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No. 248. Read the following letter from Lieutenant Colonel W. J. WILSON, Commissioner of Police; to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 21st August 1863, No. 113.

With reference to the enclosed copies of correspondence regarding Palankeen allowance hitherto received by the Superintendent of the Penitentiary for his attendance at the Criminal Sessions, I have the honor to request you will be good enough to procure the sanction of Government for the continuance of the same.

Letter from Commissioner of Police to the Accountant General, dated 29th July 1863.
From the Accountant General, dated 29th July 1863.

2. It might be charged as the Accountant General suggests or included in the Budget of the High Court, the amount having heretofore been paid by the late Supreme Court.

From Lieutenant Colonel W. J. WILSON, Commissioner of Police; to R. W. LODWICK, Esq., Acting Accountant General, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 29th July 1863, No. 263 of 1863-64.

About three years ago, when the Grand Jail ceased to be used for Criminals, a ward in the Penitentiary was set aside for the reception of prisoners committed for trial at the Sessions, which ward was placed under the authority of the Sheriff.

2. At the same time a Palankeen allowance of Rupees 2-14 $\frac{13}{16}$, a month drawn for the Keeper of the Grand Jail in the abstracts of the Supreme Court was transferred to the Keeper of the Penitentiary, whose duty it then became to attend the Court during the Sessions, and he continued to receive this allowance until the recent amalgamation of the Courts when it was omitted on the ground that the Keeper of the Penitentiary could not be considered a Ministerial Officer of the Court.

3. I have ascertained from the Chief Justice that he considers the Keeper of the Penitentiary entitled to receive the remuneration as heretofore, and I have therefore the honor to request you will be good enough either to instruct the Registrar of the High Court to send in a Supplemental Budget for the amount, or that the charge may be transferred to my Department, whichever may seem most desirable.

* To be returned.

A letter* from the Registrar on the subject is forwarded herewith.

From A. MACDONALD RITCHIE, Esq., Registrar, High Court, Original side; to Mr. J. OWEN, Superintendent of the Penitentiary, dated 20th July 1863.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of this day's date requesting to know why your Palankeen allowance at the rate of Rupees 2-14 $\frac{13}{16}$ per mensem was stopped from the 1st June last, and in answer to state that I am not aware that the same has been stopped.

Your name as drawing the amount referred to was left out of the List of the Ministerial Officers of the High Court on its Original side submitted to Government for approval solely on the ground that you were not and could not be considered a Ministerial Officer of the Court.

Such omission however was not intended to imply that the allowance which has hitherto been paid you should be discontinued, but merely that you should draw the same through some other channel than that of the Registrar of the High Court.

From R. W. LODWICK, Esq., Acting Deputy Auditor and Accountant General to the Government of Madras; to the Commissioner of Police, dated Madras, the 29th July 1863, No. 1,486.

Budget and Finance Department.

Your letter No. 263, with accompaniment, herewith returned dated to-day.

It appears that you have entered a very large sum, Rupees 860, under the head of "Other Items" in your estimate. There would seem no objection to the charge you refer to being paid out of this.

(True Copies.)
(Signed) W. J. WILSON, Lieut. Colonel,
Commissioner of Police.

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No. 249. ORDER THEREON, 28th August 1863, No. 1,395.

The Governor in Council sanctions payment of the Palankeen allowance of the Superintendent of the Penitentiary, for his attendance at the Criminal Sessions, to be debited as suggested by the Deputy Auditor General.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

Ed. T. McMoodry.

No. 1395 of 28th August 1863.

The Governor in Council sanctions payment of the palankeen allowances of the Superintendent of the Penitentiary, for his attendance at the Criminal Sessions, to be debited as suggested in the entry in the budget of the Commissioner of Police, as suggested by the Deputy Auditor Genl.

The Commr. of Police.
" Chief Paymaster.
" Deputy Auditor Genl.