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JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

No. 1132.

FROM

R. S. ELLIS, Esq., C. B.,

Acting Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George,

TO

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,

HOME DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, dated 30th March 1867, No. 1610, and, with reference to the inquiry made in paragraph 4, regarding the number (45) of Warders proposed for each of the Central Jails in this Presidency, to enclose a letter addressed to this Government by the Inspector General of Jails.

2. In this letter, Colonel Wilson explains in detail the principle upon which he has fixed the number of Warders of the several grades to be attached to the Central Jails.

3. The Inspector General of Jails points out that the Jail establishments in the Bengal and North-Western Provinces would seem to be differently constituted from those in Madras. In this Presidency, the whole interior economy and discipline of the Jails are entrusted to the Jailer and Warders, without extra and contingent establishment; such as appear to be maintained for the Jails in Bengal and the North-West Provinces.

4. Colonel Wilson shows that the establishment of Warders, as proposed by him, is considerably smaller than that maintained at the Central Jail at Bangalore, which is understood to have been formed upon the model of the Jails in the North-West Provinces. It will be observed that *all* the persons engaged in maintaining discipline *within* the Jail, exclusive of the Police guard, are termed Warders, and this designation has probably led to a misconception as to the scale of the proposed Jail establishments of this Presidency.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

FORT SAINT GEORGE,

17th July 1867.

Acting Chief Secretary.

From Lieutenant Colonel W. J. WILSON, Inspector General of Jails, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Ootacamund, 3rd July 1867, No. 61.

With reference to the Order of Government noted in the margin, calling upon me to explain on what principle or data the number of Warders proposed for Central Jails was based, as it exceeded

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that usually allowed in Bengal and in the North-Western Provinces, I have the honor to observe that the Jail establishments in both of those provinces appear to be on a different footing from those in Madras; for, whereas there is both a fixed and an extra or contingent establishment in most of the Bengal Jails, and also in those of the North-Western Provinces, the whole interior economy and discipline is, in this Presidency, entrusted to the Jailer and Warders, there being no contingent or extra establishments.

2. The establishment of the Central Jail at Bangalore, which is understood to have been formed upon the model of the Jails in the North-Western Provinces, or of those in the Punjab, is composed, exclusive of a strong military guard, of the following individuals, viz., 1 Peon or Watchman to every 15 prisoners, calculated on the whole number in Jail at the time, inclusive of women and sick; 1 Duffadar to every 25 Peons; and 1 Jemadar to every 50 Peons. Besides these, 1 Darogah and 5 Turnkeys are given. When I submitted my proposal with respect to the number of Warders to be employed at the Central Jails at Coimbatore and Rajahmundry, I took the population at 1000 in round numbers, and recommended five Head Warders of three different grades, and one Warder for every 25 convicts, being 45 in all. Had I taken the proportion allowed at Bangalore, the number would have been 66, exclusive of Head Warders, Darogah, and Turnkeys.

3. Since the receipt of the Order of Government under reply, I have again considered the subject, and am of opinion that the number of Warders originally proposed is not more than sufficient; but the interior arrangements of the Jails require some modification to be made in the proportion of Head Warders. I will now proceed to describe the accommodation at the Central Jails of Rajahmundry and Coimbatore, and also that of those now being built at Vellore and Trichinopoly, and to state the number of Head Warders and of Warders I propose for each.

4. The Central Jail at Rajahmundry consists of

4 Blocks of cells	to contain 128 each	512
2 Barracks of five wards	" 144 "	280
2 Do. of three	" 72 "	144
Women		42
Boys		20
Total		998

Each Block and Barrack is in a separate compartment, as is also the Hospital. For this Jail I propose—

1 Head Warder, at Rupees 15	15
1 Do. do. at " 10	10
8 Do. do. at " 8 each	64
36 Warders, at Rupees 7	252

The Head Warder, on Rupees 15, will exercise a general supervision over the compartments containing the Cells and Barracks for convict males, also over the Solitary Cells.

The Warder on Rupees 10 will have the immediate charge of the Warders posted at the Hospital, the Juvenile Barrack, the Stores, and the Main Gate.

Each of the Head Warders on Rupees 8 will have the charge of a compartment, and the 36 Warders will be distributed as follows, viz:—

To each block of cells, 4; being 1 Warder to 32 convicts.....	16
To each Barrack of five wards, 4; being 1 Warder to 35 convicts.....	8
To each Barrack of three wards, 2; being 1 Warder to 36 convicts.....	4
Hospital.....	2
Juveniles.....	1
Stores.....	1
Main Gate.....	2
Superintendent's Orderly... ..	1
Office Orderly.....	1
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Some of these will, in the ordinary course of things, be on the sick list from time to time, and their duties must then be performed by the others.

5. The Central Jail at Coimbatore consists of

3 Blocks of cells to contain 128 each	384
2 Barracks of 8 wards „ 184 „	368
2 Do. of 4 „ „ 96 „	192
Women.....	52
Boys.....	20
Debtors.....	21
Total.....	1039

I propose the same establishment for this Jail, except that, as there are only seven compartments, that number of Head Warders, on Rupees 8 each, will suffice. The posting of Warders to Cells and Barracks would be as follows:—

To each block of cells, 4; being 1 Warder to 32 convicts	12
To each Barrack of 8 wards, 5; being 1 Warder to 37 convicts nearly	10
To each Barrack of four wards, 3; being 1 Warder to 32 convicts	6

The remaining Warders to be distributed as proposed for Rajahmundry.

6. The new Central Jails at Vellore and Trichinopoly, will be alike, viz:—

Six Barracks of 6 wards, each to contain 128.....	756
One Do. of 11 „	121
Women..	84
Boys.....	21
Total.....	982

I propose the same number of Warders for these two Jails as for Coimbatore, viz., 9 Head Warders of three different grades, and 36 Warders, the latter to be posted to the Barracks, as follows:—

To each Barrack of six wards, 4; being 1 Warder to 32 convicts	24
To the Barrack of 11 wards, 4; being 1 Warder to 30 convicts	4

The remaining 8 to be distributed between the Hospital, Stores, Main Gate, &c., as shown above.

Ed. J. H. Burns.

The Inspector General

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Mr. J. J. 17/10/57

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Mr. Wm. Thompson Esq.
 at London
 27th May 1832

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