by which it appears that the Jail of that place, notwithstanding the late frightful mortality from Cholera, sufficiently shown to have resulted from overcrowding alone, still contains 516 prisoners the building was intended for 144 only—double that number might with safety, perhaps, be incarcerated, but I beg most earnestly to represent that it is dangerous to confine that number. I have seen that diseases caused by a vitiated atmosphere still continue to prevail, and it only needs the presence of the choleraic state of atmosphere, whatever the mysterious principle is, to convert ordinary Diarrhoea into the more fatal form of disease.

EXTRACT.

"There are still there 516 prisoners or 84 more than can be safely housed in it; and an addition of 50 or 60 fresh prisoners on the commencement of the next Session, may be confidently expected."

"The number of prisoners has lately (owing to the adjournment of the Courts) been slightly reduced, the Jail has continued more or less unhealthy ever since the outbreak of Cholera in March and April. Several cases of Dysentery, Diarrhoea and Atrophy, (from which the prisoners in this Jail previously were comparatively free) have latterly occurred, and during the last six or seven weeks, there has been a death nearly once a week."

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. R. CORNISH,
Secretary to Principal Inspector General Medical Department.

of the replies of the Officers in charge of the several Jails to the enquiry respecting Jail accommodation.

of the replies of

No. 245. ORDER THEREON, 25th June 1863, No. 1,002.

2. The latter defect was remedied at once; and from a return recently received from the Officer in charge of the Jail at Calicut, it appears that the number of prisoners in that Jail has been reduced to 230, that it is not overcrowded, and is quite healthy. At Salem the Jail was relieved by removing 200 prisoners into tents; but from the Principal Inspector General's letter of the 17th instant, it appears that the number of prisoners is now 516, or 84 more than can be safely accommodated in it, and that an addition of 50 or 60 prisoners may be expected at the close of the approaching Sessions.

4. The Grand Gaol at Madras which is at present used exclusively as a Debtors' Jail, it is believed, accommodate at least 200 prisoners. The Officer in charge of the Jail at Madras should immediately arrange in communication with the Sheriff for sending this number of prisoners to the Grand Gaol.

6. The other Jails most in need of relief are those at Cuddalore, Bellary, Trichinopoly, Tanjore, Madura and Tinnevely. Fifty prisoners should at once be sent from Tanjore to Tranquebar, and the same number from Trichinopoly to Cuddalore. The Jail at Bellary, Madura and Tinnevely can only be relieved by moving the surplus prisoners into temporary Jails, either huts or such other buildings as may be available in the neighbourhood of works on which the prisoners may be employed. The Inspector General of Jails will give immediate attention to this subject, and will make the necessary arrangements in communication with the Superintending Engineers of Divisions, reporting the same for the information of Government. Mr. Rohde will also give his attention to the defects pointed out by the Acting Inspector General of Hospitals in the Calicut and Salem Jails. He will also report on the defect which impedes the ventilation in the Calicut Jail cannot be moved to a greater distance from the building, and he will take steps for correcting the defect in the ventilation and in the conservancy arrangements of the Jail at Salem.

8. The ventilation of the Nellore Jail is reported by the Zillah Surgeon to be defective. That Officer's remarks will be communicated to Mr. Rohde.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

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No. 246. To the Honorable Sir COLLEY HARMAN SCOTLAND, Knight, Chief Justice
of the High Court of Judicature at Madras, dated Fort Saint George, 25th June 1863,
No. 1,003.

HONORABLE SIR,

I am directed by the Governor in Council to transmit to you a copy of the Proceedings of
Government of this date, No. 1,002, and to request that you will be so good as to give effect to
the arrangements therein sanctioned by issuing the necessary directions to the Sheriff of Madras
to accommodate the 200 prisoners coming down from Salem in the Grand Gaol at Madras.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

Exd. T. McMooty.

[For the Superintendent's Office.]

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COPY OF ~~PRIVATE~~ MESSAGE BY ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH.

