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23rd March 1866.

No. 181. Read the following letter from the Inspector General of Jails, Ootacamund, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Ootacamund, 17th March 1866, No. 900.

I have the honor to report that I arrived at Ootacamund on the 25th ultimo, and put myself in communication with the gentlemen named in the Order of Government noted in the margin.

Judicial Department, 21st February 1866, No. 249.

2. After making full inquiry I am satisfied that the additional cost of convict labor at Neddiwuttum will not exceed that of free labor, while the quality will be superior, and the supply more constant. Such being the case, I have taken steps to carry out the orders of Government at once.

3. As the Jail at Neddiwuttum had not been inspected by any Medical Officer Dr. Miller visited it at my request, and has reported very favorably thereon. It appears that the building can safely accommodate 200 convicts, and I therefore propose that the gang should consist of that number.

4. A party from the Jail at Ootacamund, to the strength of about 70 men, selected with reference to their fitness for labor, will proceed to Neddiwuttum in the course of next week, and the full complement shall be made up by transfers from Salem and other Jails as early as practicable.

5. I annex estimates shewing the comparative cost of maintaining convicts on the Hills and in the plains, taking as my standard the expense at the Lawrence Asylum Works on the one hand, and the average cost in the Jails on the plains on the other. Mr. McIvor confidently expects that the diet of the convicts will be cheaper at Neddiwuttum than at Ootacamund, and from what I have been able to ascertain, I believe he is correct; but in making the comparison I have thought it prudent to take the highest rate as my standard, especially as prices are rising.

6. The estimate for the transfer of convicts and the allowance payable to them on release calls for some remark, inasmuch that as the expense must depend on the health of the men on the Hills, and on the distance from whence they are drawn, there are no sufficient data upon which to found it. In the plains this item is moderate, having during the year 1864-65 amounted to about 54 Rupees a year for each Jail taking a general average; but in the Lawrence Asylum Works it came to Rupees 473-12-0 in 1864-65, and for nine months in 1865-66, commencing in January, it averaged 56 Rupees a month. It is possible that by selecting convicts with reference to the unexpired portions of their sentences, these charges may be diminished, but it should be remembered that the selection must also have regard to the fitness of the men for labor, and I therefore do not think it will be safe to rate this charge at less than it has been put by Mr. Rohde, viz., Rupees 2-8-0 per man per annum. It would appear from the records that in many instances men who come up from the plains with several years of servitude still to run become so depressed that their removal to the low country is found necessary. On the other hand, many long sentenced men turn out, and continue to be, excellent laborers. It is obvious therefore that, in order to keep up an efficient body of working convicts on the Hills to the number of about 700, transfers, even under favorable circumstances, are likely to be numerous, and consequently expensive; but notwithstanding this I believe that the cost of convict labor at Neddiwuttum, in a gang varying from 160

to 200 men, will be less than that of free labor in a gang of an equal number, which, I am credibly informed, would average from $9\frac{1}{2}$ to $9\frac{3}{4}$ Rupees a man.

7. Mr. McIvor considers that the Police guard is unnecessarily strong, but I concur with the opinion expressed by Captain Drever in his letter of the 6th instant, which is herewith forwarded. When the gang has been fairly established, and the Superintendent and Jailer have become accustomed to their duties, the propriety of reducing the number both of Police and of Warders may be taken into consideration, but it will not do to commence with insufficient means.

8. A Statement, shewing the establishment proposed for a gang of 200 convicts is herewith forwarded, also five letters containing all the material correspondence which has taken place on the subject in question between Captain Drever, Dr. Miller, Mr. McIvor and myself.

STATEMENT showing the comparative cost per annum of a Convict on the Plains and on the Hills in a gang of 160 Convicts.

