

List of enclosures accompanying
Office Letter No 2140 7 12 May 1893.

Copy of Inspector General's Proceedings No
1635 7 20 April 1893.

Copy of Letter (enclosure) No 22 7 1st May
1893 from the Medical Officer Central Jail,
Rajahmundry.

Do - do - No 23 7 2nd May 1893 from same
officer.

Copy of Letter No 494 7 4th May 1893 from the
Superintendent Central Jail, Rajahmundry.

Original of Extract from the Journal of
the Medical Officer, Rajahmundry Central
Jail for fortnight ending 30th April 1893.

12th May 1893

J. H. Manager
Office of Inspector of Jails

PROCEEDINGS OF THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF JAILS.

READ the following :—

Letters from the Superintendent Central Jail Rajahmundry Nos 129, 264 + 384 of 6 February, 7 March, 5 April 1893 respectively.

Order of 20 April 1893, No 1635.

The percentage of convicts losing weight in the Rajahmundry Central Jail during the months January, February and March 1893 was very large, and the last month shows the worst result, as will appear from the following figures.

Percentage losing weight

	<u>Central Jail</u>	<u>District Jail</u>	<u>Burmans</u>
January—	45—	39—	50
February—	45—	48—	54
March—	56—	55—	70

That there have been fewer deaths is a hopeful sign, but loss of weight is ordinarily evidence of deteriorated health, the matter calls for the close attention of the Superintendent and Medical officer.

2. The Inspector General of Jails desires to receive from the Superintendent a full and careful report on the following points—

(1) on what machine the weights are taken on a mission, and at what hour of the day.

(2) on what machine the periodical weighments are taken, and at what hour of the day.

(3) whether the two machines give exactly similar weighments. This should be tested by weighing a gang of 50 men on each and the results on the two machines should be submitted.

(4) whether the provision of fixed shutters to both doors and windows of Blocks Nos 1+8 have been completed, and if not, how much remains to be done.

(5) whether the pials in ward No 5. Blocks 1+8 are completed.

3. The Inspector General of Jails further desires that the Superintendent will, at least, once a fortnight, without notice, and on varying dates, check-weigh the whole of the grain (flour) ration issued from the Store room. The hour of issue can be ascertained, & the Superintendent can easily arrange to make his examination in such a way as to ascertain for certain whether the proper quantity of flour is issued.

4. The Superintendent in addition to weighing the puddings should occasionally count the whole number, going from kitchen to kitchen to do so.

5. Estimates should be submitted for providing wooden shutters, on the outside, to both doors and windows of Blocks 3+7.

An early reply should be submitted.

(True Copy) A. G. Cardew
Inspector General of Jails

A. G. Cardew
Inspector General of Jails

Jail DEPARTMENT.

No. 1695 & D.O. No 158 - 1
C. No 1522.

From

Dated

189 .

FOR ORDERS.

24 ap.

Detained to get papers from
Madras.

5 May.

Mr. Grimes I think will have to for
pension or no pension.

But before orders are passed Mr.
Grimes's report must go to him
for explanation to be submitted
within a fortnight of receipt.

11 May.

When Mr. the Gov. & I inspected
his jail in Madras last I saw
much to be done with the general
attention of want of control apparent
with Mr. Grimes' incapacity. He
seemed to be shouting in the
land of his subordinates seemed
to be as useless
as the could be.

I think

I quite agree.

I thought at the time that it was
the worst managed jail I had ever
seen.

The report is a most damning one but
before orders are passed should not
be. If he called upon to say what
he can for himself.

HP

8/5/93

Let us get Grimes' explanation.

I think he is perfectly useless where he is,
and he ought to go.

11 May

No 1695 & 2056

CS

Order: 17th May 1893 No. 1025.

The I. G.'s letters will be referred
to Mr. Grimes for such remarks
as he may have to offer;
these should be submitted within
a fortnight of the date of receipt
of this order (through the I. G.).

HP (from orders)

13/5/93

12 May.

To the I. G. of Jails, with letters
returned for case to be
Grimes.

Office. Take the docket sheet off the
letter of course.

CURRENT NO. 2056

JUDICIAL.

JAIL (1893) DEPARTMENT.

From

THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF JAILS,

To

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

For orders

Mr. Candew's previous letter has,
been ordered to be referred to Mr.
Grimes for report within a fortnight.
Shall this be sent too to Mr. Grimes?
Both letters can be sent together.

15 May.

HP 13/5/93

Yes.

Yes

16 May

Dated 12

Despatched 12

Received 13

May 1893.

CHIEF SECRETARY
13 MAY 93
No. 2140

ENCLOSURES.

