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Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,

22nd June 1867.

No. 213. Read the following letter from the Inspector General of Jails, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 27th May 1867, No. 36.

With reference to the Order of Government noted in the margin, approving of a recommendation to increase the pay and allowances of certain servants attached to the Penitentiary and Civil

Judicial Department, 15th May 1867, No. 779.

Jail respectively, I have the honor to forward, for the favorable consideration of Government, a letter from the Commissioner of Police, in which he requests that the increase in question, viz., Rupees 77-1-4 for the Penitentiary, and Rupees 35-2-8 for the Civil Jail, may be passed from the 1st proximo.

2. Major Hearn also solicits a re-consideration of that portion of the order above quoted, which debars him from appointing as Matron any one connected with the Keeper of the Jail, and I concur with him in the opinion that the expense and inconvenience attendant on the employment of a stranger will outweigh any disadvantage which may be anticipated from a want of proper supervision by the Keeper over the duties performed by his wife; but it is not quite clear to me that it was intended to include the family of the Deputy Keeper in the restriction, and if not, the selection would not necessarily be limited to persons unconnected with the Jail. I believe, however, that where the wives or widowed daughters of the Keeper, or of his Deputy, are competent and willing to undertake the duty of Matron, it will be fully as well performed as by a stranger, and I am confident that the selection may be safely left to an experienced Officer like Major Hearn, who, as Commissioner of Police, has ample means of knowing how matters go on in the Jail.

3. In my letter of the 24th July 1866, No. 50, I proposed that the situation of Matron at Central Jails should be held by the wife either of the Jailer or Deputy Jailer if competent; but if they are debarred, I fear there will be considerable difficulty in procuring proper persons, especially at Coimbatore and Rajahmundry, neither of which are Military or Pension stations, and I trust that Government will be pleased to permit the proposed arrangement to stand. The Central Jails are visited daily by the Superintendent, and also narrowly inspected every week.

Judicial Department, 15th August 1866, No. 1255.

From Major C. S. HEARN, Commissioner of Police, to the Inspector General of Jails, Madras; dated Madras, 25th May 1867, No. 194.

With reference to Order of Government, No. 779 of the 15th instant, I have the honor to request that the instructions of Government may be obtained as to the date from which increased pay and allowances may be passed. I would suggest that it might be from the 1st proximo.

2. I would also venture to solicit a re-consideration of the question of appointing the Keeper's wife as Matron of the Female Ward. I should have explained my reasons for recommending this measure more fully in my former letter were it not that I considered that the

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principle had already received sanction in Proceedings of Government, dated 15th August 1866, with reference to Central Jails.

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3. There is one obvious disadvantage attending the arrangement proposed, viz, that the Keeper is not likely, under such circumstances, to report the short-comings of the Matron. But the inspection of supervising Officers should suffice to secure efficient management of the Female Ward and to remedy defects, while on the other hand the Matron would be supported by the full authority of the Keeper, who would have the strongest possible interest in maintaining full efficiency in this Department of the Jail.

4. Then too there are disadvantages attending the employment of any other person. There are no quarters for the Matron inside the Jail. It would be objectionable that she should reside outside, since her presence is necessary at night in the event of sickness, &c., and even in that case there is no proper place for her accommodation during the day. It would be necessary, therefore, to erect a separate building. This would introduce a third family into the Jail, which already contains two, viz., those of the Keeper and Deputy Keeper. This is obviously undesirable on many accounts, and even if a widow without family should be appointed (which would greatly restrict the field of choice), she could scarcely be precluded from receiving the visits of her friends if she resided, as she ought to do, night and day within the Jail premises.

5. On the whole, therefore, I cannot but think that the advantages of the arrangement originally proposed outweigh the disadvantages. Should you concur in this opinion, I request that you will submit the question to Government for final decision.

No. 214. ORDER THEREON, 22nd June 1867, No. 1000.

The Governor in Council approves and sanctions the adoption of the suggestion made by Major Hearn in the 1st paragraph of his letter of the 25th ultimo, that the increased pay and allowance authorized in the Proceedings of Government under date the 15th idem, should take effect from the 1st instant.

2. The question of the appointment of a Matron will be disposed of hereafter.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Inspector General of Jails.
" Superintendent of Jails, Presidency.
" Examiner of Claims.
" Accountant General.

Exd J. Tulloch.

Jud. DEPARTMENT.

No. 1187.

From The Inspector General of Jails.

Dated 27th May 1867.

FOR ORDERS.

The increased salaries may be disbursed, as proposed by Colonel Wilson & Major Hearn, from the 1st instant. -

The arguments used by Major Hearn for selecting as Matron, the wife of the Keeper, are entitled to much weight and weight, I think, be allowed to prevail. Should not with the existing officers be chosen any other person or officers? The introduction of a third family into the Jail must be avoided.

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W.D.H.

I decline to admit the principle that
the wife of any officer in the jail
should be maintained as a woman having the
care of a family and perhaps the
influence with her husband which
must make her a serious
worst sort of person for the officer who
might be held by a woman entirely
free and it is possible having a special
education or vocation for this
sort of business. I don't say under
the circumstances that in the case
of the Madras Jail the wife of the
keeper may not be maintained but I wish
to know more about her other family
and I therefore defer my decision till
I can see Major Beaman on the subject.

Accountant General.

Ed J. Tulloch.

Judicial Department.

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Read the following
letter from the Inspector
General of jails.

Here enter 27 May 1867 N^o 36.

Order 22^d June 1867 N^o 1000.

The Governor in
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— Accountant General }

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Dated. 22nd June 1867.

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