FROM

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TO

TO

WORDS

Turnout.
Session Judge

Madras
Chief Secy

97 S.P.

There are one hundred & 81 Prisoners, but 5 hundred
Cubic feet per Man. There is room for about
one hundred and 12 average now 3 hundred
and ten Cubic feet to each prisoner but Jail
Yard is remarkably open and Air & for
the whole length of each ward on one side
there are only wooden railings - Ventilation
is thus very free we usually send English
prisoners to Bellary ^{Commenced.} ^{Finished.} ^{From} ^{to}
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(For the Superintendent's Office.)

NO. *100*

COPY OF ~~PRIVATE~~ MESSAGE BY ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH.

From

To

From

To

WORDS

*Genl. / Plenty of room in Yard
to pitch a few tents. Prisoners healthy.
Do not think them too crowded Ventilation
being so good. 19th 15-50*

Adm. at

and at

Finished.

at

From

Forwd. by

Station recd. from

Madras
Electric Telegraph Office,

The

20th Mar 1883

Station

for. J. D. Smith

[For the Superintendent's Office.]

NO. 157

COPY OF SERVICE MESSAGE BY ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH.

FROM

Tampore

TO

Madras

FROM

Officer in Charge
of Jail

TO

Chief Secretary

WORDS

67 1/2

The number of prisoners now in Jail is one hundred eight. Civil prisoners in separate building not included. Allowing four hundred cubic feet of air to each, there is room for only eighty. The surplus may be removed to the Jail at Trichinopoly or portion of the large building in which civil prisoners are kept might be converted into a suitable place for them at little expense.

12/11

Commenced

Finished.

Recd. by

at

From

Forwd. by

at

Station recd. from

Station forwd. to

Electric Telegraph Office,

The

19th May 1892

for Major in Charge

[For the Superintendent's Office.]

NO. 146

COPY OF PRIVATE MESSAGE BY ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH.

From *Tranquell has this* To *Head...*
From *Print Under Quays* To *Chief Secy to Gov*
in charge of the Jail
WORDS 30 10

*Number of prisoners now
in Jail 157. There is room for 215
prisoners allowing five hundred
Cubic feet of air to each man.
19" 17 30*

Commenced. Finished.
Recd. by _____ at _____ From _____
to _____
Station recd. from _____ Station forwd. to *Harvey*
The *19* May 18 *88* *for*

Electric Telegraph Office,

COPY OF SERVICE MESSAGE BY ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH.

FROM

Trichinopoly

To

Madras.

FROM

Sd/- Kennedy

To

Chief Secy Govt.

In charge of jails

WORDS

57 SP

Total number of Prisoners in Jail is four hundred and twenty six allowing five hundred cubic foot of Air to each Individual there is room for 2 hundred and twenty five prisoners. This includes the accommodation for prisoners of every description and of the Sick. Jail overcrowded. No safe arrangements can be made to rectify this evil.

19th 17

Commenced

Finished.

Recd. by

at

Forwd. by

to

Station recd. from

Electric Telegraph Office,

The

20 Mar 1863

James Barker
for Secy in Charge.

[For the Superintendent's Office.]

NO. 142

COPY OF PRIVATE MESSAGE BY ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH.

FROM Trichinopoly. TO Madras.
FROM Dr. Kennedy. TO Chief Secretary
in charge of Jail Government
WORDS 87

Total number of Prisoners in Jail is 426 allowing five hundred Cubic feet of air to each individual. There is room for 225 Prisoners, this includes the accommodation for prisoners of every description and of the sick. Jail overcrowded. No safe arrangements can be made to rectify this evil. 19/17.

Recd. by —

Forwd. by —

Station recd. from —

From —

Station forwd. —

The 19th May 1893
Electric Telegraph Office.

Smith
for Super.

COPY OF SERVICE MESSAGE BY ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH.

From Madura the Indianopolis To Madras.
 From R. R. Cotton Esq. To The Honorable A. J. P.
Attendant Chief
 WORDS 48 Sp. Secy to Government

Telegram received 23rd Instant. Convicts
 now in jail 2 hundred and 37 Jail
 Calculated to hold one hundred and 80
 Convicts. Have lately sent 37 Convicts
 to Pamban might have a branch
 Jail for 50 or 60 Convicts in old fort
 Sindigul under joint Magistrate.