6 & a box contg:
7 bottles of chlorine
samples.

Subject.

Bringing to notice further matters
connected with the Administra-
tion of the Rajahmundry Cen-
tral Jail.

(Previous papers with Cd)

13/5

looking after the food, which pertains primarily to the Superintendent, falls entirely on the Medical officer.

8. With reference to paragraph 2 of his letter No. 321 dated 22^d March 1893, a copy of which accompanied my letter No. 1519, Mr. Grimes had since reported that the Q.O. there referred to — G.O. 6 November 1891, No. 2286 — was received in his office, and that the order in paragraph 25 thereof to reduce the number of kitchens was neglected through oversight."

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

R. G. Cardew

Inspector General of Jails

ceased. The great loss of weight and the bad health of the Jail sufficiently disproves the suggestion that the food was not eaten in order to obtain rice diet.

5. I invite the special attention of Government to the samples of cholam forwarded by the Medical officer. Those numbered 4 and 5 are hardly ground at all, and are full of husk.

6. I also enclose in original an extract from the Medical officer's Journal. From this it will be seen (1) that the Medical officer declares that the cholam issued on the 14th & 15th April was unfit for food. (2) that, as he observes, almost precisely the same remarks were made in February by the Medical officer then in charge of the Jail. (3) that on the 16th April, a Convict, No. 455 was admitted into Hospital with acute diarrhoea and vomiting, and that his motions contained cholam husk. This man has since died.

7. A perusal of this extract will, I think, give an idea of the position of affairs in the Rajahmundry Central Jail. The task of
looking

No 1635, dated 20th April, of which copy is enclosed.

3. Up to date the Superintendent has not made any reply, but I have received the marginally noted letters from the Medical officer of the Jail, of which I submit copies, together with the Superintendent's covering letter No 497, dated 4th Instant. From these it will be seen that though the Medical officer of the Jail has again changed, the same disapproval of the rations as was referred to in paragraph 5 of my Letter No 1519, is expressed. The present Medical officer Surgeon Major Evans, states:-

- (1) that he considers that the food was not being properly cleaned and husked.
- (2) that the prisoners do not look well.
- (3) that a large quantity of the food is not eaten.
- (4) that this refusal of food is sufficient to produce loss of weight and deterioration of health.

4. Mr. Primes' explanation on these remarks seems to me to be quite without value. The fact that the convicts do not eat their food is due almost certainly to faulty preparation, and I have found in other cases that upon the food being properly cooked, the waste
ceased.

No 2271st May 1893
" 23rd 2nd do

No. 2140

CURRENT NO 2056
 Colacacumund
 OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF JAILS,
 Dated 12th May 1893.

From

A. G. Cardew Esquire M.A. C.B.

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF JAILS,

To

THE Honorable J. F. Price. C.I.E.

CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

SIR,

Enclosure.

In continuation of my letters noted in the margin, I have the honor to bring under the notice of Government the following further matters connected with the administration of the Rajahmundry Central Jail

2. On examining the statistics of weighments of prisoners during March last, I found that the results which had been bad in previous months were getting worse. Out of 666 convicts weighed in March, 315 or 55.6 percent had lost weight since admission. In view of this almost unprecedented loss of weight, I sent the Superintendent Proceedings

No.

the Medical Officers Journal for the fortnight ending
 30th April 1893.

Month & Date

Observations or Directions

Remarks of the Superintendent.

1893
 April 16

Visited. Convict No 455 was admitted into hospital this morning about half past 6. Suffering from acute Diarrhoea & Vomiting, which he says he had from 8 o'clock last night, but that he did not tell any body nor did any body question him about it. He is very low. Pulse hardly perceptible. Skin cold and is not able to sit up by himself. So I request, ^{that} an order may be sanctioned for him. One of his motions which I saw contained some cholera husk with plenty of slime. I have ordered him to be removed to one of the cells intended for lunatics & which are now vacant.

Sanctioned
 (D) G. D. G.

16 Visited. Convict No 455 is slightly better. Saw the bread and weighed it. (D) J. L.

17 Inspected Jail & Convicts with Superintendent. Convict No 484 was found vomiting during the inspection. There is a marked difference in the cholera for issue to-day. Some care has been taken over it. 9749 says he had diarrhoea two days ago. he should be watched & if it recurs reported to hospital. He can work.

I saw the flour

Orders to this effect issued
 (D) G. D. G.

449 was reported as a leper & kept apart. he was however some time ago removed to the rest of this jail. (D) W. E.

If there is no fear of d. contagious there is no objection to this.
 (D) G. D. G.

