

JAIL (1893) DEPARTMENT.

URGENT No. 1822

From

THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF JAILS,

To

THE *Chief Secretary*
to Government,

Dated

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Despatched do-

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1893.

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ENCLOSURES.

Subject.

Reporting a correction in para-
graph 8 of Confidential Letter
dated 18. Instant, No 1519.

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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF JAILS.

No. 1421

25 April 1893.
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From

A. G. CARDEW, Esq., M.A., *CB.*

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF JAILS,

To

THE *Chief Secretary to Government,*

SIR,

Enclosures.

With reference to paragraph 8 of my Letter No. 1319 dated 18th Instant, I have the honor to state that from a revised statement received on the 21st Instant, from the Inspector-General of Police, showing the quantity of drill cloth supplied to him by this Department, it appears that the quantity of cloth manufactured at the Rajahmundry Central Jail and rejected is 858 yards and not 1134 yards.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

A. G. Cardew

Inspector-General of Jails.

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Jail Report for 92.

From

THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF JAILS,

To

THE *Chief Secretary to Government**H.M. & Circ.*D.O. No. 153 & this

For Orders.

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Subject.

Bringing to notice the very unsatisfactory state of the Rajahmundry Central Jail owing to Mr. G. D. Grimes' incapability to manage it successfully.

Inspector-General of Jails

on 3 days (2 Sundays & Good Friday);
on 7 days a single visit of about 3 hours'
duration each was paid; and on 6 days
two visits of the total duration of about
4½ hours ~~each~~ were paid. This appears
to me to be a measure of work which
would only be justified if the Tail were
in the most thoroughly good order.

13. Mr. Grimes' previous history is well-
known to the Government, the last
order on the subject being that of the
18th April 1891, N^o 306. I believe that Mr.
Grimes is still contributing a part of
his salary under the Court's orders to-
wards the payment of his debts, but I
have made no enquiries on the subject,
as it has little bearing on the questions
now at issue.

14. Mr. Grimes' age was 53 years and three
months on the 13th Instant. He has a
total service of 16½ years, but his pension-
able service appears to be only some
14 years.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant

R. G. Cardew.

Inspector-General of Prisons

does not, however, appear to me to be fair that the onus of working the Tail should be placed on a subordinate. It exposes a subordinate officer to grave temptation if he is placed under a Superintendent as incapable of exercising any efficient control as Mr. Grimes undoubtedly is. Nor did Mr. Grimes make any complaint against his present jailor until the 23rd ultimo, when in a private letter to me he requested me to transfer him without giving a single specific statement regarding the jailor, but merely remarking that he is next door to "useless" and that he cannot "stand him any longer."

12. There would have been some reason to give Mr. Grimes a further opportunity with a better Tailor if it had appeared that Mr. Grimes was now doing his best to improve the administration. This does not seem to me to be the case. From the last Journal received from the Superintendent I find that in a period of 16 days from the 16th to the 31st March, the Tail was not visited at

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is quite the post of at he is incapable transmitted to ing the superinten- From A. G. Lardner with safety or success. 20th of March 1892, Mr. Lardner in having the very capable and energetic of my predecessor's last acts gave this jailor to Trichinopoly for promotion in his place who had had no experience of the of a Central Tail and whose work as District Tail had been severely commented on by Colonel Postous only two years before. I think that this was an unfortunate selection, and I have several times considered whether a jailor of more experience and fitness should be appointed to the Rajahmundry Central Tail to assist Mr. Grimes to carry on the administration. It does

report and, however, appear to me to be far
the Superintendent of working the Tail
escape was entirely on a subordinate. It
on the part of subordinate officer to grave
is placed under a
in not searching the incapable of exer-
actually locked up as control as Mr. Grimes
-lary cells, undergoing did Mr. Grimes make
ought to have been seen his present jailor
care. The second escape in a private
soon after that of the 6th to transfer
shows the disorganized state specific
and I have reason to believe next door
establishment to be thoroughly stand
and much out of hand.

10. The occurrence of this escape seems
leave me no option but to place the
of the Tail before Government, for
feel no security that worst results
not follow from the mismanagement
and neglect which have characterised
administration, and I can no longer accept
the responsibility for the safety of the
Tail. I have to record, with regret,

opinion

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can be no pos-
sible from the stan-
dard in the supply
departments and bad
is supplied discredit
From H. G. Lande ment and cause great
loss.

