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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
5th July 1867.*

No. 51. Read the following letter from the Under Secretary to the Government of India, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Simla, 15th June 1867, No. 1386.

Home Department.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th ultimo, No. 798, requesting the sanction of the Government of India to the appointment of a Personal Assistant to the Inspector General of Jails in Madras, on a consolidated salary of Rupees 700 per mensem. The application is unaccompanied by the prescribed tabular Statement showing what is the existing establishment of the Inspector General, and is based mainly on the grounds of the increase of work consequent on the introduction of the new system of Jail management, and the frequent absence of the Inspector General from his head quarters on tours of inspection.

2. In reply, I am directed to state that the same system of Jail management has been generally introduced, and that as yet no application similar to this has been received by the Government of India. The Governor General in Council is generally adverse to recognise the necessity of such an appointment as a Personal Assistant to any Officer. His Excellency in Council believes that, when unaided by a Personal Assistant, the Departmental control of an Inspector General must be closer and more efficient, and that there is less tendency to increase office work, an object which should be kept carefully in view.

3. As regards the frequent absence of the Inspector General from head quarters, by which it is alleged that the office work is delayed, I am desired to observe that so much of the office work as is thus delayed, must be for the most part work of a non-official kind, as the really important part of the work of his office must be done by the Inspector General himself, wherever he is, and whether he has a Personal Assistant or not; while all other necessary office routine can be performed by an ordinary head clerk. The frequent absence of the Inspector General from head Quarters would seem, therefore, to form no valid reason for the appointment of a Personal Assistant, and the Governor General in Council is unable, on the above grounds, to recommend such a proposal to the Secretary of State, whose sanction to the appointment would be necessary, nor would the Secretary of State be likely to accept such a recommendation, as he recently strongly urged a reduction in the cost of the existing offices of Inspectors General of Jails throughout India.

No. 52. ORDER THEREON, 5th July 1867, No. 1062.
Communicated to the Inspector General of Jails, with reference to his letter dated the 23rd April last, No. 13.
(True Extract).

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Inspector General of Jails.

Ed. J. Tulloch.

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