

Judicial (1895) Department.

ORDINARY MS.

G.O., No. 1217

Dated 10th June 1895

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[Despatch Abstract.]

SUPPLY OF WOOL TO THE COMMISSARIAT DEPARTMENT
FROM THE BELLARY DISTRICT JAIL.

Passing orders on the explanation of Surgeon-Lieutenant
Macrae, regarding the alleged irregularities in that matter of the---

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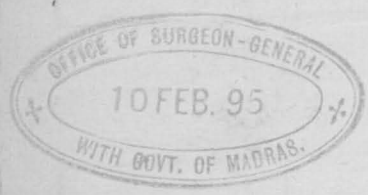
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Proceedings of the Insp^r Genl of Prisons.

Read the following:—

Letter from the Superintendent District Tail Bellary dated 23rd January 1895 No 235.

Order of 7th February 1895 No 835.



Perusal of the correspondence forwarded by the Superintendent of the District Tail, Bellary, shows that the transactions therein recorded were carried on in a reckless and unbusinesslike manner by the former Superintendents of the Tail with the result that the Commissariat Department has been put to great inconvenience and that the reputation of the Tail Department has materially suffered.

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2. On the 1st August 1894 Surg^r Lt Macrae, then Superintendent, stated his ability to deliver cleaned wool of a certain quality at Belgam at 3a 7 pice per lb. On the 8th September he reported that he could not deliver the wool at any station except Bellary, and that his rate must be raised to 4 a 2 a lb. When the Commissariat agreed to this change and ordered 10,000 lbs the Superintendent delivered 400 lbs which was condemned as very dirty and not up to sample. The first letter in the correspondence, showing reasonable care and judgment is that of the present Superintendent dated 18th December 1894. All the previous action on the part of the Tail was negligent and blundering in the extreme.

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3. The Commissary General's Letter of the 24th August showed that the Commissariat Department were expecting to receive large quantities of wool from the Tail, far more than the Tail could possibly supply, yet no attempt was made to undeceive him on this point throughout the correspondence. No reply was ever furnished to the definite enquiry made in para 3 of his

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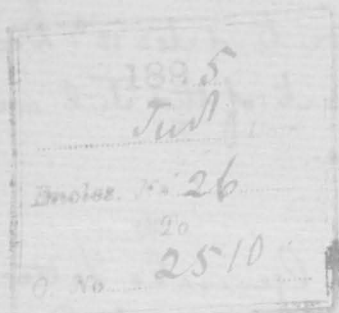
his Letter N^o J/581. So late as the 8th September the Superintendent stated that he could deliver "any quantity". The errors in rate and quality of wool would have mattered little if the Commissariat Department had once been made aware that the Tail could never deliver more than a few hundred lbs per mensem.

4. The chief responsibility for the folly with which this correspondence was carried on doubtless rests with the Tailor who has been already punished on another account and who is now severely censured for his neglect in this matter. The Superintendent who signed the Letters must, however, be held also responsible for taking so little care to see that the work of which he was in charge was properly done. The Surgeon General will be moved to obtain his explanation.

Sy A. G. Cardew
Insp^r Genl of Prisons.

(True Copy).

A. G. Cardew
Insp^r Genl of Prisons.



[Form No. 1. - 1,000. 4th April 1894.]

No. 836.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL OF JAILS, Prisons.

Ootacamund, 7th February 1895.

From

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

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF JAILS, Prisons.

To

THE Surgeon General,

Madras.

SIR,

Enclosures. 2

1 file of correspondence
1 copy of proceedings

I have the honour to enclose a copy of my Proceedings of this date - and to request that Surgeon Lieutenant McGee may be directed to furnish any explanation he may wish to offer regarding the matters therein referred to.

2. A file of the correspondence is enclosed for reference and return.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

A. G. Cardew

Inspector-General of Jails Prisons

JAIL (1895) DEPARTMENT.

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From

THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF JAILS, *Presons*

To

THE Surgeon General
Madras.

Dated

Despatched

Received

7th } February 1895.

No. 836.

ENCLOSURES. 2.

Subject.

Forwarding a copy of the Inspr
Genl's Proceedings of this date
and requesting to direct Surg.
Lieut. Macrae to furnish any
explanation he may wish to
offer regarding the matters therein
referred to.

Port Blair.

27th March 1895.

No 56.

To The Principal Medical Officer

His Forces.

