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Read the following papers :—

No. 3. From J. ROHDE, Esq., Inspector General of Jails; to A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq., Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated Ootacamund, 12th September 1863, No. 266.

* Dated 7th September 1863, No. 143, in original.

I have the honor to forward Mr. Nesbitt's reply* to the strictures recorded in the Proceedings of Government 24th August, No. 1370.

2. Mr. Nesbitt's fault was in not bringing to my notice a letter of Dr. Stewart's, informing him that he did not intend to visit the Jail. He, however, has an excuse for this, for I learn that this arrangement, by which Dr. Stewart's duties were delegated to an Apothecary, had the verbal sanction of the Inspector General of Hospitals, so far that his words, as made use of before the Jail entrance, may be construed as sanctioning to some extent Dr. Stewart's delegation of his duties to an Apothecary.

3. On visiting the Jail I find that this Apothecary, Mr. Riely, greatly exceeded his authority, and that his conduct even since my return shows him to be altogether unfit to be admitted to converse with the prisoners.

4. In regard to the other facts noticed by Dr. Shaw, I have ascertained that they are as stated by Mr. Nesbitt.

5. The want of material for employing prisoners I have endeavoured to rectify. Mr. Nesbitt depended on a supply of cayar from Calicut, in which he has been disappointed, and the result of the shoe-making, as far as it was known to me, did not encourage me to accede to his request to get leather from England.

6. The cess-pool I did not, and never have found offensive. Dr. Shaw is mistaken in supposing that the cess-pools are multiplied. There is a cask in the ground, when this is full it is emptied, the contents mixed with ashes, &c., and used as manure in the Potatoe field.

From W. S. NESBITT, Esq., Sub-Judge in charge of European Jail, Ootacamund; to J. ROHDE, Esq., Inspector General of Jails, dated Ootacamund, 7th September 1863, No. 143.

With reference to the Order of Government, dated 24th August 1863, No. 1370, Judicial Department, directing me to submit through you any explanation I may have to offer in regard to my alleged omission to issue any orders regarding the closing of the cells of the prisoners in the European Jail at a proper hour, and of my having neglected to bring to notice the lax attendance of the Medical officer in charge of the Jail, I have the honor to report as follows.

2. On the 19th June 1862, I received copy of an Order of Government, dated 14th June 1862, No. 921, Judicial Department, sanctioning the appointment of a 1st Dresser to the European prison under my charge. Dr. Forbes, late Inspector General of Hospitals, was here in November last, and I believe that on the Medical officer of the Jail representing to him that his other duties in the station were too heavy to allow of his giving that daily attendance at the Jail required by its rules, Dr. Forbes said that a competent Apothecary had been applied for, and would be granted, specially for the Jail, to give him the assistance and relief which he required. On the 29th January last, I received accordingly a letter from the Medical officer, informing me that an Apothecary (not merely a Dresser) had agreeably to an extract of orders from the Principal Inspector General, Medical Department, joined the Jail; that he himself had a great deal of professional work to perform; that he had considered it advisable to instruct the Apothecary to attend the European and Native Jails every morning, reporting to him when any serious case occurred; and that under any circumstances he should himself visit the Jail at least once a week which he hoped would be considered sufficient. To this, therefore, I made no objection, not deeming it, from the very fact of this assistance having been granted, necessary to do so, especially as there was not any imminently dangerous case of illness which required his daily attendance.

3. With regard to the cells, I have to state that as soon as I became aware of the cells of prisoners on the sick list (for none others were ever allowed to be opened) being required to be

opened to what appeared an improper degree, I addressed the Medical officer on the subject, and at the same time I gave a verbal, though not a written, order that *only* those *four* (4) cells, which, owing to there being no Hospital belonging to the Jail, had been specially set apart as *sick wards* for the *most* sick prisoners, should be allowed to be open in case of emergency, and if required by the Medical officer, and it is only to these that Dr. Shaw alludes, though why he has thought necessary to do so I am not aware. Even these were permitted to be open only till 9 o'clock; and this was merely allowed because it was considered too long for the cells to be shut for 12 hours, *i. e.*, from 6 instead of 9 p. m., till 6 o'clock the next morning, relatively to the diseases from which the inmates were suffering, as also to have their Medical requirements attended to. After the receipt of Dr. Stewart's answer I did not give any further order about the cells, because the necessity for such was not made known to me.

