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Read the following papers:—

No. 42. From the Accountant General, Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Fort Saint George, 11th July 1866, No. 102.

Post Audit Department.

The Inspector General of Jails informs me that, under the new Jail Rules, the Magistrate will have to provide fosterers and maintenance for prisoners' children, and therefore, as the Magistrates' contingent bill no longer requires countersignature, I have the honor to ask that some rules be laid down for the rates to be allowed. The object to be attained, of course, is that the fosterers shall give to Wards the same care and tendance as they give their own offspring; in cases where the parents are imprisoned for long terms, it will be well to make over the children to some orphanage where they would get more than mere food. I annex the Circular issued by Government, North-West Provinces, and would recommend the adoption of the same rules here.

CIRCULAR No. 15A.

From the Secretary to Government, North-West Provinces, to all Magistrates and Deputy Commissioners in the North-West Provinces, dated 21st February 1865, No. 163A.

The Civil Paymaster having drawn the attention of Government to the excessive charges made by some Officers for the maintenance of friendless children, I am directed to inform you that the Honorable the Lieutenant-Governor has been pleased to approve of the following rules, and to direct their observance in future:—

I.—Foundlings and the friendless children of female prisoners should be made over to some orphanage when they attain the age of two years, one Rupee each per mensem may then be paid for their maintenance, as already allowed by G. O., No. 2811, dated 7th September 1864, and No. 3951½, dated 24th October 1864.

II.—If the foundling is less than two years of age, then a sum, not exceeding Rupees 2 per mensem, may be disbursed for its support.

(True Copy).

(Signed) F. LUSHINGTON,
Accountant General.

Forwarded to the Inspector General of Jails for his remarks.

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Acting Secretary to Government.

11th July 1866.

No. 43. From the Inspector General of Jails, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Ootacamund, 14th July 1866, No. 46.

I have the honor to return the letter of the Accountant General, dated 11th instant, on the subject of fixing a certain rate for the maintenance of children during the incarceration of their mothers.

2. The order of Government, as it stands in paragraph 193 of the new Rules, is to the following effect:—"Should the relatives of such children be utterly destitute and unable to support them, or should the Magistrate be unable to discover any person willing to take charge of them, he should select trustworthy persons

" to undertake such charge, and shall see that the children entrusted to them are " properly fed and brought up to habits of industry and labor; a *moderate* sum " being allowed for the maintenance of children." Taking into consideration the difference between one District and another as to the expense of living, and also the variation in the price of food from time to time, I think it would be more expedient to leave this matter to the discretion of the Magistrates, than to fix any one rate of maintenance throughout the Presidency.

3. The suggestion regarding orphanages is worthy of adoption if the means are available, but if I am rightly informed, the number of these institutions is extremely limited.

No. 44. ORDER THEREON, 3rd August 1866, No. 1191.

The Governor in Council concurs with the Inspector General of Jails in thinking that it would be better to leave the regulation of the allowance for the maintenance of the children of convicts to the discretion of the Magistrates, than to fix a uniform rate for the whole Presidency, which is not likely to meet the necessities of the case.

2. The children should certainly be made over to an orphanage wherever one is at hand, and available.

(True Extract).

A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

To the Accountant General.
" Inspector General of Jails.
" Magistrate of

Exd. J. Tulloch.

Judicial Department.

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From the Accountant General — Here peter 11th July 1866 No. 462
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Order 2d August 1866 No. 1191.

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