27th 8. 20

Commenced. Finished.
 Read by at From
 Forwarded by at to
 Station recd. from Station forwarded to
 Electric Telegraph Office,
 The 27th Aug 1865 for W. H. Anderson
for D. Smith in Charge

FROM Palamcottah this
Gillab Subcorum
Temporarily Charge
of Jail

To Madras
The Chief Secretary,
to Government

WORDS 82 SP

Prisoners now in Jail 244 rooms
for 87 only, space being forty three thousand
eight hundred and six cubic feet. Rooms
in Hospital for twenty six space thirteen
thousand one hundred and seventy six cubic
feet. District Engineer's store rooms will
with little expense soon give proper and
secure accommodation for about sixty
prisoners, his stores being removed to the
post office for which a smaller building
taken may suffice. Store rooms from
Jail under quarter mile. 21" 18-33

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Forwd. by	at	to
Station recd. from		Station forwd. to
Electric Telegraph Office, The 21 st May 1883		M. Ashworth for Mr. in Charge.

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MADRAS RAILWAY ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH

Prefix Total No. of Words Time recd. at Forwarding Station..... M. Time Signld.

Message received at Station..... Station 19th May 1887

The Officer ^{From} in Charge of Jail Kumbakonam Chief Secretary to Government Madras

The number of Prisoners now in Jail is Three hundred nineteen - Allowing five hundred cubic feet of Air to each man - There is room for Two hundred thirty men - Thirty eight men are to be sent tomorrow to Goodaloor. In the opinion of the Medical Officer in Charge - The Jail is just at present overcrowded.

Sent out

M.

W. M. M. M.
In Charge.

[For the Superintendent's Office.]

NO.

163

COPY OF PRIVATE MESSAGE BY ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH.

FROM Calicut Malabar To Madras
FROM Officer in charge To Chief Secy.
of Calicut Jail
WORDS 32 Sp.

Number of Prisoners in jail 2
hundred and thirty. Jail will
contain one hundred and ninety
Convicts allowing five hundred cubic
feet ^{of} ~~over~~ air to each man at present
not over crowded and quite healthy.

25th May 63

Commenced.

Finished.

Recd. by

at

From

Forwd. by

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to

Station recd. from

W. B. Vincent

Electric Telegraph Office,

The 20th May 63

S. at

[For the President's Office.]

COPY OF SERVICE MESSAGE BY ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH.

FROM Mangalore ~~the~~ Mercantile To Madras
FROM Off. Charge To Chief Secy.
of Jail.

WORDS 24.50

Number of Jail 2 hundred fifty
three Cubic Space for three hundred
and twenty two Room for only twenty
more Convicts. Details by post.

22nd 15.20

Commenced Finished

Recd. by

From

at

to

Station recd. from

Station forwarded to

The 22 May 1883 }
Electric Telegraph Office,

J. L. - J. L. in Charge.

[For the Superintendent's Office.]

NO.

151

COPY OF PRIVATE MESSAGE BY ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH.

FROM Haltam TO Adams
FROM Septimus Judge TO Chief Secretary,
of Chicacola WORDS 50 100

Prisoners in Goal 296
allowing each man five hundred
cubic feet for one hundred and eighty
three men only is there provision, but
by the use of the Barracks sufficient
sleeping room is obtained the only
difficulty is want of space for
Cooking in wet weather.

76th 6-30

Commenced.

Finished

at

From

Forwd. by

Station forwd. to

Harvey

Electric Telegraph Office,

The

20 May 1869

for Inspr. in Charge.

[For the Superintendent's Office.]

NO. 147

COPY OF PRIVATE MESSAGE BY ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH.

FROM Raja Humayun To Madras
Doul.
FROM The Sessions Judge To The Chief Secretary
in charge of the Jail
WORDS 89 801

19th May 1863. The number of prisoners now in Jail is 145. There is room for allowing five hundred cubic feet of air to each prisoner. 116. The Jail not unhealthily crowded. If it were so crowded that is if the number reached about two hundred no arrangements that I am aware of could be made for relieving it as the Courtroom and Manipulation Sails are full and that at Vizagapatnam is temporarily abandoned. 19th 17-45.

