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Government of Madras.

Judicial **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No. 602	**Press** Mis.
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Read the following papers:—

No. 185. From the Magistrate of Malabar, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Calicut, 26th February 1866, No. 25.

I have the honor to suggest that the sanction of Government be accorded to increase the present scale of diet allowed to prisoners in the Subsidiary Jails, to (as in the Zillah Jail) an allowance of 60 Rupees' weight of rice, and 6 Pies condiment, per diem.

2. For prisoners undergoing hard labor, 40 Rupees' weight of rice, and 3 Pies of condiment, a day, is not sufficient to maintain them in health.

Referred to the Inspector General of Jails, for his opinion.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
9th March 1866.

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

No. 186. From the Inspector General of Jails, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 14th April 1866, No. 979.

I have the honor to return the letter of the Magistrate of Malabar, dated 26th February, referred for my opinion on the 9th ultimo.

2. It would appear from the Order of Government noted in the margin, that the scale of diet in Subsidiary Jails, viz., 40 Rupees' weight of grain, and 3 Pies worth of condiments, was fixed with the understanding that the prisoners were not to be put to labor on the public roads; but I am informed that convicts sentenced to rigorous imprisonment are employed on the roads in the immediate vicinity of the Cutcherries to which the Jails are attached.

Judicial Department, 13th August 1862, No. 130].

3. Mr. Rohde objected to the employment of convicts on the roads, because the expense of guarding would be excessive, and abuses unavoidable. With regard to the first point, I believe that no extra expense for guarding is incurred on account of convicts working near the public offices, as they are under the eye of the Cutcherry guard. As to the second, although out-door labor by convicts confined in such Jails is, to some extent, open to the objection stated, I believe it is better to employ them in that manner, than to confine them entirely to buildings, within which there are no means of carrying out any system of in-door labor; and I am, therefore, of opinion that Mr. Ballard's recommendation should be complied with in the cases of all convicts sent out to work, but I do not see the necessity for making any change as regards the allowance of persons sentenced to simple imprisonment, a considerable number of whom are confined for periods under a fortnight.

4. In waiving the objections taken by my predecessor, I do so on the understanding that no extra expense on account of guarding is to be incurred.

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

No. 187. ORDER THEREON, 23rd April 1866, No. 602.

Under the circumstances represented in the foregoing letter, the Governor in Council is pleased to sanction the scale* of diet proposed by the Magistrate of Malabar, and approved by the Inspector General of Jails, in the case of all prisoners sentenced to rigorous imprisonment and sent out to work on the roads.

* 60 Rupees' weight of grain, and ½ an anna worth of condiment.

2. The present allowance of 40 Rupees' weight of rice, and 3 Pies for condiments, will be adhered to as regards prisoners undergoing simple imprisonment.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Magistrate of Malabar.
" Inspector General of Jails.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

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— Inspector General of Jails — 4th April — 979

Order thereon 23d April 1866 No. 602.

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