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Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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24th February 1866.

No. 216. Read the following letter from the Inspector General of Jails, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Ootacamund, 20th February 1866, No. 803.

I have now the honor to forward Captain Drever's Report on the requirements for the Police at the Jail at Neddiwuttum.

G. O., No. 86, 20th January 1866.

2. From Captain Drever's statement it would appear that 491 Rupees monthly would be the expense of guarding the 160 convicts, while taking the bills from the low country Police stations 233 Rupees would be the charge if the prisoners remained at the District Jails; this latter amount, however, does not include the pay of a European Inspector (Rupees 115).

3. In Mr. McIvor's absence I cannot authoritatively state the difference in cost of diet at Neddiwuttum as contrasted with the cost at the Jails from which the prisoners would be drawn; but assuming that the prices demanded from Major Farewell were correct and incapable of reduction, the contract price would amount to 3 Annas a head a day, or, for 160 prisoners, 30 Rupees daily, or Rupees 900 to 930 monthly, or Rupees 5-10-0 per man per month; while on the present dietary at Salem, Rupees 3-7-11 is the average monthly cost per head; and at Coimbatore the contract price already is the same as I anticipate at Neddiwuttum. In clothing and bedding the hill rate would exceed that of the plains according to the price of cumbles on data in my office; I should assume this difference at 11 Rupees per head per mensem.

4. I do not anticipate any serious increase in other items of consumption; firewood, which is paid for in other Jails, will be here furnished free of cost.

5. In regard to the Prison's Establishment I cannot assume any rate for the salary of an Officer specially in charge, nor do I think this outlay will, under the arrangement I have proposed, be necessary.

6. Assuming that the duties of Jailer and Medical attendant may be combined in one individual, I should propose 100 Rupees monthly as the staff salary for the double duty.

7. The Establishment other than Superintendent would consist of nine Warders, including one Head Warder; their pay would amount to Rupees 94 per mensem, and I suppose 7 Rupees each per annum for warm clothing.

8. Buildings to be erected would, I presume, be available for garden purposes, and the cost would be borne wholly by the gardens.

9. The account then exclusive of buildings would stand thus—

Annually.	Actual cost at Coimbatore.			Probable cost at Neddiwuttum.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Full diet for one prisoner, at 3 Annas per day....	68	7	0	68	7	0
Clothing... ..	4	3	3	11	0	0
Lighting stands included in the cost of diet... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...
Transfer, including batta on release, to and fro, say						
5 Rupees, distributed over two years.....	0	8	0	2	8	0
Superintendence and Medical attendance				1,200	0	0
Establishment of one Head Warder at 14 Rupees, and eight Warders at 10 Rupees each per mensem				1,128	0	0
* Police guards, including European superintendence... ..†	238	0	0	491	0	0

* I omit this as I do not know if Government think a European Inspector necessary.

(Signed) J. R.

† This does not include the pay of a European Inspector.

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From the Deputy Inspector General of Police, Western Range, to the Inspector General of Jails, Ootacamund; dated Ootacamund, 12th February 1866, No. 21.

With reference to G. O., No. 86 of 20th January 1866, I have the honor to inform you that I visited the proposed Jail at Neddiwuttum on the 10th instant.

2. I find four ranges of huts sub-divided into four rooms (8' x 7') have been run up for the accommodation of the Police, each room to contain two men.

3. Five more ranges will be required, viz., three similar to those already constructed, and two, sub-divided into two rooms each, for Petty Officers.

4. I cannot put two men into places of this kind even as a temporary arrangement, and if this Jail is to be permanent, very superior accommodation, even to what I have proposed, must be provided for the Guards, as well as their Inspector.

5. If 160 convicts are sent to this Jail, the guard will be as follows:

1 European Inspector,	Rupees 115 monthly.
2 Head Constables, at 27	" 54 "
2 Deputy Constables, at 16.8	" 33 "
9 1st Class Constables, at 11	" 99 "
19 2nd Class Constables, at 10	" 190 "
or, a total of 33 Police Officers, at a monthly cost of Rupees 491.	

6. I failed to see that there was any safe or convenient accommodation ready for the convicts to cook in. I merely mention this lest it may have escaped your notice.

No. 217. ORDER THEREON, 24th February 1866, No. 281.

It is observed that Lieutenant Colonel Wilson has been instructed in the Order of Government of the 21st instant, No. 249, to arrange for the immediate transfer to the Jail at Neddiwuttum of such number of convicts as can be accommodated in it, should he find that the arrangement can be carried out at a comparatively moderate cost.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Inspector General of Jails.
" " " of Police.
" Revenue Department.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

Sunday 11 March 1866

My dear Lieutenant, The order of Govt. directs me to carry out the transfer to Neddiwuttum provided that it can be done at a comparatively moderate cost. I have hitherto taken this to mean a comparison between the cost on the Hills and that on the plains, and finding that on each side the cost could not be considered as comparatively moderate, I was about to report for orders. It now occurs to me that I may have been mistaken & that the comparison intended by Govt. may have been between the cost at Neddiwuttum & that incurred at other jails on the Hills. The Lawrence Asylum Works for instance. If so the cost would be comparatively

moderate. Kindly send me a reply
to say which is meant. In answering your
reply being such as to demand me to report
instead of acting at once, no delay of any
consequence will be occasioned as I have
already taken steps to have men selected
in certain down country fairs for the purpose.

As the fair at Meddewortham does not
appear to have been visited by any Medical
Officers I have requested Dr. Meller to
see it, & ask any questions as to the
health of the site should crop up
hereafter -

Yours very truly

W. Wilson

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As far as I can gather, the cost of
a Linnet at Meddewortham would
be something under that of a free
labourer - that is to say supposing
~~the~~ the health of the fairs to be
such that transfers were not
expensive.

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Judicial Department. *W.B.*

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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from the Inspector General of
Jails - Cotacamund.

(Here enter 20th February 1866. N: 803)

Order thereon 24th February 1866. N: 281

It is observed that
Lieutenant Colonel Wilson
has been instructed in the
order of Government of the
21st Instant^{sent} to arrange for
the immediate transfer
to the jail at Kaddiwattam
of such number of convicts
as can be accommodated in
it, should he find that the
arrangement can be carried
out at a comparatively
moderate cost.

To the Inspector General of Jails - des^d 24th in M.S.
" " " Police } des^d 28th
" " " Revenue Department. }

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Memorandum

List of Officers

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A. J. M.

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