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Judicial **DEPARTMENT.**

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No. 81. Read the following letter from the Inspector General of Police, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 7th April 1866, No. 530.

With reference to the formation of another detached Jail at Neddiwuttum, on the Neilgherry Hills, now in progress, I think it advisable to place the whole subject of guarding the extra Hill Jails before Government.

2. Under the Budget, the guarding of convicts is a contract rate for the Presidency, viz., one Policeman to seven convicts. The average charge for a Policeman employed on the plains at convict establishment, is 119 Rupees, or inclusive of supervision (which is generally afforded by an Inspector who performs other duties also) say 135 Rupees per man per annum. This rate comes to about Rupees 1890 for 100 convicts (18¾ Rupees per convict) per annum, or Rupees 1-9-0 per mensem.

3. When convicts are transferred from low country Jails to the Hills, the insecurity of the Jails and other circumstances necessitate a higher proportion of guards. The proportion now obtaining is one Policeman to five convicts. The expense of living and difficulty of obtaining men, further entail other charges for batta, extra clothing, &c. Thus, the actual average cost of a Policeman over an extra Hill Jail, is Rupees 173 per man, inclusive of the charge of one Inspector, who has to be specially entertained for the purpose; and the increased proportion of 1 to 5 convicts raises the additional charge of guarding these extra Jails on the Hills to about Rupees 3460 per 100 convicts, or 34½ Rupees per convict per annum, or Rupees 2-14-0 per mensem.

4. I have prepared a statement showing the number of convicts and guards at each of the extra Hill Jails and the present cost of guarding. In juxta-position is shown the cost of guarding the same number of convicts in their respective Jails on the plains, at low country rates, in respect of proportion of guards to convicts and rates of pay. The difference, Rupees 7292, is clearly debitable to the works, and should be paid from their Budget. Of this amount, the Lawrence Asylum now pays 2760 Rupees as batta to the men. I beg that orders may be passed to disburse the full extra charge.

5. The estimate for 200 convicts, to be placed at Neddiwuttum, prepared by Deputy Inspector General, in communication with Colonel Wilson, as corrected with reference to the proportion of grades, &c., in this Office, is likewise appended. It will be seen that the probable cost of guarding will be Rupees 7614. The cost of guarding the same number of convicts in their respective Jails on the plains is Rupees 4822. The difference, Rupees 2792, must be debited to the works; and I request orders accordingly.

6. On the whole I should recommend the Government to direct that 16 Rupees per convict per annum be paid for guarding by Departments employing them on the Hills. This is the net difference between the cost of guarding the same convicts on the plains and on the Hills.

7. While discussing this matter, I venture to mention the difficulty attending the maintenance of Police Establishment on the Hills. There is no indigenous or local labour of the kind required. Todahs and Bhurgers do not take service; and the unemployed persons about Ooty are loafers, dismissed domestic servants and the like, whose character precludes the possibility of their employment in the Police Force. In the neighbouring Districts of Coimbatore and Salem, much difficulty is

experienced in keeping up the District Forces for their work, even on the plains. None of the class of men required volunteer for service on the Hills. When therefore gangs of convicts are transferred thither from a low country Jail, it becomes necessary to send guards from the force of the District within which the Jail is situated. Periodical reliefs follow as a matter of course; for the men cannot take their families with them, and the accommodation provided by Departments is bad. The men dislike the Service exceedingly, and, were no reliefs afforded, would resign or desert in a body. These reliefs are attended with expense which should likewise be debited to the works, on presentation of a bill for Railway fares. I beg that orders may be passed on this subject.

8. I venture to solicit instructions to the responsible Officers to provide suitable accommodation for the Police. At some of these Jails, the huts are quite unfit for the healthy accommodation of the men.

STATEMENT showing the number of Convicts and Police Guard at each of the Hill Jails on the Neilgherries.

	Convicts.	Jail Guard in the Hills of all grades.		Jail Guards in Low Country of all grades.		Difference.
		Men.	Hill rate cost.	Men.	Low Country rate cost.	
		No.	Rs.	No.	Rs.	Rs.
Kondall	62	12	1,788	9	980	808
Pykarra...	50	10	1,400	7	776	624
Dodapetta..	81	15	1,866	12	1,400	466
Lovedale.....	340	70	12,126	50	6,732	5,394
Total...	533	107	17,180	78	9,888	7,292
Deduct batta paid by the Lawrence Asylum Work...						2,760
Net Rupees...						4,532

CHIEF OFFICE OF THE INSPR. GENL. OF POLICE,
MADRAS, 7*th April* 1866.

