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Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
6th January 1866.*

Read the following papers:—

No. 45.

No. 1676.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM.

The undersigned is directed to observe that, in connection with recent revisions of Jail Establishments, the scale of such establishments in the Madras Presidency was brought under review. The last general revision of that scale was settled by Financial Resolution, No. 4051, of 9th June 1862, but since then, more economical arrangements have been introduced into Bengal Jails, which furnish a cheaper model for Jails in the other Presidencies.

2. The number of Warders sanctioned in 1862 for the twenty-two regular Jails in the Madras Presidency noted in

	No. of prisoners in 1862-63.	No. of prisoners in 1863-64.	No. of Warders according to Bengal scale.	No. of Warders according to Bengal scale.
Chittoor...	237	249	3	3
Rajahmundry...	201	146	3	3
Guntur...	202	194	3	3
Nellore...	351	423	5	5
Cuddalore...	314	408	4	5
Tanjore...	108	91	3	3
Mangalore...	246	274	3	4
Trichinopoly...	413	394	5	5
Madurai...	273	235	4	3
Tinnevely...	189	222	3	3
Salom...	582	399	7	5
Chingleput...	409	338	5	4
Calicut...	429	349	5	4
Visagapatam...	197	278	3	4
Masulipatam...	124	154	3	3
Cuddalore...	493	467	6	7
Hellary...	542	801	7	6
Chittoor...	468	355	5	5
Coimbatore...	466	391	5	4
Ontaravadi...	124	117	3	3
Cochin...	38	39	3	3
Tellicherry...	144	133	3	3
Total...	..	..	92	88

the margin was 283, but taking the average number of prisoners in those Jails in 1862-63 and 1863-64, and applying the Bengal scale, the number of Warders would be only 92 or 88, showing an excess of 191 or 195 Warders, at Rupees 7 each, or of Rupees 1337 or 1365 monthly.

3. In Bengal the intramural employment of prisoners prevails far more extensively than in Madras, where the prisoners, when engaged in out-door labor, are watched by a separate guard furnished by the Police. It is not apparent why this difference in the employment of the prisoners should require the number of stipendiary Warders in Madras to be larger than in Bengal, and as the employment of convict Warders has been

recommended by the Jail Committee of 1861, and is in full operation in Bengal, the Government of Madras might be called upon to limit the charge for stipendiary Warders in Madras Jails to the scale which suffices in Bengal.

SIMLA, FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT,
1st August 1865.

(Signed) E. H. LUSHINGTON,
Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 969.

Copy forwarded to the Government of Fort Saint George, with a request for a report on the practicability of the proposal made therein.

HOME DEPARTMENT, SIMLA,
The 12th August 1865.

(By Order),
(Signed) A. P. HOWELL,
Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

Referred to the Acting Inspector General of Jails for report.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
11th September 1865.

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

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No. 46. From the Inspector General of Jails; to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Ootacamund, 1st December 1865, No. 592.

In reference to your endorsement on the Order of the Supreme Government, No. 969, relative to a reduction in the establishment of the Madras Jails, I have the honor to state that after a search I cannot find any details among my records of the establishment of the Bengal Jails. Colonel Wilson was under the impression that if everything was taken into account, they were not lower than ours; but neither of us having reliable data to go upon, I must beg you to obtain a full account of the establishment of the Bengal Jails quoted in the order.

2. This Government will recollect that I proposed in 1856, that the internal economy of our Jails should be regulated to a great extent by means of convict Warders or Maistries; the Government, however, after ascertaining the views of officers of experience did not support the measure, and I must say that a recommendation, which had in view the strict confinement of convicts to the prison wards, was by no means free from the objections raised when the system of employment of convicts on public roads was continued. If the Government will build suitable prisons for the confinement and employment of all prisoners within walls I will undertake to reduce the establishments to the full extent proposed in the order quoted. I will not, however, deny that, though regard to economy may recommend the measure, I do not consider the extensive delegation of Warders, duties to convicts altogether free from objection.

No. 47. To the Secretary to the Government of Bengal, dated Fort Saint George, 6th January 1866. No. 27.

With reference to the annexed Memorandum from the Secretary to the Government of India, I am directed to request that, with the permission of His Honor the Lieutenant Governor of Bengal, you will be good enough to furnish me with a Statement showing the Establishments of Warders, &c., allowed in the Jails in Bengal.

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

Jud. Department.

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To
The Secy. to the Govt.
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Dated 6 January 1866.

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