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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department, 27th May 1863.

No. 224. Read the following letter from W. ROBINSON, Esq., Inspector General of Madras Police; to A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Coonoor, 13th May 1863, No. 1,199.

General Department.

* In Captain Drever's, dated 4th May 1863, No. 250.

The Convicts of the Salem Jail have been removed from the Jail to a variety of unsecured premises, as shown in the accompanying letter.*

2. They cannot be guarded with the strength sanctioned, viz., at the rate of one Policeman to seven Convicts. The actual strength now employed is one to five.

3. I request the sanction of Government for the employment of this latter strength instead of the regularly sanctioned strength, during the present pressure.

From Captain W. S. DREVER, Deputy Inspector General of Police, Western Range, in charge of Salem; to W. ROBINSON, Esq., Inspector General of Madras Police, dated Salem, 4th May 1863, No. 250.

1. On assuming charge of this District, I find parties of Convicts broken up and working outside the Jail limits as per statement attached.

2. It will be observed that the total Convicts in Salem on the 3rd May was 590, which at 1 Policeman to 7 would give a sanctioned guard of 84 men.

3. Under present circumstances we have guards in the aggregate amounting to 122 or 39 in excess.

4. The Judge and Medical Officer are both desirous to keep these Convicts out of Jail for some weeks, fearing a recurrence of cholera if the Jail be again overcrowded; but as the number of Convicts is not likely to diminish, save by escapes, whilst outside, it seems to me, that the argument of an overcrowded Jail will be as good one year hence as now, and as the present emergent arrangements consequently have every appearance of becoming permanent, and we have no official sanction for them, I request orders on the subject.

Statement showing the places where Convicts are locked up and the strength of Police employed to guard over them.

Names of the places where Convicts are locked up.	Distance from the Jail in miles.	Number of Prisoners.	Head Constables.	Deputy Constables.	Constables.	Total.
In the Criminal Jail.....	.....	260	1	3	33	37
Womaloor Road.....	2	200	1	4	40	45
Foot of the Hills.....	3	80	1	2	21	24
Travellers Bungalow.....	4	50	...	1	15	16
Total.....	.....	590	3	10	109	122

(Signed) W. S. DREVER, Captain,
Deputy Inspector General of Salem, Western Range, for Superintendent.

No. 225. ORDER THEREON, 27th May 1863, No. 812.
Sanction granted accordingly.
(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. T. McMootry.

Order 27th May 1863 No 812.

Sanction granted accordingly.

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To Inspector General of Police
or Inspector General of Gaols } 11 August 29