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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
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Read the following papers:—

- No. 74. From the Honorable R. N. CUST, Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, to the Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George; dated Fort William, the 24th November 1864, No. 5801.

Home Department,
Judicial

It appears to the Governor General in Council to be advisable that certain general rules should be framed for guidance in cases in which, owing to the prevalence of some epidemic disease in a Jail, it may seem necessary or proper to remove, for a time, the whole or a portion of the prisoners confined therein.

2. As a preliminary towards this end, I am directed to inquire whether any rules of the kind are now in force in the territories under the control of the Government of Madras, and if so, to request that a copy of the same may be forwarded to me for the information of the Government of India.

Referred to the Inspector General of Jails for report.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
13th December 1864.

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

- No. 75. From J. ROHDE, Esq., Inspector General of Jails, to A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Ootacamund, 15th December 1864, No. 393.

In acknowledging your office docket of the 13th instant, inquiring what rules are in force for the removal of prisoners into camp, during out-breaks of disease, I have the honor to state that such removals are not specially provided for. They have been limited to seven occasions; one consequent on a desertion of the Vizagapatam Jail which became persistently fatal to the prisoners; one on an out-break of cholera at Calicut; one on a similar out-break at Salem; one on a similar out-break at Cuddalore; one on a similar out-break at Cuddapah; one on an outbreak at Nellore; and one at Coimbatore. The Brigadier at Cannanore, also, on one occasion, in apprehension of an out-break of cholera among a gang of prisoners in his cantonment, encamped them.

2. On every occasion the removal checked the disease, and it is obvious that to legalize the transfer, special orders are needed.

3. Hitherto such removals have been made on the emergency, and this practice has been indirectly sanctioned by Government.

- No. 76. To the Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, dated Fort Saint George, 10th January 1865, No. 45.

In acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 24th November last, No. 5801, I am directed to inform you that there are no rules in existence in this Presidency for observance on the out-break of disease in a Jail. It is, however, the recognized practice to encamp the prisoners, or to provide temporary accommodation for them in any available way. On such occasions, the officer in charge of the Jail, in concert with the Medical Officer, necessarily acts on his own responsibility, and requisitions from him, for tents or other appliances, meet with prompt

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attention from the Government. In his letter, dated 15th ultimo, No. 393, a copy of which is annexed, the Inspector General of Jails enumerates several instances in which the prisoners were removed beyond the precincts of the Jail, and observes that the proceeding has always been followed by the desired effect.

2. It is also the practice to form an encampment of a portion of the prisoners, when from any cause the Jail becomes over-crowded, with the view of preventing the occurrence of disease. There is a standing order, a copy of which is enclosed, authorizing the strengthening

G. O., 14th August 1863, No. 1302.

of the Police guard on all such and similar occasions, without applying for the special sanction of the Government.

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

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Judicial.

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N^o: 457

The Secretary to the Govt. of India.

Home Dept.

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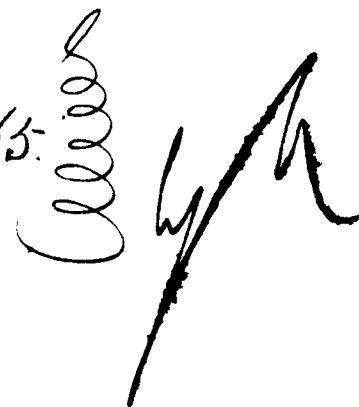
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