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Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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2nd February 1865.

No. 49. Read the following letter from J. ROHDE, Esq., Inspector General of Jails, to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary, Government, Fort Saint George; dated Ootacamund, 5th December 1864, No. 385.

The gang at the Lawrence Asylum works having now been established, under the orders of Government, for a year, I think it my duty to report on its working, and on the measures I propose for freeing the that will otherwise attach to its continuance.

2. The arrangement Government is aware, originated in the crowded and unhealthy state of several of our Jails, or, as I should with more accuracy say, the crowded state of all, and extreme of several, of our Jails; this must be borne in mind, as the same cause would the transfer has tended to much of the unsatisfactory condition of the

3. It is not necessary for me to recount the special object in view in the transfer of this gang; it was fully justified by the necessity of relieving over-crowded Jails, the want of labor on any terms the important national work, and the remarkable freedom which had characterized all previous transfers of prisoners to

4. The result of the present transfer has been far otherwise, but I do not consider it such as to condemn the measure.

5. The annexed table shows the several transfers to this gang, the numbers transferred on each occasion, the arrival, the mortality to the month in each gang, the number the number transferred for or from ill-health, transferred on Medical certificates, and the number remaining.

Explanation of statement.

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13 of 74 transferred from Tinne-
November last from Calicut, 10 in
100 in March from Malore, 18 in 103 sent in the same month from
and 16 in 74 sent from Cuddapah in May, have died.

8. The large number of transfers, 55 in 124, may no doubt have tended to reduce the death rate in the Salem gang; unfortunately the unhealthiness and crowded state of the Coimbatore Jail, Transfers to Coimbatore of sick stopped.

From January last, has precluded transfers to the extent which might otherwise have been expedient, no other Jail that was healthy having accommodation.

Average daily strength.

9. The average number of prisoners in the gang during the several months of the year had

{ In November 1863, 93.	{ In May 1864, 388.
{ „ December „ 144.	{ „ June „ 384.
{ „ January 1864 195.	{ „ July „ 366.
{ „ February „ 206.	{ „ August „ 436.
{ „ March „ 311.	{ „ September 449.
{ „ April „ 382.	{ „ October 532.

10. The brackets shew these months connected in quarters.

11. In the first quarter there were 105 admissions into hospital, of which 81 were "discharged," 5 "deaths," and 8 "transfers," leaving 14 "retained."

12. In the second quarter, the average number having more than doubled in the gang, there were 110 "admissions," and 14 "remaining" from the first quarter; of these, 94 were "discharged."

13. In the third quarter, the "admissions" were 105, "deaths" 19, "transfers" 19, and "remainings" 19. The arrival of the Cuddapah gang early in this quarter will be noted.

14. The fourth quarter shews a mortality from dysentery, 22 of the deaths being from Diarrhoea, and 14 from ulcers and sores, 4 from Dysentery, and 2 from Ana-sarca and Atrophy. The admissions during this quarter were 100, 100, 100, and 100, which-85 were discharged, 6 cases were transferred to the other hospital, and 15 have since died.

Present prospects.

* I have after visiting the Jail again with Dr. Miller directed the transfer of 115.

15. At this present time the gang remains decidedly unhealthy; at least 100* men ought to be sent away.

16. There has been improper selection of personnel in several cases, in the selection of personnel sent out to these hills, even after the fact. This has already called the attention of the public to the fact that the personnel sent out to these hills are not properly selected.

of making a proper selection. In the case of the Madur who must have been 70 years of age were selected by though he was particularly enjoined to pass none who were not and able-bodied. Dr. Rule's conduct has been reported to the Head of the Department. I am not yet in a position to state to whom the blame is specifiable in other cases.

17. It now appears that, assuming the totals of the monthly returns of average daily numbers in Jail, the average number for the year is little over 320. numbers having gradually increased, as buildings were provided, from 95 in November 1863, to 532 in October 1864, the total number received being 852. Of these numbers 79 have died, and 113 have already been transferred as sick, or unfit for work from debility and other causes; 109 have been on the expiration and of the 551 remaining (I purposely omit the deaths during the present month) will be sent away.

