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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,*

*8th May 1867.*

Read the following papers :—

No. 90. From Assistant Surgeon W. F. DEFABECK, in Medical Charge of Jails, Vellore, to the Deputy Inspector General of Hospitals, Presidency Division, Madras ; dated Vellore, 12th March 1867, No. 5.

I have the honor to return, herewith, the copy of the Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department, dated 4th February 1867, received with your Memorandum, No. 481, of the 11th ultimo.

2. The Governor in Council has been pleased to sanction the payment of an allowance of Rupees 100 for the Medical Charge of the Jails at this station ; the payment of this allowance, however, is not to commence until the prisoners are huttet on the site of the Central Jail.

3. I have the honor to submit the following circumstances, with the request that you will favor me by forwarding the same, through the Inspector General, Medical Department, for the favorable notice of Government.

The Inspector General of Jails, in his letter, No. 147, to the Chief Secretary to Government (incorporated in the Proceedings of Government, 4th February 1867), reported that there were on the date of his letter, 18th January 1867, 360 convicts confined at Vellore. Of these, 200 arrived from Chittoor only four months ago, and, being in excess of the number theretofore incarcerated at this station, they were accommodated in altogether a separate Jail. A party of 40 convicts has since arrived from Nellore, and I am informed that an accession of fifty or more may be daily expected, making a total of 450 prisoners in the two Jails. The hutting of these prisoners on the site of the Central Jail will not, in all probability, be effected for some months hence, as accommodation for only 100 is as yet provided. The payment of the sanctioned allowance has, however, been made dependent upon the prisoners being hutted, though the duties of the Medical Officer have to be carried out wherever the convicts are confined, and under whatever circumstances (of overcrowding, the most fruitful cause of disease, &c.,) the prisoners are placed.

4. I trust that, on consideration of the circumstances now mentioned, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council may be pleased to modify the Order passed on the 4th ultimo, and permit the sanctioned allowance to be drawn from the date of the arrival of the convicts from Chittoor on the 22nd November 1866.

The Medical charge of the prisoners, in addition to the Regimental Garrison and Civil duties is very considerable.

(Signed) H. W. PORTEOUS,  
*Dy. Inspr. Genl. of Hospls.,  
Presy. Division.*

No. 104.  
MEMORANDUM.

Forwarded to the Chief Secretary, for the favorable consideration of Government.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,  
20th March 1867.

(Signed) W. MACKENZIE, M. D.,  
*Inspr. Genl., Medl. Dept.*

Referred to the Inspector General of Jails for his remarks. Colonel Wilson will state the number of prisoners now in confinement at Vellore, and how they are distributed.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,  
17th April 1867.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,  
*Chief Secretary.*

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,  
8th May 1867.*

No. 91. From Colonel W. J. WILSON, Inspector General of Jails, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 30th April 1867, No. 20.

I have the honor to return Dr. deFabeck's letter of the 12th ultimo, No. 5, and herewith enclose a statement, showing the number of prisoners in confinement at Vellore on the 20th instant, and the manner in which they were distributed.

2. On the 19th ultimo, a gang of 100 men was moved out to the huts on the site of the Central Jail, and the allowance has been drawn from the 20th, in accordance with the spirit of the Order noted in the margin; for, although the gang is hardly a third of the strength at which it is to be maintained, yet the site is quite in a different direction from the Fort, and Dr. deFabeck visits the prisoners daily.

Judicial Department, 4th February 1867, No. 180.

3. Dr. deFabeck, in his letter now returned, requests that the allowance may be granted in arrears from the date of the arrival of the gang from Chittoor, viz., 22nd November last, but as he did not give over charge of the Jail at Chittoor until the 22nd December, the request would appear to be on behalf of his predecessor also. Dr. Young was in the habit of visiting the Fort Jails, viz., the old Fort Jail and the Mahals, once a week, the sick being treated in the Garrison Hospital, and the same practice has been continued since Dr. deFabeck assumed charge. The average daily number of sick since the arrival of the Chittoor gang has not exceeded six.

4. The average daily number of prisoners in the Fort during December, January, and February, was as given below:—

|                    |     |
|--------------------|-----|
| December 1866..... | 362 |
| January 1867.....  | 358 |
| February „ .....   | 373 |

5. On the 19th March, 100 men were moved to the Central Jail site as stated above.

STATEMENT showing number of prisoners at Vellore, and their distribution, on the 20th day of April 1867.

| Number in old Jail. |          | Number in Mahals. |          | Number in Huts. |          | Number in Hospital. |          | Total. |          |
|---------------------|----------|-------------------|----------|-----------------|----------|---------------------|----------|--------|----------|
| Males.              | Females. | Males.            | Females. | Males.          | Females. | Males.              | Females. | Males. | Females. |
| 88                  | ...      | 161               | ...      | 100             | ...      | 5                   | ...      | 354    | ...      |

MADRAS, 30th April 1867.

(Signed) W. J. WILSON,  
Inspector General of Jails.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,  
8th May 1867.*

No. 92. ORDER THEREON, 8th May 1867, No. 743.

Under the circumstances stated by the Inspector General of Jails, the Governor in Council sees no reason for sanctioning payment of the allowance authorized in the Proceedings of Government of the 4th February last, No. 180, from an earlier date than that therein specified.

(True Extract).

*Chief Secretary.*

To the Inspector General, Medical Department,  
" " " of Jails.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

Read letter from Asst Surgeon H. J. de Volcott - 12 March/67  
a Hope Seal of Sails - 30 April -

No 743 du 20 d' may 1877.

Under the circumstances  
stated by the Inspector Genl.  
of Sails, the Governor in  
Council sees no reason  
for sanctioning payment  
of the allowance authorized  
in the Pros. of Govt. of the  
14 February last. No 100  
from an earlier date than  
that therein specified.