4. For your own information I deem it necessary to make some remarks regarding Dr. Shaw's observation on the conservancy of the Jail. Dr. Shaw states the conservancy of the European Jail is objectionable, and that the ordure in this place, that is, the cess-pool, is very offensive. To this I have to remark that the cess-pool is *buried under-ground*, and that from it there never has, nor can, come any odour. What Dr. Shaw, I understand, perceived to be offensive was a small necessary which had been only *temporarily* erected at the rear of the Jail for the use of the Native convicts who were then employed there. This has nothing to do with the European Jail. With regard to the offensive shola spoken of, this was *private* property not belonging to the Jail, but has subsequently been cut down.

5. I am required to visit the Jail only once a week, but have been there frequently twice, or even three times a week, besides which I receive a daily written report from the Jailer of whatever occurs there even of the most trivial matters. I trust therefore Government will not longer think it necessary to consider that my supervision has been defective, and will be able to relieve me from the censure which it felt obliged to pass on the Medical Report, especially when it is considered that this is the first European Jail in the Mofussil which has been put in charge of any officer.

No. 4. From J. ROHDE, Esq., Inspector General of Jails; to A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq., Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated Ootacamund, 21st September 1863, No. 289.

I have the honor to acknowledge the Order of Government 15th September, No. 1478, relative to the state of the European Jail at this station as reported by Dr. Shaw.

2. The points to which my attention is directed are the efficiency of the Jailer, the state of the Jail previous to my last departure from this in December last, and the measures for correcting the faults alluded to.

3. On the first point I can only say that I question whether another person, of his station, will be met with, who, on trial, will perform his duties as well, all things considered, as Mr. Warburton; at all events I know of none. 2ndly, that the state of the Jail at a casual visit I paid after my return from the Western Coast in December last called for my interference; that I had then found that the Jailer was in a very difficult position, owing to the orders of the Surgeon in regard to the sick; that I then directed the door of the cell to be closed on every prisoner reported sick and unfit for labor, unless his state was such that constant attendance on him was necessary; but that otherwise, I had, as far as I recollect, no particular fault to find. 3rdly, that the circumstances mentioned by Dr. Shaw were remedied previous to my return by the very course I had insisted on, and which had respect to the cells set apart during my absence as hospital cells, and to these, I believe, only his remark applied at the time of Dr. Shaw's visit.

4. In regard to materials for employing the convicts, I have instructed Mr. Nesbitt as to its supply, and he has taken the necessary steps to procure it.

5. Dr. Shaw was mistaken in regard to the cess-pool, &c.

6. That officer's remarks on the viands reflect credit on the cook, and discredit on the Medical officer: the latter has been changed; the Medical Officer is now required to certify his daily visits in the book.

7. His remark on the sick list had as far as regards the non-medical question, been anticipated by me in December.

8. The introduction of an Apothecary to the Jail at all was in opposition to my desire. I have now directed the Jailer to receive no orders whatever from him. I have already shown how this man became invested with the position he abused.

Letter to you 7th June 1862.

9. I regret that Dr. Shaw should have gone out of his way to censure one who, whatever his deficiencies may be, owing to his infirmities, has, to my certain knowledge, done his duty, as far as it lay in his power, with great pains-taking and most conscientiously. Both as Sessions Judge of Guntoor and as Inspector of Prisons, I can affirm that there has been, in this officer, a single and steady desire to do right; that he did not check the Medical officer and report his disregard of the rule I admit, but this does not in any way excuse Mr. Stewart; and Mr. Nesbitt has, I believe, the excuse for what he permitted in that, unless Dr. Shaw's predecessor was misunderstood, the arrangement found fault with had, in degree, that officer's sanction.

10. Much of the inconvenience of these references might have been avoided had the rules laid down by the Government been adhered to, and the Government might have avoided acting on mistaken information if those rules had still been followed.

E. M. C. 12th April 1855, p. 2.
Letter from Mr. Secretary Pycroft, 26th April 1855, p. 7.
E. M. C. 17th July 1855, No. 501.

11. A separate sink will be provided for the discharge of the slop pails.

12. The shola near the Jail has been cut down, it is private property. If the Government could rent or buy the ground from Mr. Cunliff's executors, the nuisance, such as it is, might be abated and would, unless proper conservancy arrangements are sanctioned, be transferred to some other locality.