(Signed) W. ROBINSON,
Inspector General of Police.

ESTIMATE showing the strength and cost of Police Guard for 200 Convicts at Nuddiwuttum.

	Hill rates.		Low Country rates.		Difference.	
	No.	Cost.	No.	Cost.	No.	Cost.
European Inspector.	1	1,380	1	1,380	...	...
Head Constables...	2	688	2	556	...	132
Deputy Head Constables.	3	654	2	328	1	326
Constables.	34	4,892	25	2,558	9	2,334
Total...	40	7,611	30	4,822	10	2,792

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MADRAS, 7*th April* 1866.

(Signed) W. ROBINSON,
Inspector General of Police.

No. 82. ORDER THEREON, 11th April 1866, No. 526.

It was the intention of the Governor in Council, when intimating his approval of the arrangements reported by the Inspector General of Jails, in his letter of the 17th ultimo, that the entire cost of guarding the Hill Jails, over and above the cost of guarding an equal number of convicts on the Plains, should be charged to the estimates of the works on which the convicts are employed. This will now be done, and the sum of Rupees 16 per annum for each convict, or Rupees 1-5-4 per mensem, will, as suggested by Mr. Robinson, in the 6th paragraph of his letter, be charged to the works in question, under the head of guarding convicts. The sum of Rupees 4532, entered in one of the Statements submitted by the Inspector General of Police, as the amount which should be re-imbursed to the Police Budget for the extra cost of the guards employed at the Hill Jails therein specified, will be charged rateably to the same works.

2. The Government learn, from another source, that, under instructions from the Inspector General of Police, the guards required for the Neddiwuttum Jail have not yet been furnished. In the Order of Government of the 24th February last, No. 281, a copy of which was furnished to Mr. Robinson, the Government directed that the immediate transfer to the Jail at Neddiwuttum of such number of convicts as could be accommodated in it should be carried out, provided that the arrangement could be effected at a comparatively moderate cost; and in the Order of the 23rd ultimo, No. 425, a copy of which was also furnished to Mr. Robinson, the Government intimated their approval of the arrangements reported by the Inspector General of Jails, the cost of which differed very slightly from that fixed by the Inspector General of Police. Under these circumstances, no delay should have been allowed to occur in the despatch of the requisite Police Guards.

3. The Governor in Council now directs that the Superintendent of Police at Coimbatore be instructed, by telegraph, to furnish Police Guards for the convicts to be transferred to Neddiwuttum, with as little delay as possible.

4. The Government presume that the Inspector General of Jails has arranged, in communication with Mr. McIvor, to have suitable huts provided for the Police at Neddiwuttum. The Inspector General of Police will report, in communication with Dr. Miller, in respect to the huts provided at other Hill Jails, as to whether they are unfit for the healthy accommodation of the men.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

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

Exd. J. H. Burns.

Judicial Department

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from the Inspector General of Jails. Police.

Here enter 4th April 1866 No. 530

Order thereon 11th April 1866 No. 526.

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as suggested by Mr. Robinson in the 6th para of his letter, be charged to the works in question under the head of guarding Convicts. The sum of Rs. 4532 entered in one of the Statements submitted by the Inspector General of Police as the amount which should be re-imbursed to the Police Budget for the extra cost of the guards employed at the Hill Jails therein specified, will be charged rateably to the same works.

2 The Government learn from another source that under instructions from the Inspector General of Police, the guards required for the Neddivattum Jail have not yet been furnished. In the order of Government of the 24 February last, a copy of which was furnished to Mr. Robinson, the Govt directed that the immediate transfer to the Jail at Neddivattum of such number of Convicts as could be accommodated in it should be carried out, provided that the arrangement could be effected at a comparatively moderate cost and in the Order of the 25th Ultimo a copy of which was also furnished to Mr. Robinson, the Govt intimated their approval of the arrangements reported by the Inspector Genl. of Jails, the cost of which differed very slightly from that fixed by the Inspector Genl. of Police. Under the circumstances no delay should have been allowed to occur in the despatch of the requisite Police Guards.

3 The Governor in Council now directs that the Supt of Police at Coimbatore be instructed by telegraph to furnish Police guards for the Convicts to be transferred to Neddivattum with as little delay as possible.

4 The Government presume ^ that the Inspector Genl of Jails has arranged in communication with Mr. McIver for have suitable huts provided for the Police at Neddivattum. The Inspector Genl of Police will report in communication with Dr. Miller, in respect to the huts provided at other Hill Jails, as to whether they are unfit for the healthy accommodation of the men.

To the Insp^r Genl of Jails
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