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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,

10th July 1867.

No. 116. Read the following letter from the Inspector General of Jails, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Ootacamund, 28th June 1867, No. 57.

I have the honor to forward, for the orders of Government, a letter from the Acting Magistrate of Vizagapatam, requesting that the reports upon Subsidiary Jails may be made half-yearly, on the ground that quarterly inspections cannot be made without much inconvenience and difficulty, owing to the nature of the District.

From the Acting Magistrate of Vizagapatam, to the Inspector General of Jails, Madras; dated Vizagapatam, 27th May 1867, No. 135.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 349 of the 6th instant, prescribing the form in which the Quarterly Inspection Reports of the Subsidiary Jails in this District should be submitted.

2. As your letter was received on the 13th May, instant, I presume the first Quarterly Report will be for the period ending 30th June next.

3. I take this opportunity of bringing to your notice, for submission to Government, that the requisition of quarterly inspections in this District will be attended with great inconvenience, and I need only refer you to the following extract from a letter from my Senior Assistant on the subject, to show you how far the order, if carried out in its integrity, would harass the Officers concerned and the public in general :—

“ I have the honor to state I have not as yet made a *quarterly* inspection, nor, for the reasons given below, do I see how I can well do so.

(2.) “ There are no less than 9 buildings used as Subsidiary Jails in this Division of the District, and so far apart are they that a visit to them would necessitate an absence of 10 or 12 days, and a journey by dak of no less than 250 miles. This duty cannot be performed by leisurely moving through the Division: Plaintiffs, petitioners, and Vakeels will not follow a moving camp. They invariably wait till it returns to a temporary or permanent head quarters and then overwhelm me with work; nor can Criminal, Revenue or Civil cases be dragged about the country. The journey has to be performed by dak through scores of miles of unhealthy jungle and to places to which there are no roads, and at none of which there is any accommodation whatever available for a European traveller. On my return to head quarters there are 10 or 12 days of arrears of work to be cleared off, and this is to occur every quarter.

(3.) “ I visit every such building while moving about the division certainly twice a year, and some of them much more frequently; and I would submit that, considering the peculiar nature of my duties, especially in the Hill tracts, and the enormous extent of my charge, that more frequent reports should not be required from me.”

4. I trust, therefore, you will be so good as to move the Government to modify the Order,* so as to require a report every half-year or so, at least so far as this District is concerned.

* G. O., 29th March 1866, No. 470, paragraph 15.

No. 117. ORDER THEREON, 10th July 1867, No. 1099.

Under the peculiar circumstances of the Vizagapatam District, the Governor in Council is pleased to order that the reports on the Subsidiary Jails of this District shall be made half-yearly.

(True Extract).

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Inspector General of Jails, with enclosure* returned.

„ Magistrate of Vizagapatam. *clerk 13/*

Ed. J. Tulloch.

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To the Insp. Genl. of Jails
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