13. The Warders' houses will be dry enough when time to dry is given.

No. 5. From R. COLE, Esq., Principal Inspector General, Medical Department, Fort Saint George; to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Judicial Department, Fort Saint George, dated 24th November 1863, No. 263.

At the earnest and reiterated request of Surgeon Stewart, late Medical Officer, Neilgherries, and in Medical charge of the Ootacamund Jail, I have the honor to forward, for submission to His Excellency the Governor in Council, two letters* from that officer, exculpatory, Mr. Stewart considers, of the charges brought

* Dated 7th October and 14th November 1863.

against him by the Inspector General of Hospitals for neglecting his duty at the said Jail, in not personally visiting it sufficiently often.

2. Mr. Stewart admits the charge, in fact, but denies the justice of the imputed blame; alleging other professional demands upon his time, and the concurrence of the Civil officer in charge of the Jail with his not performing this part of his duty.

3. It is perfectly certain that a due economy of his time would have allowed this officer to perform the duty which he does not deny appertained to him, and the concurrence of the officer in charge of the Jail could not absolve him from the performance of a duty expressly laid upon him by the rules of his own Department.

From Assistant Surgeon L. W. STEWART, 13th Regiment M. N. I.; to the Deputy Inspector General of Hospitals, Southern Division, dated Trichinopoly, 7th October 1863.

In continuation of my letter, dated 19th ultimo, and with reference to copy of extracts from report on the European Jail at Ootacamund by Acting Inspector General of Hospitals J. Shaw, dated July 1863, No. 19, and Government Order thereon, dated 24th August 1863, No. 1370, I have the honor to submit the following explanation and remarks on the above extracts for the consideration of His Excellency the Governor in Council, and the Principal Inspector General, Medical Department.

2. At the time the Acting Inspector General of Hospitals made his inspection of the European Jail, there were ten (10) men on the sick report. They all complained to the Assistant Apothecary of feeling ill, and were under treatment. I agreed with Mr. Shaw that most of them did not appear to have much the matter with them, but I believe that the face does not always present a true indication of what a man really suffers, and it would, in my opinion, be wrong to deny relief in every case to a person who complained of indisposition, because he was apparently well. I acknowledge I had not visited the Jail for two days previous to the above occurrence, as I was not informed there was any case demanding my attendance. I had written on more than one occasion to the Assistant Apothecary to be very careful in admitting the European prisoners on the sick report, but I know from experience it is often difficult to evade an European soldier who wishes to report sick, and it is frequently not easy to discriminate the true nature of a man's alleged symptoms at first.

3. Subsequent to the arrival of Assistant Apothecary Riely at Ootacamund, I did not visit the European Jail so regularly as I did previously, because I had many patients at a distance who required to be seen early in the morning, and on those occasions when I attended the Jail and Civil Dispensary I was unable to make my professional rounds until past 12 o'clock in the day.

4. From 11 to 12, I set aside to receive patients at my own house, and to reply to official correspondence and keep up my Medical cases. I considered that the Assistant Apothecary was fully able to assist me in my official duty, for which purpose he was sent to Ootacamund.

5. I addressed the officer in charge of the Jail (vide No. 1 in the Appendix), to the effect that as I had a great deal of professional duty to perform I had directed the Assistant Apothecary to attend the Jail daily, and that I should under any circumstances visit it at least once a week, which implied I would do so oftener if necessary. To this the officer in charge concurred.

6. At the time the Acting Inspector General visited the Jail the prisoners were going to dinner, and it was not for me to see if they were loitering about or not. Those men who were able worked during the regulated prison hours, and those who were considered unable to perform any kind of labor, were supposed to keep to their cells, except during the hours of exercise morning and evening.

7. Prisoner Vickery, though possibly at that time on the sick report for tape-worm, had only recently become convalescent from acute inflammation of, I believe, the pleura, and I perfectly remember that for many days he kept his bed, and was medically treated for acute inflammatory disease. I am sorry therefore to differ in opinion with the Inspector General of Hospitals in considering "that work would do him no harm."

8. The error regarding the 10 ounces of meat in "half diet" arose thus, and I beg to express my great regret at not having before detected the mistake.

9. When the medical arrangements were first made, I drafted a scale of diet for the sick prisoners according to the Diet Table in the Medical Code, page 13, Section II. I chose "half" and "spoon diet" as the two applicable to the sick, without, I am sorry to say, first making myself acquainted with the quantity given in the ordinary rations of the Jail.