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Finished.

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From _____

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To _____

Station recd. from _____

Station forwd. to _____

The 20th May 1863
Electric Telegraph Office.

Mr. J. P. Farver
in Charge.

[For the Superintendent's Office.]

NO. 145

COPY OF PRIVATE MESSAGE BY ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH.

FROM Masulipatam To Madras
FROM Acting Session Judge To Chief Secretary

WORDS 55 100

Number of prisoners in Jail 140
Jail supposed to afford accommodation
for four hundred. Would be greatly
crowded with anything near this
number. If overcrowded transfers can be
made to adjacent Districts when they
have spare room otherwise temporary
huts could be erected in the compound
which is large and well fenced.

19th 18-2
Commenced. Finished.

Recd. by _____

From _____

Forwd. by _____

to _____

Station recd. from _____

Station forwd. to _____

Electric Telegraph Office,

The 20 May 1888

for super in Charge.

NO

NO. 201

FROM Masulipatam. To Madras
FROM Acting Session Judge. To Chief Secretary.

WORDS *65 SP*

At rate specified the jail will accomodate one hundred and 40 Prisoners, separate accomodation is required for Debtors, State, and under trial prisoners. Those under sentence of death and Lunatics, setting this aside there is accomodation for one hundred and 14. Number of Male Convicts at present one hundred and thirty, at five hundred Cubic feet per Man, there is no spare room.

26th 13. 50.

Finished.

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Madras

Electric Telegraph Office

The 25th May 1868

[Signature]

Amptm.

[For the Superintendent's Office.]

NO. 188-

COPY OF PRIVATE MESSAGE BY ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH.

FROM *Guntur thro Bezawara* To *Madras*
FROM *The officer in charge of the jail* To *The Chief Secretary*
to Govt

WORDS 30 SP.

The number of prisoners now in the jail is two hundred and thirty nine but there is room only for two hundred persons allowing five hundred cubic feet for each
24 1/2 16

	Commenced.	Finished.
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Station recd. from		Station forwd. to
	<i>Madras</i>	<i>H. A. P. S. S. S.</i>
Electric Telegraph Office.		
The 24 th Dec 1863.		<i>For Insp. in Charge</i>

I have the honor to be,
 Sir,
 Your most obedt. servant
 Thomas Crundace
 Civil Surgeon in
 charge.

Quinter Session Court
 23rd May 1863

From T. Crundace Esq.
 Civil Surgeon in charge of the
 Jail at Quinter.
 To A. J. Arbuthnot Esq.
 Chief Secretary to Government
 Fort St. George

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 From T. Crundace Esq.
 Civil Surgeon in charge
 of the Jail at
 Quinter
 To A. J. Arbuthnot Esq.
 Chief Secretary to Govt
 Fort St. George
 Dated 23rd May 1863
 Recd. 26th 63
 10/11/04
 Reporting that there
 are 239 Prisoners now
 confined in the Jail
 at this station

N^o 65

Gumtoor
23rd May 1863

From J. Crandall Esq^r
Civil Surgeon in charge of the
Jail at Gumtoor.

To A. J. Arbuthnot Esq^r
Chief Secretary to Government
Fort Saint George

Sir,

With reference to your Memorandum
of the 18th Instant N^o 108, I have the honor
to report that the number of Prisoners
now confined in the Jail at this station,
is 239, and that the Jail is only capable
of providing accommodation for 200 persons
allowing 500 Cubic feet of air to each.

In the event of the Jail being
overcrowded, I would suggest that some
additional cells may be erected, enlarg-
ing the present cooking sheds to some extent,
there being sufficient space for making
any such alteration if required.

N^o 55

E. Story Esq^r
Officer

of Cells

and asking for his opinion.

The letter of the Zillah Surgeon
on every subject but on
this one called for.

The omission of the remedy for the
crowding.

I think of only one remedy the
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 every subject but which
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 3^d the omission is the remedy for the
 growing.
 4th I know of only one remedy the
 removal of the Prisoners in excess to

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Ed. L. L. } I have the honor to be
 Fellow } Sir
 21st May 1863 } Your Ins. & Servant

W. Story
 off charge of my

N^o 70
 21st May 1863

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H. L. L.

you - fellow.

