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17th May 1866.

Read the following papers :—

No. 161. From the Under Secretary to the Government of India, to the Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Simla, 19th April 1866, No. 154.

Home Department.

I am directed to invite your attention to the communication noted in the margin, and to request the early submission of the Report therein called for.

No. 969, dated 12th August 1865.

Referred to the Inspector General of Jails, in continuation of the Proceedings of the 13th March last, No. 371.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
4th May 1866.

(Signed) H. LINTON,
Acting Under Secretary.

Returned with separate Report dated 8th May 1866.

MADRAS, *8th May* 1866.

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

No. 162. From the Inspector General of Jails, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 8th May 1866, No. 6.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Order noted in the margin, calling for a Report on the practicability of reducing the number of Stipendiary Warders in the Madras Jails to the scale obtaining in Bengal.

Judicial Department, 13th March 1866, No. 371.

2. Although it is the case that the fixed number of Warders is larger in Madras than in Bengal, it will probably be found that the strength of the Jail Establishments in the two Presidencies in proportion to the number of prisoners does not differ to any material extent. I have no report at hand which shows the cost and strength of the staff of a Jail in the lower Provinces, but I observe, from the forms published in the Appendix to the report of the Indian Jail Committee, that there is an extra Jail establishment composed of Jemadars, Duffadars, and Barkandauzes. In Oudh, in the North-Western Provinces, and in the Bangalore central prison, there are also two Jail Establishments, one fixed, the other extra or contingent. In the Bangalore prison, which is believed to have been formed upon the model of a Punjabee, or of a North-Western Jail, the Contingent Establishment is composed of Jemadars, Duffadars, and peons. One peon is allowed for every 15 prisoners, one Duffadar for every 25 peons, and one Jemadar for every 50 peons. This body is distinct from the permanent Military or Police guard. I have no means of ascertaining at present on what principle the contingent Establishments are organised in Oudh and in the North-Western Provinces, but I infer that it is similar to that abovementioned. A Memorandum, taken from the Annual Reports, showing the cost of the Jail Establishments in the Provinces last specified, and in Madras for the year 1864 is annexed.

3. In this Presidency there is no contingent Jail guard. The interior economy and discipline is entrusted to the Jailer and Warders, the number of the

latter having been fixed partly with reference to the inconvenient arrangement of the buildings in most of the Jails, and partly with reference to the prevailing system of out-door labor; for, although the gangs are watched by guards furnished by the Police, the setting and enforcement of the tasks rest with the prison Officers, a certain number of whom accompany each party. I am, therefore, of opinion that, under existing circumstances, the number of Warders ought not to be reduced.

4. The approaching completion of the Central Jails, and the carrying out of the alterations recently recommended to be made in certain District Jails will afford the means of commencing a regular system of intramural labor at an early date. I also propose to introduce this as far as possible into all prisons. The effect of these measures will be an immediate saving in the cost of the Police guard, and it may be found practicable to reduce the number of Warders also.

MEMORANDUM.

	Year.	Average daily number of Prisoners.	Fixed Establishment.	Contingent or Extra Establishment.
North-Western Provinces	1864.	15,644	149,189	49,290
Oudh	...	5709	13,143	38,522
Madras	1864-65.	7855	59,965	None.

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

No. 163. To the Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, dated Fort Saint George, 17th May 1866, No. 750.

In acknowledging the receipt of the papers noted in the margin, calling for a report on the practicability of reducing the charge on account of Stipendiary Warders in Madras Jails, to the scale obtaining in Bengal, I am directed to forward, for submission to His Excellency the Governor General in Council, the annexed copy of a letter from the Inspector General of Jails on the subject.

From Under Secretary to Government of India, Home Department, dated 12th August 1865 and 19th April 1866, Nos. 969 & 154.

8th May 1866, No. 6.

2. Lieutenant Colonel Wilson refers, it will be seen, to the existence of extra Jail Establishments in the Lower Provinces, besides the permanent Establishments. He explains that, if the aggregate strength and cost of both be taken into account, in instituting a comparison with Madras, it will probably be found that the Establishments in the two Presidencies, in proportion to the number of prisoners, do not materially differ.

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4. For these reasons, the Inspector General of Jails is of opinion, and the Governor in Council agrees with him, that, under existing circumstances, the number of Warders in Madras ought not to be reduced.

5. The measures now in progress for the increasing and improving of the Jail accommodation in this Presidency will admit of the introduction, at no distant date, of a regular system of intramural labor. The result of this will be an immediate saving in the item of Police guard; and it may be found practicable to reduce the number of Stipendiary Warders also.

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

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Judicial Department.

No. 750.

The Secretary to the Government
of India,
Home Department.

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Simla

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Fort St. George
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