10. I find in my copy of the Medical Code, in the daily allowance of bread in "half diet" that "10 daily" has been written in pencil, and a pencil line has been run across the *eight ounces* of mutton or beef. I have no recollection of having made this alteration, and I feel sure it was not done by myself, nor was I aware of it until Mr. Shaw inquired into the matter. The Diet Roll for the sick, which was then suspended on the wall inside the lower corridor, had not my signature attached to it, but it was supposed to be a copy of what I had made out. I asked the keeper of the Jail what had become of the original Diet Roll I had made out, and he replied it had been thrown away.

11. I am quite of opinion that 24 ounces of meat weekly is not sufficient for a healthy man who is obliged to work from 9 to 1 and from 2 to 5. I was obliged soon after the men arrived at Ootacamund to recommend an increase to the diet, as I observed many of them became reduced in flesh and strength; and although 70 ounces weekly may seem comparatively a large quantity in half

diet, the Medical Code allows a sick man on full diet 84 ounces of meat *weekly*. Regarding the extras ordered to prisoner J. W. Burke, I have only to say they were not sanctioned by me.

12. In a letter appended, No. 2, I directed the Assistant Apothecary not to order any "extras" without reference to me. Prisoner Burke had been undoubtedly ill with incontinence of urine, stricture, phlegmon or boil, hydrocele, and acute inflammation of liver, and during the time that he was being treated for these diseases he was placed on spoon diet with one pint of extra tea. The extras alluded to by the Inspector General had only been recently given to the man by the Assistant Apothecary, but which should not have been issued without my signature.

13. With all deference to the Acting Inspector General of Hospitals, I do not think that his inference as to this man's being a "finished schemer" during the period I was treating him for the above-mentioned illnesses is exactly fair to me.

14. I have done my duty conscientiously, and if I have been imposed upon by the European prisoners, I do not think it should diminish ought from my reputation as a Medical officer, and I deeply regret that it should illicit the disapprobation of the Government, and the head of the Medical Department. I have only to add that I had all the public duty at Ootacamund to perform from 20th January 1861 until the 20th July 1863, besides visiting patients, most of whom were public, inasmuch as they demanded my services gratuitously, and living at great distances from each other; and although I represented to the Medical authorities the public duty, such as attending to the Jail, Dispensary, and Lawrence Asylum, besides other duty was more than one Medical officer could perform with credit to himself and advantage to those placed under his care, I continued in the discharge of those duties to the best of my ability, until relieved by Dr. Miller on the 20th July 1863.

15. The Medical duties on the hills have greatly increased during the last two years. I may instance the European Jail, the male and female Lawrence Asylum, the inmates of which latter have been greatly augmented in number, and before the arrival of the present Assistant Apothecary, I attended solely the female branch, and very frequently the male branch of the Institution without remuneration up to 1st July 1862, after which date I received 35 Rupees monthly for my Medical attendance to this Institution.

16. Previous to my assuming the Medical charge of the Native Jail, my predecessor drew head money for the prisoner. I performed the same duties up to the time of my being relieved on the 20th July 1863 without remuneration.

17. With reference to paragraph 11 of the Acting Inspector General's report, I have only to remark that what is there stated was the rule in force up to the time that Mr. Shaw visited the Jail. Most of the men who were inspected by the Acting Inspector General that day had been at work, and were promenading the corridor previous to dinner being served to them.

18. Referring to paragraph 12, the order alluded to had been cancelled a month previously, and therefore it did not exist at the time of the Inspector General's visit.

19. I explained to the Inspector General of Hospitals that the peppermint water which was prescribed by the Apothecary was not so much to warm the prisoners, as to relieve symptoms of colic or heart-burn which many of the prisoners complained of after eating heavy indigestible dough called pudding, and I confess I could see no objection to such a simple remedy.

20. I have already, I hope, satisfactorily explained that having so much other professional duty to attend to, I could not easily have attended the Jail every day.

21. The Assistant Apothecary, who has been upwards of ten years in the service, and has been highly spoken of by Dr. Forbes and other Medical Officers, was considered capable of acting in my absence in the ordinary cases of indisposition. I trust it will be borne in mind that there is no other station in the Madras Presidency similar in respect to numbers as in Ootacamund, and with such a small Medical Staff.

