

# MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

*Judicial* DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,  
24th September 1866.*

Read the following papers:—

No. 252. From J. ROHDE, Esq., Inspector General of Jails, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Ootacamund, 23rd January 1866, No. 716.

Referring to the returns and records required by the New Rules for the management of Jails in this Presidency, and to Mr. Ellis' and my own views, that it would be desirable that returns of statistics should be the same throughout India, referring also to a large volume (since received), "Appendix to the Report of the *Indian Jail Committee*," whose rules, as required by our Government, have, for the most part, been adopted in this Presidency, I have the honor to request the orders of Government on the adoption of the forms enclosed in the volume alluded to.

2. Should the Government direct the adoption of these forms, 18,612 forms of returns, and 33 sets of books, 88 in a set, will be needed, the former annually, and the latter renewable as required.

3. I must say that I do not think this mass of returns at all necessary, and I think that they are required oftener than is desirable. The Government will remember finding fault with me for the multiplicity of my simple returns, *five* in number once in a quarter, or 20 in the year, from each Jail, besides seven annual returns; while, instead of these, 47 returns are now to be required *monthly* from each Jail, or 564 from each Jail annually, instead of 20, not to mention the annual returns.

4. I can and do look over the returns I receive, but if, instead of 825 which I peruse, my successor has to receive and record 1862, exclusive of annual returns (seven from each Jail), I think the chances are he will never look at any of them, and that any other receptacle for the fifty reams of statistics will, *quasi* statistics, be as useful as the Inspector General of Jails.

5. Mr. Ellis suggested to me, in regard to such statistics, that a Statistical Office in Madras would be the proper recipient, as uniformity of arrangement would then be insured, and this by trained persons. The matter has probably been noticed by him to the Government.

6. I consider the forms of the Calcutta Committee, by attempting too much, become practically useless, and unless the Government are prepared to sanction a proportionate Establishment to every Jail and to the Inspector General, the forms cannot be adopted.

7. At all events, I think it will be well to adhere to old forms, few in number, clear, and I think sufficient for ordinary use, till the experiment of the new forms has been tested in Bengal. This Government will then have the benefit of improvements, and will ascertain the cost at which they can be introduced.

8. I should under any circumstances have amended my own annual return forms, the deficiencies of which appeared both to Mr. Ellis and myself as not affording the precise information we required.

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9. I sent you a copy of a circular, calling for information as to the probable expense of the introduction of the Rules generally, which, when received, will be submitted.

Referred to Colonel Wilson, for his remarks.

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

FORT SAINT GEORGE,  
31st March 1866.

No. 253. From Lieutenant Colonel W. J. WILSON, Inspector General of Jails, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Ootacamund, 8th September 1866, No. 73.

I have the honor to return Mr. Rohde's letter of the 23rd January 1866, No 716, which was referred to me for remark on the 31st March, and to state, in explanation of the delay, that I reserved my reply, pending the receipt of the result of the application made to the Government of India for an addition to the number and pay of the clerks employed in Jails.

2. The Resolution of the Government of India was published on the 27th ultimo, and may be briefly stated as follows:—Two Clerks have been allowed to each of the Central Jails at Coimbatore and Rajahmundry, one at 35 Rupees, the other at 20 Rupees per mensem, and the pay of the clerks of District Jails has been raised from 20 to 35 Rupees per mensem.

3. I concur with my predecessor in his opinion that the forms printed in the Appendix to the Report of the Indian Jail Committee are too numerous and elaborate for present adoption, and I herewith forward, as per annexed list, a set prepared with the view of furnishing the information required in the 17th paragraph of the Jail Rules, the periods of submission being slightly modified. If these forms are approved of, I will introduce them at once, and prepare Annual Returns framed to embody their contents as concisely as possible.

4. The Jails specified in the margin are, with the exception of that at Cochin, considered as temporary, but I do not see any prospect of their being given up for some time to come. There is a writer at Paumben on 15 Rupees, and one at

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| Guindy.        | Cannanore.             |
| Vellore.       | Lawrence Asylum Works. |
| Palghat.       | Dodabett.              |
| Cochin.        | Neddiwuttum.           |

Vellore on 8 Rupees per mensem, but the other Jails have none, and the clerical work is performed, either by the Jailers, or by the establishments of the Magisterial or other Officers in charge. Although these Jails are of an exceptional character, it is desirable that the Returns forwarded therefrom should be uniform with those sent from the other Jails, and this consideration has weighed with me in fixing the periods for which the Returns are to be furnished.

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from the Inspector General of  
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3 A separate annual return should be added showing the dietary of the jail, that being one of the points noticed in para 17 of the jail rules.

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To the Supr. Genl. of Jail, with Form returned  
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Dated. 24 September 1867.

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