Just refer to the general
management of the Tail.
the highest degree unsatisfac-
X paragraph 26 of the Annual
for 1892 will be found an account
of a discreditable incident whereby
convicts effected their escape from
the Tail in broad daylight. On
the 20 ultimo I received from the Super-
intendent a brief report 14 lines long,
intimating that four other convicts, all
notorious criminals, had escaped from
the Tail on the night of the 13th
March. One of these four was the
ringleader in the escape of the 6th Octo-
ber 1892 and had only just been recap-
tured. I at once telegraphed for a full
report

8. Meantime, ever, appear to me to be far
is producing need on a subordinate. It
has last the Inspicate officer to grave
formed me that he is placed under a
Acty of Police drill in incapable of exer-
control as Mr. Grimes
Rajahmundry Central id Mr. Grimes make
of its inferior quality. his present jailor
I examined, was undoubt on in a private
1134 yards have been rejected, to transfer
probably have to be sold at a specific
was, consequently, obliged to stop, but
manufacture of drill in the next door
I inspected the Tail in November 1892 and
found that the allotment of Police
which should have been completed by
1st December 1892, had only been comm-
ced a fortnight before. The boots were
not completed until the end of March.
In the Proceedings, lately received, of a
Committee which sat to pass Police cu-
-blicas, the Superintendent of Police co-
-plains that "the cumblis in many
-stances are short from one to four in
and appear to be made of coarser stuff

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it as will be
al Report just sub-
each earnings were
From H. G. Landew inst Re 12 the aver-
cost of Tail, and Rs 6.5. the
Tails. In his Annual
formed one of the enclosures
No A dated 14th April 1893,
intendant explains the low
profits by the fact that Rs
the drawings of 1892 related to
uses of 1891. But on investigation
hears that this explanation does
account for the fall in the profits
1892, as compared with 1891, for in
the latter year a much larger sum, Rs
9,940, had to be paid on account of 1890,
and yet the profits of 1891 were Rs 5,088,
while those of 1892 were Rs 1,052. It
was pointed out to the Superintendent
more than a month ago that his ex-
planation was completely fallacious,
he has not replied.

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Forwarding the annual
report for 92 - in
the Reference Dept -

never, appear to me to be fair
if it were not of working the Tail
on a subordinate. It
there would be a subordinate officer to grove
over the quality, is placed under a
of the food. incapable of execution.

6. The next important control as Mr. Grimes
employment of prisoners. Mr. Grimes made
the Tail in November. His present jailor
enforcement of tasks had been in a private
ceased. In re-assigning, to transfer
which is unskilled labour, &
doing the work which should be
done by 2½ men. The only punishment
inflicted for failure to perform next door
due task was the withholding of
and the result was that the work
the Remission system had been seriously
affected. Without checking more
than a part of the Remission sheets
found 44 cases of men who for from one to
five complete months had not received a
single mark and yet had not once been pun-
ished. In consequence the supply of con-
victs eligible for promotion as Convict
Officers was failing, and the success of a
Convict Warder Guard system endangered

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over at all, and
supplied to the
Superintendent

ers, and I enclose a

321 dated 22 March

From H. G. Cardeau, one altogether unsatis-
fied. Captain Hall was suc-

Major Carruthers, who
journal that on weighing the
it was under weight, while
kitchen it was smoked, and
demned a large quantity of rice,
was brought to the Tail, as being
the new grain. The inspection
of articles of food, raw and cooked, is
of the most important duties of the
superintendent of a Tail. I enclose copy
of Proceedings No. 3438, dated 23 August 1892,
which will show that Mr. Grimes' attention
was specially drawn to the subject, and
have repeatedly referred to it in notes on
his Journal. But it is evident that the
orders issued are not carried out and that,
if

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ever, appear to me to be fair
submitted in 1892 of working the Tail
November 1892 on a subordinate. It
the facts stated in the report to grave
of that report that is placed under a
sickness had not been incapable of exer-
cising control as Mr. Grimes
current year the health of Mr. Grimes make
proved, there having been his present jailor
the first quarter, but the prisoners continue to be
in a private
and every matter connected with the Tail requires constant attention. The most important of these is the prisoners' food. In February 1892 I heard from the Journal of the Medical Officer (then an Assistant Surgeon) that he found the rice to be new and consequently unwholesome, the ghee bad, and the vegetable mere stalks. When a fresh Medical Officer, Surgeon Captain Hall, took charge of the Tail, he complained that he had had to condemn the meat which was intended for the prisoners' food, that the vegetable ration was again unfit, that the cholera