18. Captain Hankin proposes to me to replace these 150 by an equal number of able-bodied convicts; I consider, however, that the Jail is so decidedly tainted, that it will be necessary to take every measure to remove this taint, and guard against

10. The arrival of the Cuddapah gang, in May last, as having materially affected the health of the gangs; it was subsequent to its arrival that the scurvy broke out. I was assured

that scurvy was not infectious, and perhaps was induced to neglect precautions against it (though had it been otherwise, I hardly know that any thing could have been done). Though scurvy may not be infectious, I am now satisfied that any disease of the kind prevailing in a Jail, has a tendency to induce a taint, and from that taint the gang to be now suffering. The sores had not proved

On 15th July, the case having been admitted on the 14th May; the patient had thus, during the whole period of his confinement in hospital, with the exception of two days, been associated with cases of scurvy. Fourteen* deaths from sores occurred in the last three months under

w, though in 32 cases in the three months
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309 prisoners. It is
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was not much greater in the following
quarter, 12 to 149; but in the last quarter,
they amounted to 52 on 175 admissions.
One-third of the cases terminated fatally, as did two-fifths of the cases of sores.

Cause,

Unhealthiness of Coimbatore prisoners previous to transfer.

Manovelly gang attacked with cholera.

Is the mortality caused by Jail, or Hospital ?

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Increased mortality not due to increased crowding.

Rewards

Financial results.

The accompanying Statement* shews the cost as compared with that of other Jails. I am, however, of opinion that this cost may be materially reduced hereafter.

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... contributed much to the spread of disease.

38. I think that the gang should in future be limited to what the buildings will accommodate at 360 cubic feet or more for each man, and I shall be disposed to sub-divide the wards more minutely by lattices, placing a Maistry and 12 men in each compartment, as a means of more effectually controlling the prisoners in the wards.

39. The use of tobacco issued as a reward should be limited to smoking, and instead of other articles than this and beetle, I would restrict the issue to curry-stuffs, ghee, and butter-milk. These measures will I have no doubt tend to a more satisfactory state of things.

40. I desired Captain Hankin to transfer the Calicut prisoners, who require to be removed direct, as I do not think it desirable to send these to Vellore; steps will be taken to remove the rest as soon as possible.

A. A List of men received into the Jail at Lawrence Asylum Works, and died, &c., &c., &c.

No. of Convicts.	Whence received.	Date of arrival.	Total died before and after transfer.	No. released on expiration of sentence.	No. transferred sick and not dead.	No. transferred for other than Medical reasons.	No. now in Jail.	Remarks.
124	Salem...	7th Nov. 1863...	5					
40	Calicut.....	8th do.	2	36	11	41	28	
74	Tinnevely....	30th Dec. 1863...		2	11	1*	12	* Escaped.
27	Ootacamund...	27th Jany. 1864...				1	32	
100	Cuddalore. ...	4th March 1864					16	
103	Coimbatore....	25th do.					75	
74	Cuddapah ..	16th May 1864						
60	Ootacamund...	28th July 1864						
50	Calicut.....	29th do.						
8	Coimbatore ...	Do.					16	
50	Calicut.....	15th do.					1	
50	Calicut.....	8th Oct. 1864						
852			79	109		54	551	

1st November 1864.

(True Copy.)
(Signed) F. G. HARRIN, Cap
In charge Convicts Lawrence

B.

Extract of a letter from the Inspector General of Jails to the Session Judge, Calicut, dated 6th August 1864, No. 110.

Extract of a letter, dated 13th Aug. 1843, to the Session Judge, Madura.
 "None but able bodied male prisoners in the District Jail should be sent."
 Extract of a letter, dated 21st Sept. 1843, to the Session Judge, Madras.
 "It is of importance that a careful selection should be made by the Magistrate of the District Jail of the convicts transferred to this place. The selection should be made of Salem convicts only, of good constitution, and fit for hard labor."

(True Extracts).

(Signed) J. RHODE,
Inspector General of Jails.