	Hills.				Plains.				Difference of cost per annum.		Difference of cost per mensem.		
	Number.	Rates per mensem.	Total cost per annum.		Number.	Rates per mensem.	Cost per man per annum.						
			RS.	A. P.			RS.	A. P.	RS.	A. P.	RS.	A. P.	
European Inspector of Police...	1	115	1,380	0 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
<i>Police Guard.</i>													
Head Constables	2	27/ea	648	0 0	1	20/	12	8 4	15	10 10	...	...	...
Deputy do.	9	16/8 "	396	0 0	2	210/8 ea	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1st Class do.	19	11/ "	1,188	0 0	...	67/ "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2nd Class do.	32	10/ "	2,280	0 0	...	146/ "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	32	at 1 to 5			23	at 1 to 7							
Mr. Dawson's allowance	...	50	600	0 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Jailer's pay...	...	60	720	0 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Apothecary's pay	...	50	600	0 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
<i>Establishment of</i>													
Head Warder	1	14 }	1,128	0 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Warders	8	10/ea }			...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Diet (including allowances to sick), clothing and lighting	...	...	13,440	0 0	...	...	...	38	15 6	45	0 6	...	...
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Total...	...	...	22,380	0 0	...	...	...	51	7 10	88	5 11	7	5 10
Add cost of transfer and batta on release, at Rs. 2-8-0 per man per annum...													
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(Signed.) W. J. WILSON,
Inspector General of Jails.

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STATEMENT showing the comparative cost per annum of a Convict on the Plains and on the Hills in a gang of 200 Convicts.

	Hills.				Plains.				Difference of cost per annum.		Difference of cost per mensem.		
	Number.	Rates per mensem.	Total cost per annum.		Cost per man per annum.	Number.	Rates per mensem.	Cost per man per annum.		RS.	A. P.		
			RS.	A. P.				RS.	A. P.				
European Inspector of Police...	1	115	1,380	0 0	8	10	0	...	...	8	10	0	
<i>Police Guard.</i>													
Head Constables.	2	27/ ea.	648	0 0	220/ ea. } 210/8 " } 87/ " } 166/ " }	2	10/8	2	12	5	14	2	7
Deputy do.	2	16/8 "	396	0 0		12	12	5	...	...	...	...	...
1st Class do.	12	11/ "	1,584	0 0		8	7/ "	...	...	...	...	...	...
2nd Class do.	23	10/ "	2,760	0 0		16	6/ "	...	...	...	...	...	...
	40	at 1 to 5			28	at 1 to 7							
Mr. Dawson's allowance	...	50	600	0 0	...	...	...	...	...	3	12	0	
Jailer's pay	...	60	720	0 0	...	...	...	...	...	4	8	0	
Apothecary's pay	...	50	600	0 0	...	...	...	...	...	3	12	0	
<i>Establishment of</i>													
Head Warder...	1	14	1,368	0 0	6	13	5	...	...	6	13	5	
Warders	10	10/ ea }			...	...	...	...	...	38	15	6	
Diet (including allowances to sick), clothing and lighting	...	...	16,800	0 0	84	0	0	...	...	45	0	6	
...	...	...	26,856	0 0	138	6	5	...	...	86	10	6	
Total...	...	...						51	11	11			

Add cost of transfer and batta on release, at Rs. 2-8-0 per man per annum...

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(Signed) W. J. WILSON,
Inspector General of Jails.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department, 5
23rd March 1866.

Establishment proposed for guarding a gang of 200 Convicts to be sent to the Jail at Neddiwuttum.

No.	Rank.	Cost per mensem.	
		RS.	A. P.
1	Superintendent	50	0 0
1	Apothecary...	50	0 0
1	Jailer	60	0 0
1	Head Warder	14	0 0
10	Warders at 10 Rupees each..	100	0 0
	Total.....	274	0 0

(Signed) W. J. WILSON,
Inspector General of Jails.

No. 182.

ORDER THEREON, 23rd March 1866, No. 425.

The Governor in Council approves of the arrangements reported in the foregoing letter.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Inspector General of Jails, with original Enclosure returned.
" Accountant General.
" Inspector General of Police.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

Order thereon. 23^d March 1866 H^o 425.

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[Signature]

J. P. M^{rs}

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Inspector Genl. of Sails
Acct General
Dep Genl. of Phils

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