

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	614	Press Mis.-
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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,

24th April 1865.

No. 170. Read the following letter from J. ROHDE, Esq., Inspector General of Jails, to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 1st April 1865, No. 590.

In forwarding the accompanying letters relative, to the out-break of cholera in the Jail at Nellore, I have the honor to request that the recommendation for the employment of the Dresser Chinniah, on the salary of the grade at which he retired, may be sanctioned. I cannot, in any way, countenance the ceremony, alluded to as having been performed to allay fear, by recommending that its expense shall be defrayed, indeed my impression is that such ceremonies rather tend to increase than allay a panic.

From Officer in charge of Nellore Jail, dated 27th March, No. 6.
From do. do. dated 27th March, No. 5.
From Zillah Surgeon to Officer in charge of Nellore Jail, dated 27th March No. 34.

From C. R. PELLY, Esq., Officer in charge of the Jail, Nellore, to J. ROHDE, Esq., Inspector General of Jails; dated Nellore, 27th March 1865, No. 6.

I have the honor to inform you that, consequent on a most virulent out-break of cholera in the Jail, the Zillah Surgeon has applied for the assistance of a Pensioned Dresser, named Chinniah, at present at the station, on the salary of his rank, as a temporary measure; and I have sanctioned this, pending reference to you; indeed, under the circumstances, I think we are fortunate in being able to secure this very necessary assistance.

Dates.	Admissions.	Deaths.
March 25th.....	4	2
Do. 26th.....	43	5
Do. 27th.....	31	20
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From C. R. PELLY, Esq., Officer in charge of Jail, Nellore, to J. ROHDE, Esq., Inspector General of Jails; dated Nellore, 27th March 1865, No. 5.

I have the honor to inform you that, consequent on a most virulent out-break of cholera in the Jail, the Zillah Surgeon has, by a letter of this day's date, No. 34,* represented that the prisoners are in a state of terror and applied to me for the disbursement of Rupees 20, to enable them to perform a Native ceremony. As, under the circumstances, I thought it not proper to demur to the charge, I have accordingly sanctioned and disbursed the amount applied for. I have, therefore, the honor to request that you will have the goodness to sanction this disbursement, and authorize its being entered in this month's contingent Bill, under the head of "Sundries."

* Copy enclosed.

From H. ADAM, Esq., Zillah Surgeon, Nellore, to C. R. PELLY, Esq., Officer in charge of the Jail; dated Nellore, 27th March 1865, No. 34.

The prisoners are in such a depressed state of mind, from the presence among them of epidemic disease, that I have thought it advisable to recommend that they be permitted to perform a Native ceremony. This I do for reasons that, their minds being employed in an occupation which will keep their thoughts away from the harassing cause of uneasiness, I hope will meet with your approval, as every thing is required to be done that can contribute to allay among them what has already become a deadly fear. The sum of Rupees 20 is required for this ceremony, which I have the honor to request you will have the goodness to sanction and issue.

(True Copy).

(Signed) C. R. PELLY,
Officer in charge of the Jail.

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24th April 1865.

ORDER THEREON, 24th April 1865, No. 614.

the pensioned Dresser referred to in the foregoing letter
in which he was serving at the date of his retirement

the employment of
salary of the grade

2. The Inspector General will report when the services
of the Dresser are dispensed with.

3. Under the very peculiarly exceptional circumstances of the case, His Excellency in Council sanctions payment of the salary of the grade in which he was serving at the date of his retirement, as reported in his letter to the Inspector General, dated 27th ultimo.
(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Inspector General of Jails.
" Session Judge of Nellore.
" Civil Paymaster.
" Accountant General.

Erd. J. H. Burne

Judicial Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter
from the Inspector General
of Jails.

of 1st April 1865 No 590.

Order thereon 24 April 1865 No. 614.

The Governor in Council
sanctions as a temporary
measure the employment of
the pensioned Dresser referred
to in the foregoing letter on
the salary of the grade in
which he was serving at the
date of his retirement.

2. The Inspector General
will report when the services
of the Dresser are dispensed
with.

Para 3. Under the very
peculiarly exceptional
circumstances of the case,
H. E. in Council sanctions
payment of the sum dis-
bursed by the Session Judge
of Nellore, as reported
in his letter to the Inspe-
ctor Genl. dated 27 ulto.

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by

The Inspector Genl. of Jails.
" Session Judge of Nellore. { desd 25/4
" Civil Paymaster.
" Accountant General.

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Historical 1865 Department.

No. 614

PROCEEDINGS OF GOVERNMENT.

27th April 1875

Dated 24 April 1875

I am in favour of sanctioning
the expenditure. I do not
see that we are justified in withholding
from these poor ignorant creatures that
which they in their ignorance believe to
be for their benefit.

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I would pay for the ceremony -
It would be cheap if it served to
release these unfortunate men
from a little of their credulity.

If Mr. Robble is so strong in his objection
to the ceremony, he might perhaps do something better
by going up to Melrose & putting his tent close to
where the prisoners are now camped - staying
amongst them & encouraging them. W.D.

17th April
R.H.