

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Judicial **DEPARTMENT.**

61-42	G.O. No.	1761	Press
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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
5th November 1867.*

No. 41. Read the following letter from the Inspector General of Police, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George ; dated Madras, 25th October 1867, No. 1903.

General Department.

Several Magistrates have called on their Police Officers to furnish guards to work convicted persons confined in Subsidiary Jails on the public roads and streets of the station in which the Subsidiary Jail is situated ; a single man could, of course, watch 20 or 30 persons ; they would not think of escaping. But the statistics collected by the Police Officers show that the daily average number of persons in such wards seldom exceeds two or three, the average period of whose confinement is eight days. To have even one guard over such a number of men is simply waste of public money.

2. But I venture to lay before Government what appears to me by far the gravest objection to such a practice. The prisoners confined in Subsidiary Jails are in confinement for very petty offences, and chiefly in default of fine ; or there may occasionally be a petty thief amongst them, who is in prison for the first time. I think that it is very inexpedient, and a very needless aggravation of a light punishment, to send such persons out into the public roads under Police Constables to sweep streets, clean drains, and do other degrading work reserved for felons. I would confine their labor to beating and cleaning coir, husking grain, and the like.

3. I venture to solicit early orders on this matter, as I have had several references to which I must reply for the guidance of officers.

No. 42. ORDER THEREON, 5th November 1867, No. 1761.

It is observed that the question raised in this letter is analogous to that brought forward in paragraph 14 of the letter from the Inspector General of Police, dated the 24th July 1865, No. 1479, and disposed of in paragraph 5 of the Proceedings of Government, dated the 19th September 1865, No. 1340.

2. The attention of the several Magistrates in the provinces will now be drawn to the Proceedings referred to, and they will be requested to conform to the course therein laid down, as regards the working of prisoners in Subsidiary Jails.

3. The attention of the Magistrates will also be directed to the suggestion made by the Inspector General of Police, that prisoners in Subsidiary Jails can be usefully and conveniently employed in such work as beating and cleaning coir, and husking grain. Breaking stones for use on roads would also afford suitable labor.

(True Extract).

R. S. ELLIS,
Chief Secretary.

To the Inspector General of Police.
,, Magistrate of

Exd. J. Tulloch.

Provinces

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Judicial Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT

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(Here enter 25th October 1867-1903)

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To the Inspector General of Prisons
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City of Paris
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