

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Post DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. <i>1581</i>	Pres Mis. =
<i>52-53</i>	
Dated <i>7-11-19</i>	<i>1865</i>

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7th November 1865.*

No. 52. Read the following letter from the Secretary to the Government of India, to the Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Simla, 1st September 1865, No. 1553.

Home Department.

The Secretary of State, in a Despatch of last year, fixing the salary of the Inspector General of Prisons at Bombay at Rspees 1200 a month, exclusive of travelling allowance, took occasion to observe as follows:—"In making the communication, I desire to call your attention to

Salary of Office of Inspector General of Prisons		
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Bombay—Travelling Allowance	100	0
Bombay—Total	1300	0
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the great difference that exists (as shown in the margin) in the rates of salary assigned to the Office of Inspector General of Prisons under the several Local Governments, and to

suggest, for your consideration, whether it may not be advisable to fix the pay to be drawn by all future incumbents of this situation, under whatever Government they may be employed, at the same rate as that allowed in this Despatch to the Inspector General of Prisons at Bombay."

2. With reference to this suggestion, I am directed to request an early expression of the opinion of the Madras Government as to the practicability of reducing, on the occurrence of the next vacancy, the salary of the Inspector General of Prisons in Madras to Rspees 1200 a month, or, if the Governor in Council should consider so large a reduction to be inexpedient, to what extent he is of opinion that reduction may be carried.

No. 53. To the Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, dated Fort Saint George, 7th November 1865, No. 1581.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1st September last, requesting the opinion of the Madras Government as to the practicability of reducing the salary of the Inspector General of Jails in this Presidency to Rspees 1200 a month, or, if so large a reduction be deemed inexpedient, to what extent the reduction might be carried.

2. In reply, I am directed to state that the Governor in Council considers the proposed salary of Rspees 1200 per mensem to be altogether inadequate as a remuneration for the duties and responsibilities of the office of Inspector General of Jails in this Presidency, and that he would strongly deprecate any reduction below the amount fixed by the late Court of Directors, in their Despatch of the 11th August 1858, viz., Rspees 22,000 per annum, or Rspees 1833-5-4 per mensem. The office is one which involves a considerable amount of travelling, and which requires, for the efficient discharge of its duties, an Officer of energy and judgment, and of some standing in the public service. The appointment of a very young Officer, or of one whose position was but little above that of the Superintendents of the Jails under his supervision, would, in the opinion of His Excellency in Council, be very injudicious.

3. I am to add that, previous to the receipt of your letter now under acknowledgment, Lieutenant Colonel Wilson, the Commissioner of Police at Madras, &

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very efficient and experienced Officer, and who for several years has had the charge of the Madras Jail, in his capacity of Commissioner of Police, was selected to succeed Mr. Rohde, and was appointed to act for him during his absence on privilege leave for three months. Colonel Wilson, at the time of his appointment, was informed that, on Mr. Rohde's retirement, the salary would be reduced to Rs. 22,000 per annum. During his tenure of the acting appointment, Colonel Wilson performed his duties, which were more than usually onerous—the arrangements for the establishment of Central Jails and for the improvement of the existing District Jails being under consideration—to the entire satisfaction of the Government, and the Governor in Council would greatly regret any further alteration in the salary which would preclude him from availing himself of Colonel Wilson's services.

4. The Governor in Council therefore trusts that the reduced scale of salary sanctioned in 1858 will be allowed to stand.

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

Est. J. H. Burns.

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The Secretary to the Government
of India.

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considers the proposed salary of Rs 1200 per mensem to be altogether inadequate as a remuneration for the duties and responsibilities of the office of Inspector General of Jails, and that he most strongly deprecates any reduction below the amount fixed by the late Court of Directors, in their Despatch of the 11th August 1850, viz, Rs 22000 per annum or Rs 1833. 5-4 per mensem.

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Sub. St. George
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