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before Govern-
Tail Code, but

serious consequences

the fact that the

From A.G. Lardner inspected for over two
notations to give the Super-
portunity of improvement.
late that during the five
have elapsed since my in-
state of the Tail has not im-
proceed to notice briefly the
matters connected with the adminis-

will refer first to the health of the

prisoners. In the margin is shown the death-
rate of the Rajahmundry Central Tail for
the past 12 years, and it will be seen that
for 10 years from 1881 to 1890 the Tail en-
joyed very fair health except in one year
1887. In 1891, the death-rate suddenly rose
to 64.3 per mille, while in 1892, even if the
deaths from cholera are excluded, it
was 72.7. A special report on the causes
of the health in the Tail was submitted

1881	26.0	Central Tail only
1882	18.9	
1883	20.0	
1884	17.3	
1885	19.1	
1886	12.5	Central & District Tail combined
1887	74.9	
1888	20.8	
1889	21.1	
1890	25.2	
1891	64.3	
1892	99.1	

No 1519

From

A. G. CARDEW, Esq., M.A.

INSPECTOR-GENERAL

To

THE

Honorable J. incapable of exer-
Chief Secre control as Mr. Grimes

SIR,

id Mr. Grimes make

Enclosures. 2

I have the honor to bring present jailor
notice of His Excellency in a private
Council the very unsatisfactory transfer
of the Rajahmundry Central Prison
2. I inspected the Jail in Nov. last
and I then found that the ad-
tion had been far from creditable
the Superintendent, Mr. Grimes.
health was bad, the manufacture
backward, tasks were not enforced, the
garden was neglected, and the general
condition of the Jail was unsatisfactory.
These defects were fully pointed out to
the Superintendent in my Inspection Report
and he was clearly warned of the serious-
ness of the matter and of the necessity for
more energetic and careful administration.

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From A. G. Cardew

Notes

1893
INTL DEPT.
1895

He is also ^{never} appear to me to be fair
of working the Tail
following ^{is} on a subordinate. It
the weights of ^{is} officer to grave
convicts, and ^{is} placed under a
is no tendency to ^{is} incapable of exer-

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Inspect ^{id} Mr. Grimes make
The Supot Central Tail
(True copy)

His present jailor
in a private
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Inspector Gen. to transfer

Specific
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set door
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Sources not
ity of the curry-
form of chutney -

column puddings and
by the Superintendent
story, and if the men
From H. G. Carlew
total food regularly the loss
soon stop. It is observed
pages of prisoners who have
somewhat better during the
s, thus:

May .. 44.5

June .. 40.4

July .. 38.4

should like raggi, be issued as flour,
as grain. There can be no difficulty
never about this.

It is especially important that the Super-
intendent should satisfy himself both that
the puddings etc are of due weight and con-
sistency, and that the weighments of the
men are correctly taken and reliable. To
his end the ^{he} Superintendent is requested
to weigh some of the puddings at one kit-
hen daily, taking care not to observe
any regular rotation. When a Central Kit-
hen is built, the check will be easier.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE

... appear to me to be fair
of working the Tail
in a subordinate. It
... officer to grave
... placed under a
Letter from the Superintendent incapable of exec.
Rajahmundry

12 July 1892, N^o 693.

22 July " N^o 745

2 August " N^o 788.

17 August " N^o 891.

Order of 23 August 1892, N^o 3738

As regards the distribution of food, but
intendant speaks in one Letter (N^o 788) of door
cakes, and in another (N^o 891) states that the
early morning meal takes the form of a
latter form is certainly preferable and should
adhered to in future. The allowance given in
early morning (4 ozs) is rather large, but if the
prisoners get it and can eat so much, there is
no objection. The Superintendent is requested
see that tin measures are provided of the size
which will hold the full quantity of congee
yielded by 4 ounces of raggi flour, and the Tail
will be responsible that each man gets his full
measure. If it is found that the men do not eat
so much, the allowance issued in the early

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raggi flour.
to my notice

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it was old and

The flour also to

With regard to the

From H. G. Cardew Esq to say I did not

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when they were brought

Directly it was brought

that the garlic had been

ed orders for a fresh supply.

it is always washed before being

reference to paragraph 3, the

inment order quoted has not

received in this office.