I have the honor in reply to your Memorandum

date to submit return

showing the extent of accom-

modations at present occupying the

whole feet of jail.

relation to

jail, relation

the new jail

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way for

large, small

consider the jail
 of 50 inmates.

The average amount of cubic space to each prisoner
 of the jail last night was 356 cubic
 feet. In the old jail the accommodation

a cell
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 Prison
 at night at
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 which
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 Civil debtors
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 ed to each
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 they lie
 I have the honor
 Sir
 your obedient servant
 Idame

True Copy

Henry

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New Jail

No of cell	Dimensions of each	Number of prisoners who sleep in them each night	Number of cubic feet of air to each Prisoner in each cell
1	Used as paddy Godown		
2	57 ft. 6 x 17 6. 11. a x 6 ft. rise of roof	37	366 ² / ₃
3	do	37	do
4	do	37	do
5	48 1/2 ft. x 17 x 11 x 6 ft. rise of roof	37	312
6	do	37	do
7	57 ft. 6 x 17 6 x 11 h. x 1 ft. rise of roof	37	366 ² / ₃
8	do	37	do
9	do	37	do
10	48 1/2 ft. 6 x 17 6 x 11 h. x 6 ft. rise of roof	30	384 ⁴ / ₅

Old Jail

here confined	Measurements of cells they occupy	No on each	Amount of cubic space to each
State Prisoners	22 1/2 ft. 6 x 10 x 9-4 ft. rise of roof	6	412 1/2
Civil debtors	39 1/2 x 10 x 9	4	1086
Female Prisoners	46 1/2 x 10 x 9	6	196
Trial do	34 1/2 x 10 x 9	1	3795 *

* There have been confined in this cell at one time as many as 35 Prisoners.

Witness —
 21st May 1863

Signed H. Adair
 J. J. Mack Surge

(True Copy)

Off: in charge of the Jail

Enclosure No 2.

In a letter dated 21st
May 1863 addressed to
the Chief Secretary to
Government Fort Saint
George by the Officer
in charge of Jail Nelson
containing information
regarding the number
of Prisoners in Jail
the cubic feet of air
each Prisoner has.

Ind. 1632
P. 2/11/62

Letter in - 191

the letter read
2102 May 1883 add
the chief
to Government
Saint George by the
Officer in charge of the
section submitted
information report
the number of persons
in each of the cubic
feet of air to each
person 842

Jan 2/1883
No. 1102

Ms 222

A. Marcos

[illegible]

Letter 21 - 7
Frederick 20th
May 1861

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Enclosure -

thinking that the
is capital of nothing
190 Cornetts.

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FROM *Seaton Judge*

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WORDS

J. L. Smith

Allowing five hundred
Cubic feet for each person the
Jail will only accommodate 170
Convicts. 25 under trial prisoners.
Four State prisoners fifty two
Sick and insane prisoners 13, Civil
debtors and 9 females, Total 273.

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Commenced.

Furnished

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From

Station forward to

5. 1. 1899

for Inspector

Electric Telegraph Office

Electric Telegraph Office.
The 23 May 81

[For the Superintendent's Office.]

NO. 77

COPY OF SERVICE MESSAGE BY ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH.

FROM Bellary
TO Madras
FROM Sepsan Judge
TO Chief Secretary
to Government

WORDS 40 10

There are 514 prisoners in
Jail, we can accommodate 150 more
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From J. A. Harris Esquire
Deputy Judge of Chittur
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A. J. Arbuthnot Esquire
Chief Secretary to Government.
Fort Saint George

Sir,

In reply to your official Memo
N^o 108 dated 18th May 1863 received this morning,
I have the honor to inform you that there
are at present 335 Prisoners (of all classes)
in the Jail under my charge, and that it is
capable of containing 400 only, allowing 500
Cubic feet of air to each man. From a
communication received from the Inspector
General of Jails with reference to the
order of Government dated 18th May 1863
it is probable that some 40 odd Prisoners
will be shortly removed.