Lawrence Asylum Works gang.									
Total cost		Cost of Police guard		Cost per man		Total cost		Cost per man.	
RS.	P. RS.A.	RS.	P. RS.A.	RS.	P. RS.A.	RS.	P. RS.A.	RS.	P. RS.A.
9	11 12 8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14	6 1	0	0	13 7	3 12 4	0	0	1,025 11	0 3 11
19	5 1	0	0	18 8	5 4 8 6	295	4 2 6	1,128 14	4 3 13 2
20	11			11 8	3 11 11	270	4 2 6	1,122 11	5 4 2 6
31	1 1			11 6	3 4 5	290	0 5 8 C 0	2,321 0	5 8 C 0
38	7 4			4 8	3 2 0	333	1 4 8 8	1,488 2	7 4 7 6
40	10			10 6	2 14 7	338	1 3 0 4	1,304 9	4 3 13 9
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10	5			4 4	2 14 3	400	2 4 13 14	9 6 0 6	4 0 5
0	0			14 0	4 4 8	393	2 6 8 8	10 6 6 13 5	4 15
11	11			6 11	2 14 10	382	2 9 7 2	12 3 7 12 6	4 15
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38	38			4,220	15,517	7	544	3 4	4,404

(Signed) J. ROHDE,
Inspector General of Jails.

OOTACAMUND,
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL OF JAILS,
5th December 1864.

D.

Statement of sickness and mortality in the Native (now Zillah) Jail at Ootacamund from the 1st Quarter 1860-61, to 4th Quarter of 1861-62.

	Average daily strength.	Admissions into Hospital.	Deaths.	Transfers.
1860-61—Quarter, 1st.....	91	86	...	6
2nd.....	108	82	...	5
3rd.....	Missing.	Missing.	1	6
4th.....	138	75	...	1
1861-62—Quarter, 1st.....	139	110	3	7
2nd.....	136	70	...	2
3rd.....	137	100	...	1
4th.....	129	68	2	2

	1860-61.	1861-62.
Yearly average.....	113	131
Per centage deaths to average strength for 2 years, or per annum per cent.	0.8	3.7

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5th December 1864.

(Signed) J. ROHDE,
Inspector General of Jails.

No. 50. ORDER THEREON, 2nd February 1865, No. 197.

The Governor in Council has perused with much concern the foregoing report on the health of the gang of convicts confined at Lovedale. The heavy mortality which has occurred, amounting to 79 deaths, out of 852 convicts received into the Jail, would seem to be attributable, in part, to disease contracted by the gang previous to their removal to the Hills, and partly want of care in the selection of prisoners sent to the Hills. The Governor in Council directs that the Principal Inspector General will report what explanation has been furnished by the Zillah Surgeon at Madura, for his entire neglect of the rule laid down by the Inspector General of Jails, that none but able-bodied men in the prime of life should be selected. Explanation must also be furnished in regard to the Cuddapah gang, who it would seem must have been very badly selected; and also with reference to the apparent omission on the part of the Officer in special charge of the Lawrence Asylum Works, and of the Medical Officer, to bring to notice the unfit selections which had been made, immediately on the arrival of the drafts. As for instance, the arrival of two men of 70 years of age from the Madura Jail.

2. The Inspector General's Report should have been accompanied by a report from the Medical Officer in charge of the Jail, who will now be called upon to state whether or not he concurs in Mr. Rohde's opinion, as to the causes of the sickness which has prevailed, and whether he has any precautions to suggest, in addition to those which the Inspector General has taken, for securing the health of the prisoners.

3. Until further orders, the Medical Officer will submit, through the officer in charge, a monthly report on the sanitary condition of the Jail.

4. Every exertion should be made to render the Vellore Mahals fit for the reception of prisoners, with as little delay as possible.
(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Inspector General of Jails.
" Principal Inspector General, Medical Department.
" Acting Sub-Collector of North Arcot, Vellore.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

Judicial Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from the
Inspector General of Prisons.
(Recd. under 5th December 1864. N^o 385)

Order thereon. January 1865. N^o

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By

To the Inspector General of Jails
The Principal Inspector General
of the Med. Dept.
acting for the Govt. of Madras

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