Many complaints were made to-day at hospital about the food they have received. & all the lost-weight men attribute their loss of weight to it. The hospital servants do not eat all their ration but throw a considerable quantity away and I believe the rest of the prisoners do much the same. The cholera used to be soaked before pounding. is this done now or is it pounded when dry. (D) W. E.

No complaints of this nature has ever been made to me or to any Medical Officer to my knowledge. This will be looked into carefully remedied as far as possible. The cholera is washed & pounded. If you think it requires further care it can be done. (D) G. D. G.

1893.

April 17 Evening. Visited.

Inspected the evening rations of No 1 block.

18. As regards the Leper, I thought that Leprosy was considered to be contagious & that Govern-ment had ruled that they should be kept separate.

I should like to see the lost weight man again. I have no special views about Cholera but I do not consider that the Cholera issued on 14, 15, 16 is fit for food.

Almost precisely the same remarks were made in February.

(Ed) W. E.

19 Visited.

In the drain leading from the Centre of the jail (solitary cell block) - to the jail wall I find two buckets are placed for latrine purposes. As these buckets are in the outer enclosures about mid-way between the hospital and the ration shed I think some screen should be run up, for convicts using them are in full view of all visitors who may happen to come in as well as of other convicts who may be passing by.

(Ed) W. E.

20 The hospital servants did not eat much more than $\frac{1}{2}$ their morning ration.

(Ed) W. E.

21 Visited.

The Cholera question will be referred to to-morrow. Out of 7 diets yesterday which should equal 35 lbs - I find that something like 14 or 15 lbs remain uneaten.

(Ed) W. E.

22 After visiting yesterday I sent up a specimen of Cholera which I took from the jail store and had cleaned and boiled whole outside. It was a beautiful grain nearly as good as rice - each grain was separate and not a particle of husk in it.

If you consider the man should be kept apart it will be done, but he cannot be locked up in the temporary leper shed being long sentenced. he was always locked up in a separate cell at the hospital.

If you are satisfied with the present preparation of Cholera that is sufficient.

(Ed) G. D. G.

This can be done or the buckets removed some where else.

(Ed) G. D. G.

what do you attribute this to.

(Ed) G. D. G.

(Ed) G. D. G.

I saw this Cholera & it certainly was very good

1893.

April 22

I also had some cholera ground in a village the flour is clean and soft and not the gritty husky flour that the jail makes.

Cholera can be cleaned and can be made to produce a good grain or a good flour.

As regards the way of cooking I have no special views, what I wish to point out is that the present system does not clean the grain properly.

Yesterday morning the jail servants threw away 7 lbs of cholera pudding which is nearly half their ration.

I am keeping samples of the cholera flour as issued and would suggest that they be sent to the J. G. for his opinion.

(Ed) W. E.

23 Visited

(Ed) W. E.

24 Inspected jail with Superintendent. Convict No 1247 is recommended to have his ankle ring removed to his left leg as he is suffering from an abscess in his right foot.

(Ed) J. L.

25 Visited. A pint & half of milk was not supplied yesterday evening.

(Ed) J. L.

26 Visited. Convict Warder No 8528 is recommended a pint of milk daily for a week besides his usual diet.

(Ed) J. L.

Evening - Visited.

Have had examinations to superintendents the last 3 days - hence my not coming up.

I started last night but had to return owing to the storm.

(Ed) W. E.

27 Visited (Ed) J. L.

28 Visited (Ed) J. L.

29 Visited. Convict trustees Nos 9064 & 9065 recommended whole in lieu of mutton -

If you will kindly let me know where you had the cholera husked & ground I shall be obliged.

I have given further orders regarding the cleaning of the grain so that it may be equal to the sample I saw yesterday.

Samples can be sent to J. G. as you suggest.

(Ed) G. D. G.

Sanctioned (Ed) G. D. G.

It appears due notice was not given to Dy Jailor.

(Ed) G. D. G.

Sanctioned (Ed) G. D. G.

(Ed) G. D. G.

(Ed) G. D. G.

Sanctioned (Ed) G. D. G.

1893.

April 30

Was unexpectedly called out on Thursday
and only returned last evening.
Visited...

(20) W. E.

(20) G. D. G.

(True Extract).

Superintendent
Central Jail
1st May 1893

G. D. Grimes

Superintendent Central Jail

Supt's visits: —

Sunday 16 Apr nil

Monday - inspection
again at 10 to 12.30.

Tuesday - 9.30 to 12.30.

Wed. nil - "Upset by sun"

Thursday. 9 to 12.30.

Frid: 9.30 to 11.55

Sat: 9.30 to 12.