I have etc

Sd/ G. D. Grimes

Super Central Jail.

(True copy)

A. G. Cardew.

Inspector General of Jails.

Dr. Hall wrote to
me that it was
mixed new & old
grain
A. G. L.

Despatch proved
by Reg^d of this
office.
A. G. L.

No 321.

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of working the Tail
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From, is placed under a
The Superintendent incapable of exer.

Control as Mr. Grimes
d Mr. Grimes make

The Inspector, his present jailor
in a private

Sir, to transfer

With reference to your letter
No 824 dated 8th Instant, and

by me on the 14th Instant, and it does
I regret not having replied to the same

I have the honor to inform you

I do inspect the raggi and cholam
at times and also the meat; and this

is the first occasion on which a
carcase has been rejected by a

Medical officer to my knowledge. With
regard to the cholam flour, I have

always found it coarser a good deal
than raggi flour, and no Medical

officer previously has found fault
with it; it is not, I believe, poss

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From H. G. Lardew Esq.

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Dated 18th April 1893

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SUBJECT.

Submitting Official Report
on the administration of
the Central Jail at
Rajahmundry and
claiming the cause of delay
in its submission

Extract from Report of Acting Super.
intendant of Police, Mysore District,
for week ending April 29th, 1893.

CHIEF SECRETARY
19 MAY 93

Sunday, April 23rd. I reported last week that the Station Officer
here committed suicide by shooting
himself with a Police carbine. The Sub.
Magistrate was here at the time, and
made inquiry into the matter and sent
the body to Koppal for examination,
after a Panchayat had been held.
The Panchayat stated that death
was caused by gunshot wound
in the chest and the medical certifier
was in accordance with this.

It appears from the statement
of the persons examined by Inspector
Balaji panna, who inquired into the
matter, that, at about 10 a.m. on 17th
instant, while seated at his desk
in the station writing, the Head Constable
(deceased) sent Constable 296 who
was on guard, to the lines to get
some fire and while the Constable
was away the report of a gun was
heard and the persons who ran to

the spot, found the Head Constable lying on the ground in the station with a shot through his chest and the gun lying on him. It was a most deliberate act, previous to taking his life the Head Constable wrote, both in his note book and station House Report, his reason for doing so: viz the Sub. Magistrate had abused him and threatened to get him punished as he had refused to take charge of a box to be escorted to Koraput because it was not in a safe condition and because the Sub.

Magistrate had called all the Police here, thieves and threatened to get them punished, because he had missed cooperation by the some ropes. also because the Sub. Magistrate was trying to induce the people in some villages near to bring complaints against the Police of having possibly taken grain from them. The weapon used was one of the station carbines.

The Sub. Magistrate was here at the time enquiries were made by him and he sent me a report about it, not a word being mentioned by him of any differences between

the

the Head Constable and himself and the Sub. Magistrate gave it as his opinion that the Head Constable committed suicide because he was sick (suffering from venereal disease) and because he lost his senses from taking intoxicating drugs. From what I learnt from the men here there is great ill-feeling between them and the Sub. Magistrate, who appears to have hurt their feelings by calling them all thieves.

Dr. Insuper's remarks.

Who is the Sub. Magistrate? Is it Venkiah Bantulu?

I have not seen him. That there was any evidence to this effect.

(True Extract)

Chas. J. Stuart
Colonel
Inspector General of Police

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26 May 1893 No. 1076

Order ^{Extract}
The copy of the report will
be forwarded to the D.C. Mag. of
Nijagapatam for report.

(Reminders) to
21 May.

To the D.C. Mag. (A10) }
copy - D.C. of Police (A10) }
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May 19, 93

Submitted.

Should the D.C. Magistrate be
called upon to investigate
with a report upon
the matter?

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W. J. H. H. H.

W. J. H. H. H.

for information

To the Chief Secretary to Govt.

This should be forwarded to the D.C. Mag. of Nijagapatam for report.

W. J. H. H. H.

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Forwarding to the D.M. Vizagapatam for
best copy of extract from Report of Acting
Superintendent of Police, Jeyhore District, for
week ending 29th April 1893, regarding the
incidents of the Station officer there and the
ill-feeling existing between the Police and
the Sub-Magistrate.