22. Besides the European prisoners, I was called upon to attend the Warders of the Jail, of whom there were five, and with only one exception were married and had families. Scarcely a day passed that I was not summoned to attend the keeper or a member of his family, which latter numbered 11 or 12.

23. I earnestly hope that, in consideration of the several points mentioned in explanation of the subject, the Government will be pleased to exonerate me from having shown "gross neglect" in the performance of my duty as Medical Officer in charge of the European Jail.

24. I may remark, in conclusion, that the Inspector General of Jails in his letter to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 4th June 1863, No. 40, does not wholly ignore the arduous duties which the Medical Officers on the hills have to perform, and for which they are by no means largely remunerated.

APPENDIX No. 1.

From L. W. STEWART, Esq., Assistant Surgeon; to W. S. NESBITT, Esq., in charge of European Jail, dated Ootacamund, the 29th January 1863, No. 2.

I have the honor to inform you that Mr. Riely, Assistant Apothecary, has joined the Jail to do duty agreeably to an extract of orders from the Principal Inspector General, Medical Department, and as I have a great deal of professional work to perform, I have considered it advisable to instruct Mr. Riely to attend the Native and European Jails every morning, and to inform me when any serious case occurs amongst the prisoners.

2. I have also desired Mr. Riely to confine his orders regarding diet according to the scale now in use in the Jails, and when he considers extras necessary, such as wine, jellies, to inform me of the circumstances. I shall visit the Jails under any circumstances at least once a week, which I hope will be considered sufficient.

3. As many of the European prisoners complain of the coffee not agreeing with them in consequence, I believe, of it being too new, I beg to suggest that coffee should be given to them in the morning and tea in the evening. This, I consider, be agreeable to all the prisoners and obviate the necessity of changing the diet.

From W. S. NESBITT, Esq., Sub-Judge in charge of European Jail; to L. W. STEWART, Esq., Senior Medical Officer, Ootacamund, dated 27th May 1863, No. 78.

I deem it necessary to bring to your notice the objectionable extent to which the cell doors of prisoners on the sick list have been allowed to be open after 6 p. m. on the requisition of the Apothecary, Mr. Riely. This is directly contrary to the Jail rules, and for reasons which will obviously suggest themselves, attended with danger to the safe custody of the prisoners. I shall be obliged therefore by your letting me know to what extent you authorize Mr. Riely giving any orders either as to the keeping of cells open or shut at variance with the Jail rules. The cells are provided with windows which can be opened or shut by a prisoner at any time he likes, and when the trap doors are also open a strong current of air passes through the cells, allowing, I should imagine, abundant ventilation, and I think that except in cases of imminent danger, as when a man's life might be otherwise risked, the cells should be kept closed.

From L. W. STEWART, Esq., Assistant Surgeon; to W. S. NESBITT, Esq., Sub-Judge, Ootacamund, dated 29th May 1863, No. 14.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 78, dated 27th instant, and in reply beg to inform you that I have instructed Mr. Riely to inform me when he considers the cell door of any particular prisoner should be kept open beyond the regulated prison time. Only in cases of severe illness of any prisoner, when the man requires constant attendance, will I deem it necessary to direct the door to be kept open. Mr. Riely has also been directed not to order any extra article of diet except on urgent grounds, and referring to me in the first instance.

(True Copies.)

(Signed) L. W. STEWART,
Assistant Surgeon, 13th Regt. N. I.

From W. R. CORNISH, Esq., Secretary to the Inspector General, Medical Department, Fort Saint George; to the Deputy Inspector General of Hospitals, Southern Division, dated Fort Saint George, 23rd October 1863, No. 2899.

Referring to letter, as per margin, from Surgeon L. W. Stewart, I am desired by the Principal Inspector General to observe that there is no satisfactory refutation of the charge of neglect of the European Jail alluded to in Government Order 24th August, No. 1370.

Dated Trichinopoly, 7th October 1863.

2. In the explanation now submitted, Mr. Stewart admits that he delegated his own proper duties to the Apothecary. This is the chief complaint made against Mr. Stewart.

3. The Principal Inspector General has no objection to forward Mr. Stewart's letter to Government if he desires it, but in doing so, he will have to point out to Government that the "explanation" is, in point of fact, only an admission of the correctness of the Inspector General's report.

4. If Mr. Stewart delegates a duty to a subordinate and the subordinate fails to do the work, the Government has no other course but to hold Mr. Stewart responsible.