Sunday - nil

Mon. 24th - inspection up to 8.30
10 to 12.45

Tues: 9 to 12.30 & evening

Wed: 9.30 - 12.30 & evening

Thurs: 9.45 - 12.50.

Frid: Auction at 9.50 to 12.15 & evening

Sat. 9.15 to 12.15 & evening

Sund. nil.

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9.5.93

Recorded.
With other Raj papers.

Self 9/5.

1893.
Jud. Dept.
Encls. No. 1
To
C. No. 2056

Medical officer arrived, no complaint was
ever made to me or to any Medical officer
to my knowledge that the prisoners threw
away a large quantity of their rations;
when it was brought to my notice I made
enquiries and found the men had not
consumed their full ration lately. The
matter has been rectified and now there
is no wastage, and all the food is con-
sumed. If this had been going on for
any length of time, it is curious it
should not have been complained of by
the prisoners to previous Medical officers
to myself. My idea is that this was
instigated by the old offenders with the
object of obtaining rice diet.

In conclusion, I may add I am always
willing to meet the views of the Medi-
cal officer in every way I can.

I have etc.

SD) G. D. Grimes

Superintendent Central Jail

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of Jails
Done copy
S. G. C.

1893.
Jud. Dept.
Encls. No. 2
To
C. No. 2056

Rajahmundry Central Jail

4th May 1893

No 497

From G. D. Grimes Esquire.

Superintendent Central Jail,

Rajahmundry.

To the Inspector General of Jails,

Calcutta.

Sir,

In forwarding the enclosed letter of the Medical Officer, I have the honor to inform you that everything has been done to meet the views of the Medical Officer in the way of preparing the chelum and every endeavour is being made to carry out the wishes of the present Medical Officer. The mode of preparing the grain object to was carried out in the time of the late Medical Officer, and was approved of by him. As regards the balance of the letter, until the present

No 497

charge of rations have, I believe, a sufficient staff of labour at their command & on them the responsibility rests.

The men in this jail do not look well and as I believe a large quantity of rations that the convicts would not eat has been thrown away. Loss of weight is only to be expected, if this goes on sometime, deterioration of health must follow.

I have etc

Ed J. W. Evans

Surg Major

In Med. Charge Central Jail

Rajahmundry.

(For copy)

D. G. Cardew

J. G. of Jails

1893.

Inst. Dept.

Enclos. No. 3

To

O. No. 2056

Rajahmundry Central Jail
No 28. 2³ May 1893.

From,

The Medical Officer
Central Jail,
Rajahmundry.

To the Inspector General of Jails,
Pootacamund.

Thro' the Superintendent Central Jail,
Rajahmundry.

Sir,

With reference to the Extract of your Proceedings and Order No 1635 of 20th April 1893 forwarded to me, I have the honor to state that the question of diet in this jail has engaged my attention since I have been here and the samples which I have seen will I think show clearly the improvement that has taken place.

2. I have no very decided opinion as to how the cholam should be cooked provided it is first properly cleaned and husked. Until now this has not been done and for this I am not responsible. The officers in

charge

much better but there is still a trace of husk, and it is not as clean as my sample No 2.

Dated 1st May 1893.

(True Copy)

A. G. Cardew.

Sy. of Jails.

1893

Just. Dept.

Enclor. No 4

To

C. No 2056

Description of contents of bottles

No 1. Cholum flour as used in villages.

This flour it will be noted is clean and free from husks.

No 2. Crushed Cholum from a village.

This is what the cholum prepared in the jail should be viz clean and free from husks.

N.B. This sample is losing its fresh appearance - to be seen at its best it ought not to be more than a day old.

No 3 Cholum from the Jail stores.

Cleaned & husked at the Municipal Hospital

No 4 & 5 Cholum same as No 3 but husked & prepared in the jail. This sample is taken from the rations issued on 14th & 15th Instant.

Many grains will be found wholly untouched and a quantity of loose husks will be found in it.

No 6. Cholum flour from the jail as issued on 20th Instant - this is an improvement on No 3 & 5 but not to be compared to No 1.

Sd/ J.W. Evans
Surf Major m.B.

Rajahmundry
April 26 1893

No 7. Cholum to be issued this day. Very

1893
Inst. Dept.
Enclos. No. 5
To
C. No. 2056

No 22

Rajahmundry Central Jail
15th May 1893.

From,
The Medical Officer,
Central Jail,
Rajahmundry.

To,
The Inspector General of Jails,
Madras.

Sir,
I have the honor to forward sealed box
containing samples of the cholera as issued
in this jail and as I consider it should be.

I have etc.

To) J. W. Evans Surgeon Major
In Med Charge Central Jail.

True copy)
D. G. Cardew.
Dy. of Jails

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