Rangoon District

Has the honor to state that this occurred
when the undersigned had only been a few days
in charge of the Jail at Bellary and that he
having had no previous experience in Jail work
relied almost entirely on the statements of the
subordinate in charge. It was really im-
possible for him at the time to go into all
the details of the Jail Office work as in addition
to his being acting Superintendent of the Jail
he was acting District Surgeon also in Medical
charge Staff and Details Bellary. He much
regrets that the Commissariat Department
were put to much inconvenience

Sgt J. A. Macrae.

Surgeon - Lieut. Genl.

In Infy Troops Port Blair

(True Copy)

C. J. Thomas

Surgeon - Major - General.

Surgeon - Genl. with the Govt. of Madras

No. 2719.

From

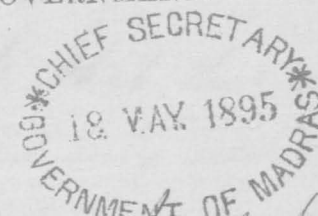
A. G. CARDEW, Esq., M.A.,

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF JAILS, Prisons.

To

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

SIR,



I have the honour to submit a copy of my Proceedings No 835, dated 7th February 1895, and of the explanation No 56 dated 27th March 1895 furnished by Surgeon-Lieutenant Macrae. Copies of the connected correspondence are enclosed for reference (if required), and the favour of return.

- 2 Enclosures.
viz:-
1. copy of Proceeding
2. - a Explanation
together with file
of connected cor-
respondence.

2. Surgeon Lieutenant Macrae pleads in-
-experience, and no doubt is entitled to some
allowance on this score, but no officer
should, it is submitted, be allowed to
remain under the impression that he can
sign letters, which are put before him
without satisfying himself of their cor-
-rectness.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

A. G. Cardew
Inspector-General of Prisons.

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JUDICIAL. Department.

JAIL (1895) DEPARTMENT.

From

THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF JAILS, Prisons.

To

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

Dated 17
Despatched
Received 18th

May 1895.

No. 2719.

ENCLOSURES. Total 28

Subject.

Submitting a copy of this Office Proceedings No. 835 d/ 7.2.95 and of the Explanation No. 56 d/ 27.3.95 furnished by Surgeon Lieut. Macrae regarding the offer to supply food to the Commissariat Deptt. from the St Jail Bellary - when the Jail could not possibly meet the large demand.

H.M.
In view

The case is set forth clearly in the Inspector-General's Proceedings of the 7th Feb. last (place marked with red tape). Surgeon Lt. Macrae is not now under the control of this Comd. The J.G. having taken notice of the conduct of the Jailor responsible for this irregularity, the matter may perhaps be dropped. - Hardly without expressing an opinion on Lt. Macrae's conduct? This forms another instance of the doubtful wisdom of J.G.'s policy of appointing medical superintendents.

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20.5.95

I don't think that it does as the Office was a mere youngster, had far more work than he could do was totally inexperienced in such matters. He can hardly be blamed except in a technical way. It was the Jailor who was to blame. I submit that the matter may be dropped.

We can't well drop the matter without virtually turning the J.G. of Prisons over. The Surgeon Lt. Macrae's inexperience & overwork may be admitted, but, as Mr. Carden says, he was responsible for the letters signed & ^{with} remarks this opportunity, I think, he made & the J.G. requested to communicate.

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Judicial DEPARTMENT.
Papers to be read in proceedings:—

Again G.O., dated

189 , No.

Again G.O., dated

189 , No.

Current No.

of 189 , dated

from

Current No. 2510 of 1895, dated 17 May from the J.G. of Prisons.

ORDER.

Of 10th June 1895 No. 1217

Surgeon Lieut. Macrae's inexperience & heavy work may be admitted, but ^{as some things} for what took place he was not the less responsible for the letters which he signed, and ^{he must be} blamed for not satisfying himself as to the correctness of the statements contained therein.

(f. o.)
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4.6.95 8/6/95

The J.G. of Prisons ^{DESPATCHED} 15 JUN 95 with enclosures to Surgeon General ^{f. o.} communication to Surgeon Lieut. Macrae (A.O.)

Explanation of medical
fact Sept 1891

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mis (from orders)

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READ AGAIN G.O., No.
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DATED

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ORDER OF GOVERNMENT

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LETTER OF GOVERNMENT

STATEMENT WITH DITTO.

APPROVES NOT FILED UP, BEING MEANT FOR DESPATCH
IN ORIGINAL.

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