5. The Principal Inspector General has no doubt that the present investigation will tend to impress upon Mr. Stewart the necessity, in future, of a strict attention to all public duties, and he hopes to see from your next inspection report on the 13th N. I. that such is the case.

(True Copy.)

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

From Surgeon L. W. STEWART, d. d., 13th Regiment N. I.; to the Deputy Inspector General of Hospitals, Southern Division, Trichinopoly, dated 14th November 1863.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of letter, No. 2899, dated 23rd ultimo, from the Secretary to the Principal Inspector General, Medical Department, forwarded with your Memorandum,* number and date as per margin, for my information, and beg to state the delay, which has arisen in my not doing so at an earlier date,

* 735, 26th October 1863.

has been occasioned by duty, having been at the time, and since its receipt performing the duties of both your office and Dr. Kennedy, absent on duty and leave respectively, besides those of the 13th Regiment N. I.

2. In reference to paragraph 2, I would respectfully observe that from the numerous patients I had under my charge at Ootacamund, I was necessitated to order the Assistant Apothecary to attend to the European Jail, but I did not do so before reporting my intention to the Civil officer in charge of that establishment and obtaining his consent to what I proposed doing; and having had his sanction to this measure, I would submit that this, which is designated the chief complaint against me, should in justice to myself be viewed in a different light.

3. In expressing a wish to have my former letter, dated 7th October 1863, submitted to Government, I have only to request that it may be complied with, as I feel individually that the censure conveyed by the Principal Inspector General's report should be removed, and that it is a duty I owe to myself, in my professional capacity, to do everything which I believe may conduce to the alteration of the opinion expressed by Government.

4. With reference to paragraph 4, I can but admit the principle as pointed out by the Principal Inspector General, and can only regret that, circumstanced as I was, my subordinate should have failed in satisfactorily carrying out the duties in my absence.

5. In conclusion, and in reference to paragraph 5, I beg to assure the Principal Inspector General that to every duty my best attention shall be given, and that I look forward with confidence to such a report being made by you as will, in every respect, be satisfactory to yourself on the next inspection of the 13th Regiment N. I., of which I am in Medical charge. I have only to request that this letter with my former one may be submitted to Government.

No. 6.

ORDER THEREON, 1st April 1864, No. 441.

The foregoing papers have reference to the remarks made by the Inspector General of Hospitals on his last inspection of the European Jail at Ootacamund. They do not in any way alter the opinion formed by the Government on perusal of Mr. Shaw's report that the Jail in question had been grossly neglected by Assistant Surgeon Stewart, the Medical officer in charge of it, and that the supervision of the late Subordinate Judge had been defective. But as neither of these officers is any longer in charge of the Jail, it is not necessary to pursue the subject further:

2. The Governor in Council, however, thinks it desirable that the rules for the management of this Jail, which were sanctioned under date the 23rd November 1861, should be carefully revised by the Inspector General of Jails, in communication with the officer now in charge of the Jail, and, as regards those which relate to diet and to the duties of the Medical officer, with the Principal Inspector General of the Medical Department. The rules should be drafted on a more systematic plan, the subjects to which they relate being arranged in somewhat the following order:—

Officer in charge of the Jail.

His duties.

Duties of keeper of the Jail.

Do. Warders.

Do. Chaplains.

Do. Medical Officer in charge.

Do. Apothecary.

Rules to be observed on the admission of prisoners.

Regulations as to the internal economy of the Jail, including the working of prisoners, diet, clothing, &c.

Punishments.

Conservancy and sanitary arrangements of the Jail.

Regulations as to visitors and correspondence.

Miscellaneous Rules.

3. It is of great importance, in a sanitary point of view, that the works on which the prisoners are employed during working hours should be of such a nature as may induce action of the skin. In August last sanction was given for the immediate erection of four worksheds, which, it is presumed, have been completed. Mr. Rohde will report whether the workshops are in use, and on what description of work the prisoners are now employed, and whether a proper amount of work is daily exacted from them.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Inspector General of Jails.

„ Principal Inspector General, Medical Department.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

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Employed during working
hours should be of such
a nature as may induce
excretion of the skin. In
August last sanction was
given for the immediate
erection of four workshops,
which, it is presumed,
have been completed. Mr.
Rohde will report whether
the workshops are in use,
and on what description
of work the prisoners are
now employed, and whether
a proper amount of work
is daily exacted from them.

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