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I have the honor to be
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Your Most Obedient Servant.

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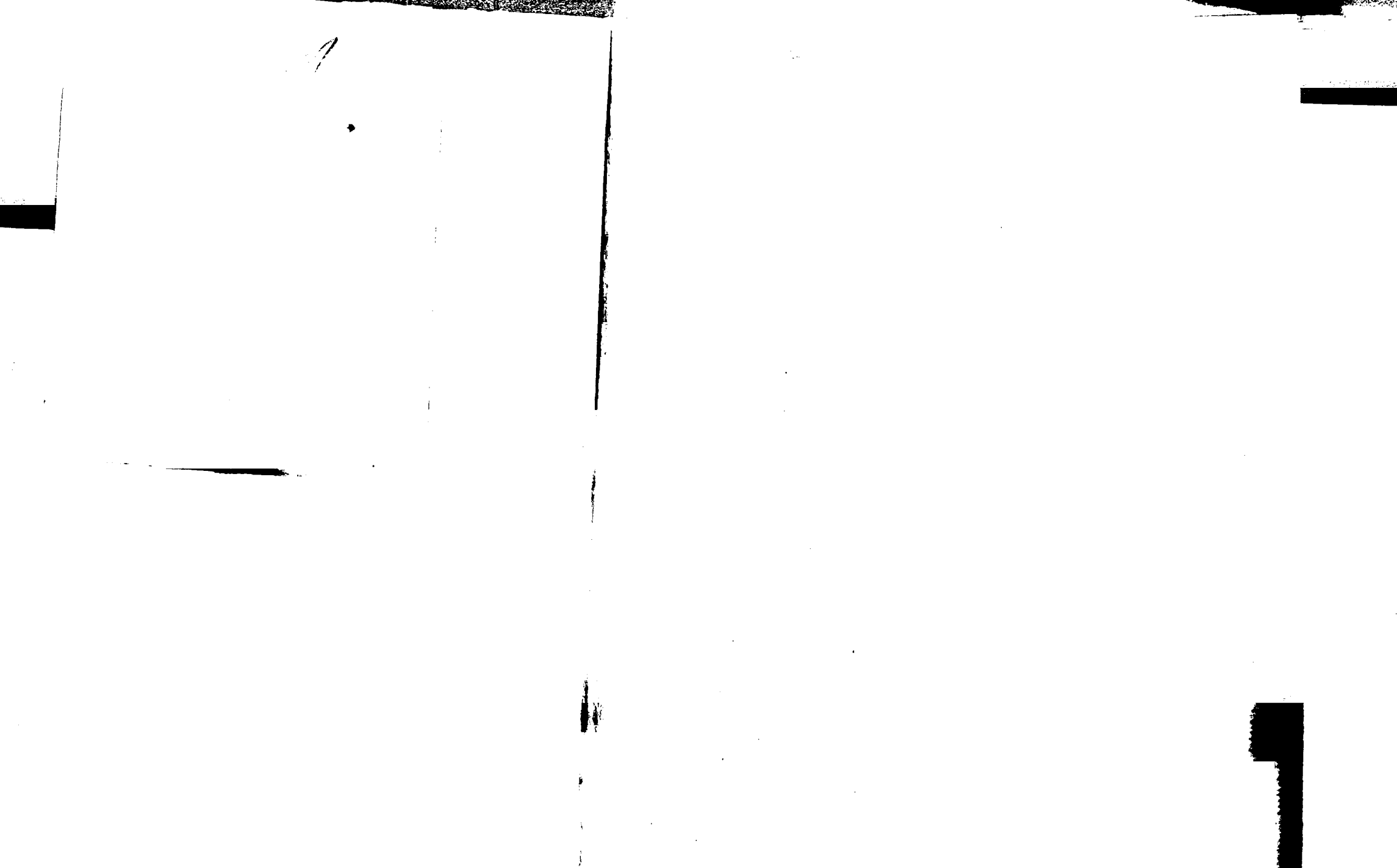
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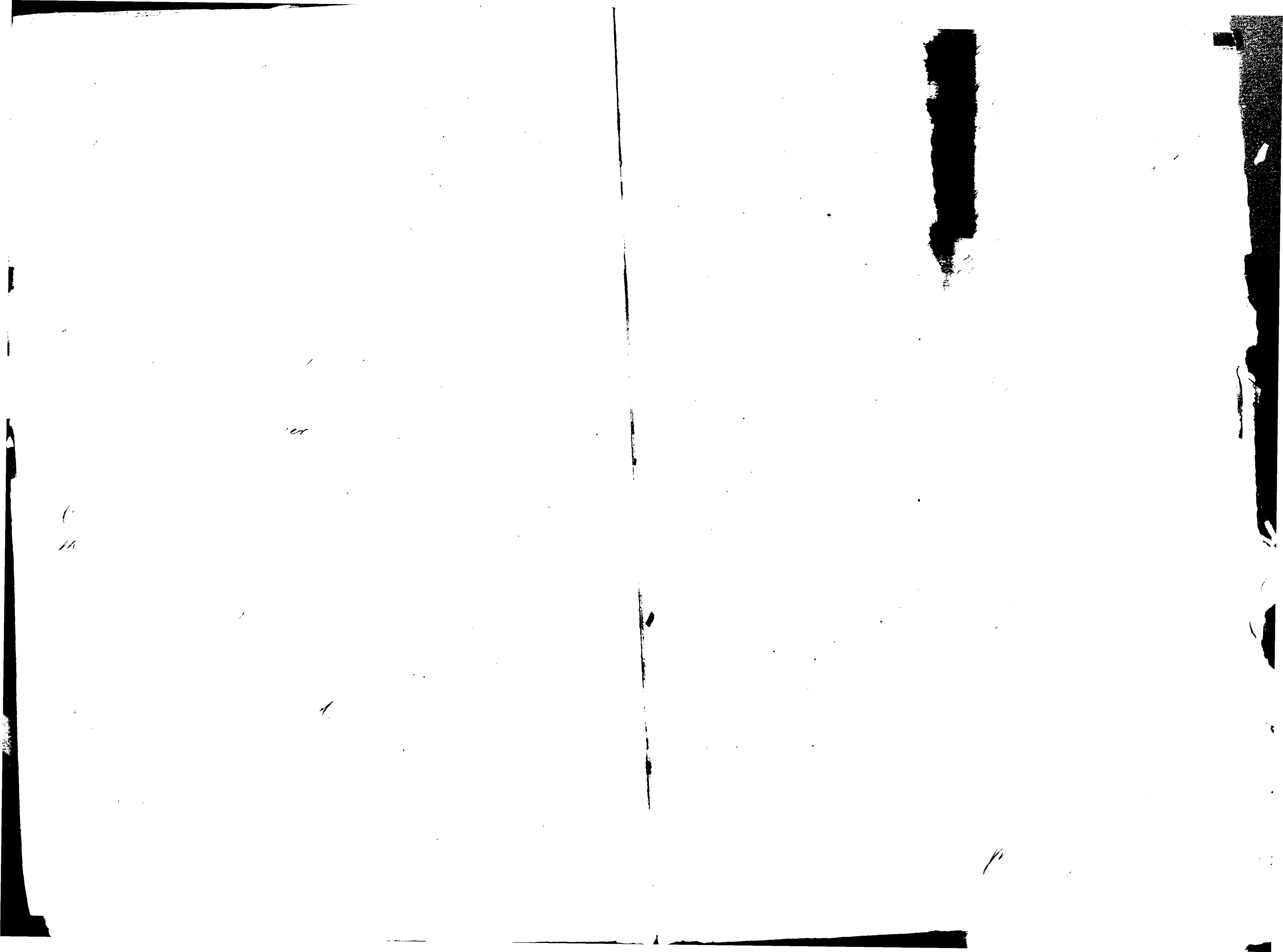
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Sir, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th inst. relative to the High Court of Madras.

I am directed to inform you that a copy of the Order of the 14th inst. No. 1002. and to request that you will be good enough to effect to the arrangements in consequence of its being necessary to direct the Sheriff to take possession of the property at Madras.

Fort St George
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